

## Speaking Frankly

By BLUMER

### Fleet Suicide

The scuttling of the French fleet at Toulon means U. S. sea and air power will be overwhelming in the Mediterranean. Why? Because we don't have to worry about 3 battleships, 4 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers, 1 aircraft tender, 25 destroyers, and 26 subs! Mr. Hitler's problem in that part of the world is becoming acute. Look out, Schickelgruber! . . . All in all, the war outlook continues to be favorable. Houghton's task to keep it that way is to keep praying earnestly, keep working rigorously, and keep giving profusely.

### Remember Pearl Harbor?

Of 19 ships, including 8 battleships, sunk or damaged by the monumental treachery of the Jap air attack at Pearl Harbor, 15 have gone or will go back into action. . . . A year from December 7, 1941 we have an army of 4,000,000, a two-ocean navy, and a topnotch U. S. Air Force on every continent. Sparking these is the tremendously growing production power since last December—tanks 66%; planes, over 100%; ships, way over but it's a secret!

### Education Elsewhere

Facts revealing the authentic story of the fate of Polish universities are now available. Five Polish universities were closed by the Nazis and more than 40 professors are known to have lost their lives in prisons and concentration camps. . . . In U.S.A. at least 39 colleges and professional schools have closed their doors or merged with other institutions since spring. . . . Students "heat cops" police dormitories to hold down fuel oil consumption at Mount Holyoke College (Hm! project for the dorm council?) . . . Centre College has its first organized band in 12 years (better I should keep quiet)

### Coneomitants

The war baby boom is on with no apparent signs of deceleration—from 17.9 per 1,000 population in 1940 to 18.9 in 1941 to 22.9 in 1942. . . . W. P. B's Nelson announces a full holiday on Christmas Day for all war workers: army passes and furloughs will be limited. . . . No more enlisting, fellows, but you have a chance to choose your branch at the outset—that's current opinion—it was done that way in 1918. . . . Good news comes too late to 1,200,000 color-blind men of military age, for a deep thrust to mitigate this bugaboo has been resulting in temporary adjustments within 20 days. . . . WPA is being liquidated "honorably" by the Administration. . . . U. S. civilian casualties (killed and injured) for '42 are about 8,889,000. Compare with U. S. military and naval casualties of 49,000. . . . Gasoline rationing in the east may be two gallons per week instead of three. . . . Ice Cream will be scarce soon—let's hoard 'er!

### Publicity Provincial

Somebody had better fix the chapel clock (or at least change it to 8:00) or somebody will soon "gripe" . . . to the Miss Fit who evidently resides in the dorm—opening letters and stealing money from them is a *federal offense!* . . . Stop! Look! and Buy the new Info! On sale soon—before vacation starts! New features are great, for it's smaller, more complete, and more attractive than ever. Large John Merzig and Tremendous Pratt are justly proud of their offspring. . . . Blood donor Bert Swales pulled a "Scotchie" last Monday when he ran dry before filling the pint bottle. . . . Ostrander, in answer to Nurse's query "Your first donation?"—Why? (Continued on Page Four)

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## Fifth Year Teaching Requirement Relaxed for Duration; Draft Registration for 18 Year-olds to be This Month

### \$249.50 Invested In War Stamps Here

\$249.50 was invested in War Stamps and Bonds by Houghton College Faculty and Student Body Monday and Tuesday of this week. Eighty dollars was accounted for in the sale of stamps, the remainder in bonds.

The contest staged between the fellows and girls finds both sides equal with 28 participants on each side. This small percentage reveals that too few are participating. Let's have one hundred per cent participation next week.

The Social Science Club announces that Stamps will be on sale every morning from 10.30 to 10.45.

### Dec. 11, 18, 26 Are Registration Dates

To Be Held in Dean S. W. Wright's Office

Houghton 18 year-olds who have reached or will reach their birthday in the last half of this year are slated to register for selective service in three separate periods beginning December 11 in accord with the President's proclamation of November 18. Young men who became 18 in July and August will register on December 11. Those who reached that age in September and October will register on December 18 while those whose birthdays are in November and December will register December 26.

The registration at Houghton will be supervised by the local board number 535 of Allegany County, with offices in the court house at Belmont, N. Y. Young men may register in Prof. Wright's office in the Luckey Memorial building on Dec. 11 and 18 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and on Dec. 26 from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Registration in the forenoon will be by appointments general registration will be held from 1:30 until 5. Supplies and instructions are being sent to sub-registration places from the Belmont office.

The new registration will occur simultaneously in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico. For those who cannot present themselves during the stated periods due to circumstances beyond their control late registrations will be permitted. The President's proclamation provided also for the continuous registration on their birthdays of youths who become 18 on or after next January 1. (Continued on Page Two)

### Special Pictures to Be Shown Saturday

A film depicting the life of Dr. George Washington Carver, who has been called "the first and greatest chemurgist" and whose famous experiments with the peanut have led to the production of more than 300 useful articles, will be one of the high spots of the cinema program to be presented in the chapel Saturday night at eight o'clock under the sponsorship of the '43 Boulder. Dr. Carver's parents were Negro slaves. Now, approaching 80, he has been given a laboratory for wartime food research by Henry Ford.

A newsreel will be shown giving scenes from the battle of Midway Island, MacArthur's activities in Australia, British and American troops in the drive against Rommel in Egypt as well as other items of current interest. Music enthusiasts will enjoy the keyboard concert by the Gallico Three Piano Ensemble. The numbers played will be *Soiree de Vienne*, several waltzes, all by Franz Schubert. *Moment Musical in F minor*, and New products possible through chemistry will be considered in the color Du Pont presentation, *A New World Through Chemistry*.

### CALENDAR

Today, Dec. 10  
7:00 p. m. Music Recital in the Chapel  
Friday, Dec. 11  
6:30 a. m. Senior Breakfast at the Rec Hall  
7:30 p. m. Basketball Games at Bedford Gym  
Monday, Dec. 14  
7:00 p. m. Club meetings—Art Club, Social Science, Mission Study  
Tuesday, Dec. 15  
7:00 p. m. Student Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday, Dec. 16  
7:00 p. m. Oratorio Rehearsal

### 'Info' to Come Out Before Christmas

The student directory commonly known as the *Info* which this year contains many new features will be ready for sale in just a few days at the reduced rate of twenty cents a copy.

It will contain the Honor Roll of all the Houghton men and women in the armed services. Additional features are schedules for the infirmary, recreation hall and also schedules of the professors. These handy schedules should save much of the time that is lost in asking what the infirmary office hours are and when the recreation hall is open. Schedules of professors will certainly be helpful for the students and should make them more considerate concerning the time they choose to see faculty members. The usual items such as clubs and other organizations and their officers will be included. Of course all students and their respective addresses will be listed and this feature alone should make the *Info* an indispensable article at least to Christmas card writers.

The 1943 *Info* is attractively, conveniently, and differently arranged containing even such unusual inclusions as pictures.

It is being published this year by Donald C. Pratt and John E. Merzig and authorized by the 1942 Boulder staff.

### Prof. Alton Cronk Directs Orchestra In Fine Concert Last Friday Night

Under the capable direction of Prof. Alton M. Cronk, the Houghton College Orchestra presented its first concert of the year in the chapel, Friday evening, December 4. Mr. Frank Bristol of the Westminster Choir, Princeton, New Jersey, was the guest cello soloist.

Beginning with the Sacchini-Frank overture, *Oedipus in Colonus* the orchestra soon exhibited a marked coordination in various sections. The decided contrast between stirring parts and the more delicate passages was

### Candidates to Get One Year Licences

Report Comes from State Education Dep't

Houghton seniors studying for the teaching profession will not be required to have a fifth year of preparation before they shall be allowed to teach in New York State. This was the news received by Dr. Paine this week in a letter from Dr. Hermann Cooper of the State Department of Education.

Because of an expected shortage of candidates who will have met this requirement by next June the department has found it necessary to make provision for the issuing of one-year, temporary teaching licenses to those who have only the customary four years of college training. These certificates will be renewed year by year until the emergency is over. The present plan seems to be that then it will be necessary for such individuals to go ahead and get their fifth year although no definite statement has been made to that effect.

The decision by the State Department of Education means that the fifth-year requirement has not been done away with, as so many pressure groups had hoped would happen, but merely relaxed temporarily in order to meet the needs of the hour. It is still to the advantage of the student who graduates in June—if he can possibly arrange it from a financial standpoint—to go and take his fifth year at that time, thereby getting his regular teacher's certificate.

Houghton College, of course, is still planning to offer the fifth year beginning next fall. As yet no final decision has been made by the State department as to whether or not the smaller liberal arts colleges will be permitted to offer this fifth year, but they will have to make a decision on this soon.

### Letter From Albany

"In recent months several groups have filed petitions requesting the Department to set aside the five-year standard for teaching academic subjects in secondary schools. It has been the experience of the Department that in a period of emergency the lowering of a standard does not solve

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### Statement of Rules for Fellows Entering Dorm

To clear up the misunderstanding which was aroused by the recent announcement to the fellows who eat in the dorm, the new rules as formulated by the Student Council and Miss Prentice, are:

1. Fellows should leave their wraps and books in the lower entrance to the dorm, and then go upstairs through the dining hall to wait for the meal.
2. Fellows should get their wraps after the meal, leaving through the downstairs door. They may then

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## FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Once upon a time, not so long ago, a freshman entered this university, ostensibly for the purpose of study. But this freshman was not very interested in education; his aim was to cut himself free from as much study as possible. After standing in line for hours during registration, tossing a coin to decide his subjects, and paying his bill the freshman bought a couple of books and floated down the hill for cokes and all the pleasures that college life offers. His books, and his seat in class meanwhile, slowly gathered dust.

This freshman, as you must see, was not college material. That he was in a university at all was a memento of the fact that he was one of the fortunate few who make up the "haves." Part of his "having" was the right to a college education, and he was "having" even though education was being forced down his throat with a silver spoon.

All upperclassmen, of course, know this freshman and too, too many of his kind.

But this is America, we explain easily. This is Maryland, a state college, an institution of the people . . . anyone can come to Maryland.

It is time we stop kidding ourselves; education for a great many years has been based too much on a monetary basis. A noted columnist, Walter Lippmann, posed this problem some weeks ago when he asked "Do Dollar Signs Govern Our Educational System?" Lippmann suggested governmental appropriations to see that real leaders, thinkers among our youth, received a college education, and that fine citizens were not deprived of education by monetary values.

Conditions have changed a little lately. The war is grimmer, closer to home. Booming war industries, skyrocketing wages have sent young students into college as freshmen who formerly would not front, or we will be immediately fighting an actual war. A slang educational system, tinkling cash registers are outringing it.

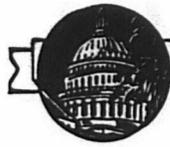
Universities have found that they cannot do business as usual. Education must keep up with the times; courses are revised.

It is now time that students realize that they also must not expect business as usual. The "haves" had better realize that education better mean something to them. The "have nots" who have been given a chance to go to college must make the best of this chance. For the men at least, going to college is like entering the services. The government still considers college education worthy, and while the enlisted reserves still function, all of us had better make the best use of our opportunity.

"Dollar sign" education or not, we who are the "haves" in education had better start fighting a winning war on the educational have been able to attend. While the dollar sign is still around our slogan for the wartime college man might well read: "Get Hep, or Get Out." — *The Maryland Diamondback*

"We are engaged in the dirty business of war. You did not start the conflict, but you will have to carry it on. Yours will be the major sacrifices, and you are preparing to make them. All that I am saying is that, even in such a time and under such conditions, it is not your sole mission in life to learn to fight, no matter what you are told. Your preparation should be much broader. You should get clearly in mind the kind of world you want after the war and then prepare yourselves to bring about and to administer this world. As you fight this war, insist that your generation take responsibility for shaping the peace and equip itself to do so effectively."

— President Alexander G. Ruthven, University of Michigan



## CAPITAL to CAMPUS

A. C. P.'s Correspondent Reports from Washington

### FOR 'TEEN AGERS ONLY

WASHINGTON—(ACP)—Right now the lid is down tight on information concerning the army's plan for sending drafted 'teen age men back to college. Officials and educators here say it soon will be spelled out in detail.

However, it is a virtual certainty that all 18 and 19 year olds who are drafted — whether or not they're college men — will be eligible to take tests to determine whether they shall be assigned to colleges and universities for technical and scientific training.

They probably will be selected on the basis of education, as well as for "qualities of leadership, military ability and aptitude for more education."

It is unlikely the 'teen age plan will resemble the current "contract arrangement both the army and navy already have with some colleges. Under the contract plan, men already in the services are assigned to college for short periods of training, usually three months.

It appears that 'teen age men will get longer periods of training of a highly specialized and intensive character.

The back-to-college plan, or whatever it may be called, is likely to hit small arts colleges hard. The army and navy will probably take over the physical facilities of many of them to train men in technical subjects. The art of war leaves little room for other arts.

### Footnote on War

There is a manpower problem in Germany with tragic overtones. Preparations are reported under way for professional military training of boys 14 and 15 years old.

### JOBS

The U. S. Office of Education is represented on a government committee studying job possibilities for the physically handicapped.

A recent survey showed that thousands of jobs in arsenals, navy yards and other government industrial plants could be filled by the handicapped. Altogether, the survey revealed 1,300 different kinds of work that might be done by such persons.

Objectives of the continuing study are two-fold: to help solve our war manpower problem, and to gain experience for use in placement of dis-

abled veterans and industrial workers after the war.

Hard of hearing and deaf persons make up the major pool of handicapped manpower.

Many persons with defective vision also could do effective work in important jobs. In one large plant, approximately 90 per cent of the positions might be filled by persons who are blind in one eye but who have good vision in the other.

The survey of handicapped persons also included provision for study of the use of women in industry. It was found that — with proper training — they could perform the duties of a majority of industrial jobs.

One ordnance plant already has hired women for 50 per cent of its jobs. Their work is high grade and sometimes superior to that of men.

Speaking of women, the Civil Service Commission is seeking Junior Chemists and is particularly interested in co-eds who have had four years of college, with 30 semester hours of chemistry. Pay, \$2000 annually; no written test.

—HC—

### Selective Service . . .

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Registration must take place the next day if the birthday falls on a Sunday or holiday. This was not mentioned in the letter from the local board but will probably be taken care of in the near future.

This will be the sixth draft registration that this country has undergone. The last, on June 30, concerned young men who already were 18 or 19 and those who had become 20 since the registration preceding. Mr. Roosevelt pointed out in his proclamation that the new registration and others that had been held were "advisable to insure victory final and complete, over the enemies of the United States."

## Text of Letter Regarding 5th Year . . .

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the problem and tends to discourage many students in training from completing the standard of preparation required for the regular form of certificate. Boys and girls in wartime as in peacetime are entitled to the services of the very best qualified teachers available.

"The Teacher Certificate Committee of the New York State Teachers Association held a special meeting in New York City on Sunday, November 22, to consider preparation standards for the issuance of regular forms of certificates should not be changed. To lower a preparation standard may help the situation temporarily but if the war continues for several years the procedure does not give to the employing official the needed flexibility which will permit him to employ the best qualified person available. Under the circumstances it was the unanimous view of the group that for regular forms of certificates five years of appropriate preparation should be required for teaching academic subjects, four years of preparation for teaching special,

technical, industrial arts or the common branch subjects and the one year teacher training program for teachers of shop subjects (trades). In case there is a shortage of candidates who do not meet these standards it was recommended that the Department cooperate with public school officials by issuing one year temporary licenses to the best qualified candidates available and to continue the issuance of such licenses until the end of the emergency.

"This office of the State Education Department concurs with the view of the Teacher Certificate Committee of the New York State Teachers Association. It will be the policy to issue regular forms of certificates to all candidates who meet the preparation and other standards prescribed in the Commissioner's regulations and to issue temporary licenses to all candidates upon evidence that the employing official has made a thorough search and the candidate recommended is the best qualified person available for the position."

Very truly yours,  
Hermann Cooper

## DEGENERATE



## DIOGENES

BY MILLER

Well, dear victims, after three weeks of blissful pill-sampling and crutch-testing, yours truly has returned to pick up the tangled strands where Fatima had labored in vain. Imagine my horror when one of my 2 friends asked me whether I had been sick or whether Oehrig was getting common sense! If you'll notice closely you'll see an advertisement for Dr. Sloan's Salivary Solution for Slothful Students printed underneath my left ear lobe. Several notable physicians and others who knew little . . . among them the noted technician, Dr. Antonio La Sorte, diagnosed the case as being brought on by some severe and unexpected shock. Recollection immediately produced as the causal factor the night of the Senior-Junior basketball game. For it was at this grave occasion that I wandered around both ends of the floor . . . wondering what everybody was running for . . . then through the air the ball came at me . . . I caught it . . . in the stomach . . . they couldn't fool me . . . I knew that a bowling ball had holes in it for your fingers. Somebody, no doubt a foolhardy person, in the gallery hollered, "Shoot." Fear gripped my heart . . . the moment had come I thought . . . alas, they had finally caught up with me . . . so I immediately threw up my arms and promised to relinquish the four coffee grounds I had found in my coffee that evening . . . in the meantime, Mr. Fenton had relieved my trembling arms of the ball and was laboring towards the other end of the floor . . . I merely let him go . . . he had told me that he was intending to be top scorer in the league this year. I recall once that when, after I had seen how the others were shooting at some small hoop erected on the end of the floor, I decided to propel the ball which was in my possession at the same hoop, I had to stop on the way down from a jump-ball to ask Chase for his ticket to the ride he had just received astride my neck (this is no allusion to the slangy phrase given to social communion in various territories.) But, perhaps the worst tension arose when, after two stalwart substitutions entered the game, I was still permitted to continue my track work-out; which caused me at times to be a bit skeptical since my tongue was hanging out both sides of my head . . . greatly hindering my sense of direction. However, the reward came when . . . after my knees were scrubbed to a bloody pulp . . . my chest scarred to a striped mass of butchered bologna . . . my shaggy head shaken but unbowed . . . my courage still unbroken (I afterwards found it hard to break something which is not present) . . . I gazed aloft into the giddy gallery and my eyes met those of Miss Winger and her expression warmed the cold blasts of remorse that had crept into my being after I blocked one of Mr. Fenton's dead shots . . . how could I neglect so great an understanding . . . how could I escape so strong an emotional bond between us . . . how could I? . . . well, you would

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## Searching the SCRIPTURES

By ED MEHNE

Perhaps you think the history of Joseph is old stuff. Well, it is. You heard about the lad with the brightly colored coat before you ventured within the portals of your local Sunday School, to say nothing of the multitude of sermons about him which you listened to either consciously or unconsciously, as the case may have been. But did you ever stop to realize that Joseph was forced to live amidst the same emotional pressures that we are facing? He made a success of life. How about us?

Naturally you realize what his difficulties were. First of all he had family trouble. Right now is when you should be listening, because who isn't plagued with family trouble? Whoever lives without friction with his relatives should certainly feel hurt—he has strangely been slighted. However, Joseph's family enemies differed from the twentieth century variety. Being devoid of a copy of Emily Post, the brothers dismissed the practise of passive resistance, and promptly riddled themselves of Joseph and made a little money on the side.

But Joseph's troubles didn't end with these within his own family; as a matter of fact, it was there that they began. Joseph had no sooner become adjusted to his new environment to the extent that he was junior partner in the new business with Potiphar, but that he became the victim of man's oldest and most subtle enemy—woman. It was at this point that Joseph's troubles began to multiply instead of continuing their usual system of addition. The temptation led to falsehood, falsehood to hypocrisy, hypocrisy to lying, lying to evil, evil to wrath, wrath to ingratitude, ingratitude to injustice, injustice to imprisonment, imprisonment to selfishness, and all this to success. Yes, despite the overwhelming odds against him, Joseph was the victor.

To say the least, Joseph's trials make those of this day bow down in obeisance. The question is, what did Joseph have that we don't have? The answer is found in Joseph's first son. Now don't jump to conclusions—it doesn't take a son to end your troubles, but this is what Genesis records: "And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: for God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house". There is the answer—God.

There are thousands of people today, representing every nation existing, who are becoming desperate because of the toil, the chaos, and the infernal maelstrom. Their chief desire is to get away from it all—to be transplanted. The more thoughtless and ignorant suppose that death is the solution, but the realist is only too aware that the issues must be met in his life. Yet to many, the life of the Empress of Japan would be a Paradise. A columnist reports that the imperial mistress of the mighty little island leads a compulsory sheltered life and is permitted to discuss and think of only six subjects; her husband, the sun, music, flowers, birds, and perfume. She doesn't know there is a war going on.

That might be temporary peace, but man's first vital and essential need is spiritual. "Great are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth out of them all."

—HC—

We do hope that you have labored with us thus far; and, if your courage is still virile, speak to me when you see me. And please don't forget the War Bonds and Stamps Drive that is being conducted this week . . . remember, A Bond for You Means a Bomb for Hitler.

## Friday's Orchestra Concert Is Success

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Sammartini. Such a form of composition consists of a small group of soloists, accompanied by the remainder of the orchestra. For the soloists Friday evening, Prof. Cronk chose Prof. Andrews and Jean Hazlett for violinists; Prof. Carapetyan for violist; and Mr. Bristol for cellist. The string quartet showed a fine ensemble feeling, blending well and playing with precision.

Very well received was Hayden's *Surprise Symphony*. From the very first notes, it was noticed that here was a number of different quality. The lovely andante movement, from which the symphony derives its name, proved no exception in its result. There were surprised exclamations from the audience. Very bold and firm, but graceful, the minuet was a change from the first two movements. In the last movement, the string section was exceptionally fine, performing the rapid runs very well.

The potentialities of the orchestra cannot be measured; but, judging from this concert of the earlier music, and from the splendid performance, the next one will eagerly be anticipated. Much credit is due Mr. Cronk for his skillful handling of the orchestra composed of both music and non-music students. He has drawn them together to produce an organization which loves music and gave a fine concert.

—HC—

## Boulder Special . . .

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might continue to gain that education which would not be possible if they had not gone. Their pay is only substantial enough to cover the necessities of a soldier and this reduction in price would make the yearbook available to more of our boys.

Most of these boys have left Houghton College within the past few years and are interested in the life of the college. They remember Houghton, its members, its faculty, and its activities, and we should not forget them.

## As We See It . . .

Some authorities on the campus have said that this year the *Star* has been pointing out the unsatisfactory conditions without giving due credit to the favorable aspects of Houghton College. So-called *Star* "gripping" has been characterized as giving off-the-campus readers a bad impression of the college community. In addition these individuals feel that the *Star's* criticism has not been conducive to the best in unity and spirituality on the campus.

On the other hand, those who are in favor of the *Star's* policy to date are of the opinion that the editorials and articles in question have not been merely critical, but constructive as well. The *Star* has been cited as presenting a definite solution to each problem discussed. *Star* supporters maintain that free expression is the best training for thinking citizens and leaders in a democracy, pointing out that the stimulus of local journalism has hastened favorable action on several issues appearing in the *Star* this year.

Prominent campus figures—faculty members and upper-classmen—were asked to express their frank opinion on this matter.

"Has the *Star* been excessively critical in its editorials and columns this year?"

Forrest Gearhart, '44, president of the W. Y. P. S.: "Yes, even in constructive criticism it's easy to emphasize shortcomings to such an extent that we become unconsciously condi-

## Teachers' College Gives Contribution

The Art section of the Sophomore Class of Buffalo State Teachers' College last week sent four dollars to the fellows whose possessions were burned up in the Pierce house fire for their use in whatever way they wish.

Miss Marilyn June, Section Campus, voiced the sentiment of this group in the following words, "To those students who lost so much in the fire, we express our deepest sympathy fully realizing this gesture is hardly enough to repair a fraction of the damage."

## Ping Pong Tourney To Begin Shortly

Entries for Houghton's fourth annual men's and women's ping pong tournament will be received starting today. Lists have been posted in the arcade of the former administration building for all interested parties to sign.

With the loss of Bud Morris and Dick Bennett, last year's finalists, the chances for a men's tournament with the same calibre of fine play as last year are not too bright. However with Phil Chase and Bob Oehrig, semi-finalists last year, still around, and an improved Chuck Wood, prospects for a close tournament are not altogether black.

In the women's division competition should be as keen as ever. Eileen Gebhardt, last year's champ, is back, and there is a strong possibility that Peg Fancher, winner two years ago, will again enter the competition for the title after a year's rest.

Just what material the freshman class will have to offer in this sport is hard to predict. At present it appears as if neither the men's nor the women's division will present anyone to break into the seeded list of entrees.

## Year's Largest General Music Recital To be Presented Tonight in Chapel

### Ruth Sniffen to Appear on Program

Changing her usual role of violinist to that of pianist, Betty Bartlett will open this evening's recital in the chapel with Durant's popular *Valse in E flat*.

Ruth Sniffen, newcomer to Houghton's campus, will perform Scarlatti's *O Cessate di Piagarmi*. Another Italian vocal number is Caldara's *Seben Crudele*, sung by Ruth Meade.

Peg Snow and Betty Bartlett, both of whom are especially talented, are playing a violin duet, *Concerto No. 3* by Bach. Ara Carapetyan, young high school cellist, has selected two numbers by the contemporaries—Haydn and Mozart.

Not yet heard on a general recital will be Ruth McCammon of the frosh. She has chosen Grieg's lovely *To Spring*. In the modern vein, Marjorie Smith will present *The Vale of Dreams* by Griffes.

*Ave Maria* (Bach-Gounod) is Caroline Keil's choice for her trumpet solo. Another brass number is Phyllis Perry's trombone solo: *My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice* from *Samson and Delilah* by Saint-Saens.

Two senior voice majors will also appear: Doris Anderson, singing Bach's difficult *My Heart Ever Faithful* and Janice Strong with *The Watchful Lover* by Brahms.

In addition, Barbara Van Dyke, Ethel Boyce, Rachel Boone, and Peg Lewis will also perform.

—HC—

The only way to catch fish is to have good bait and the right kind. The very same rule applies in "fishing for men." What would be more attractive to sailors away from home than *home made food*? This takes SUGAR. If you have your ration book at school and are not using it, and would like a definite part in giving sailors the gospel, see John MacLachlan or Alden Gannett who will give you money with which to buy your sugar. All sugar is to be taken to the *Star* office.

## As We See It . . . 'Star' Criticism?

tioned to an attitude detrimental to our best interests. Usually it does us good to count our blessings also."

Miss Dora L. Burnell, chemistry prof.: "No, if no one but students and faculty read the *Star*. Yes under the circumstances. The reader who does not know both sides of the question receives a wrong impression of Houghton College. Some criticisms were very constructive; others not. Why not contribute our best to Houghton College?"

Mary Jane Larson, '43, secretary of the Student Council; "I think as a whole the *Star* has properly called attention to those things which have needed to be remedied. I don't think, however, that the writers of these articles have always been as tactful as they might have been."

Frances Nash, '43, secretary in the Publicity Office; "I believe the criticisms in the editorials and columns of the *Star* this year have been in general very fair and constructive. Instead of merely gripping, the *Star* has pointed out how each one of us, students as well as faculty can do his part to make needed improvements. Results already show these criticisms to be worthwhile."

Ruth Ortlip, '44, treasurer of the Y. M. W. B.; "It has not been my impression at all that the *Star* has been excessively critical in its columns and editorials. Rather, I have noticed a marked improvement in the quality and constructiveness of the material,

particularly in the editorials."

Prof. Alton M. Cronk, Instructor in Piano and Music Education; "Yes. While most of the criticisms have been just, more weaknesses have been pointed out than could possibly be corrected at one time. Wouldn't it have more constructive to concentrate on two or three much-needed major reforms, for example—and follow through with weekly suggestions until definite improvement was made."

Dr. Philip F. Ashton, Chairman of the Division of Social Science; "The *Star* editorial policy is the most liberal I've seen in the papers of Christian colleges. I like the *Star* policy, but I see that if abused it could be used for a detriment to the total program. I trust that this privilege will not be abused so that the Houghton *Star* can feel free to publish points of view which are constructive and will help to build a greater Houghton. The easiest thing to do is to criticize, and yet criticism, unless constructive, does not make loyal supporters for a college."

Marjorie Smith, '43, dorm president; "I don't feel the *Star* is more critical than it has been in previous years. It is the medium of expression for student opinion, and I don't think this purpose should be abolished. However, there have been some unnecessary and unjust cracks. We certainly don't want our *Star* to give the impression to outsiders that there is nothing right with Houghton College.

## Statement of Rules for Fellows Entering Dorm

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go upstairs if they want to.  
3. The rule that fellows should stay downstairs before breakfast was not in the original Council plan, and was retracted by the dorm authorities when it was pointed out that the downstairs entrance is cold.

The above rules were so formulated that the reception rooms could be kept looking neater, and with the supposition that adequate space for hanging coats would be provided in the boys' entry.

—HC—

## Degenerate Diogenes . . .

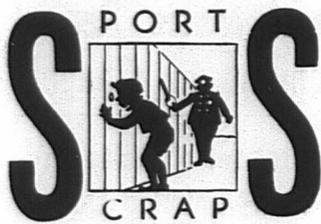
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too, if you had seen Fatima pressing his cause upon Miss Winger's defenseless being as I did. Thus ends my diagnosis of the recent catastrophe which had flung you, dear victims, into the unscrupulous hands of Mr. Alva 'Fatma' Darling. Prognostic examinations showed my condition to be of such seriousness as to require reservoirs of orange juice . . . so much that some insipid soul upon noticing my return to circulation, greeted me warmly thus, "Hiyah, squirt!"

Don't let anybody tell you any differently . . . that still was me playing the tympani in Friday night's orchestra concert . . . a bit emaciated due to a severe loss of weight is all . . . some little on-looker came up to Lauren Robison after the concert and told him: "Maybe if you'd put a cork in one end of that horn you played, you could blow it up easier." That one number . . . sounded something like "Eau de Cologne" . . . but the last time we heard it, it didn't smell like perfume . . . and then Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" . . . he wasn't any more surprised than we were to finish it all together. By the way, Prof. Cronk has agreed to play my new concerto for tympani. "Tympani Crickets" during his next engagement . . . it promises to make you hop . . . Powell has recently composed a new symphony for traveling orchestras or "auto-mobile" organizations, "Down Under", a doughty piece which exposes the countless experiments of musicians to explode the myth that the French horn is closely related to the Lobo Wolves . . . the *Allegro* is taken in stride by Mr. Powell with Miss Fridfelt her customary half-note behind; and then they swing into the thoughtful *Molto Molto Molto Piu* with Tarzanic audacity, and conclude the masterpiece with the lilting *Fugue* which characterizes the philosophy of the symphony . . . "Fugue get there before I do . . . hold your breath and your nose also."

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BY MEL LEWELLEN

A year ago Monday it happened, and if any one in those next few days while the first shock of indignation was setting into a cold fury thought of sports at all, it was a brief flash of a very black picture indeed.

We shared the apprehension with a good many others. We were doubtful that baseball, if it started at all would finish the season. We visioned pro-football as definitely doomed, and college football of a corner-lot variety. We saw boxing folding up almost completely, and golf reduced to a purely recreational status. In fact, we were somewhat of a calamity howler. Some of our fears materialized at least in part, but despite everything the last 12 months have found sports still very much in the picture.

**Baseball Picture**

The major leagues, and most of the minors, finished their seasons. Football produced an interesting, if dizzy, season. The golf pros finished their winter tour with the troupe almost intact. Boxing has kept in the spotlight.

What the war did do to sports, among other things, was to strip the fields of many of their star performers. It generally cut attendance at sports events. It caused cancellation of U. S. A. national tournaments, reduced the national tennis championships to a mere nothing. It took most of the champions away from the prize ring.

Unforseen events left their mark, but in spite of everything sports have carried on in at least a semblance of their former form.

**Second Year of War**

Today sports face the second year of war with a calmer, saner, outlook. They are prepared for any eventualities, and know that this next year will see a magnification of the problems encountered the last twelve months.

For one thing, the baseball men, and the colleges, know that the 18-19 draft is going to make a tremendous difference in the material available for minor leagues and for football.

Gas rationing, heretofore confined to the eastern seaboard, now is effective throughout the country. Difficulties of rail travel will grow more acute as the war effort proceeds at maximum velocity.

**Golf Pros Know**

The golf pros have already found this out. The U. S. G. A. will continue to confine itself solely to raising war funds. It is doubtful that the U. S. T. A. will attempt another national tournament.

Football is still too far away for the sponsors to make even a guess as to what the effect of loss of players and transportation difficulties really will have.

Baseball last week made its plans for another season. Plans the baseball men fully realize are as fragile as a china plate, but nevertheless they made them. They are ready to change them or cancel them on a moments' notice.

Boxing is proceeding practically on a week to week basis, and probably can do so indefinitely inasmuch as the transportation problem isn't involved, and one always can dig up enough lads to do the fighting. But the big outdoor shows are out, if for no other reason than the fighters who would warrant such a setting are not available.

**Frosh Men Crush Sophomores, 42-20**

A ragged soph basketball team was severely whipped and beaten Monday afternoon by a synchronized, geared frosh steam roller, 42-20. From the opening whistle to the last minute of play, the frosh five, headed by Captain Mel Lewellen, passed, dribbled and shot to victory over the helpless sophomores.

The frosh in this game gave an example of what a team in unison should look like. All through the game they were a five-man machine with all cogs working together. On the other side the sophs showed their need for practice by their lack of coordination.

Lewellen headed the scorers by sinking sixteen points for his class. His team-mates Sheesley and Waaser followed with twelve and ten points respectively. The losers were headed by Armstrong who sunk eight points.

On the whole it was a walk away for the frosh using their reserves for a greater part of the game. With four minutes to go Coach Luckey sent his first team back in and told them to get him ten points. They got twelve.

Both teams shot sixty-six times which shows the difference in calibre of play. Out of that number the frosh sank twenty-one two-pointers while the sophs were sinking only eight of the same. Tomorrow night this frosh team will really be tested when they meet the leading junior aggregation in a fight for first place.

| FROSH      |    |    |    |    |      |
|------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Name       | FG | FT | F  | T  | Av.  |
| Waaser-F   | 5  | 0  | 3  | 10 | .312 |
| Sheesley-F | 6  | 0  | 3  | 12 | .500 |
| Wightman-C | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  | .111 |
| Anderson-C | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | .000 |
| Lewellen-G | 8  | 0  | 0  | 16 | .533 |
| Roy-G      | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2  | .166 |
| Hertel-G   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | .000 |
| Clark-G    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | .000 |
| Reynolds-G | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | .000 |
| TOTAL      | 21 | 0  | 10 | 42 | .318 |

| SOPHS        |    |    |   |    |      |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|------|
| Name         | FG | FT | F | T  | Av.  |
| Armstrong-F  | 3  | 2  | 0 | 8  | .115 |
| Coddington-F | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | .000 |
| Pritchett-F  | 0  | 1  | 0 | 1  | .000 |
| Robie-F      | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0.00 |
| Campbell-C   | 0  | 0  | 2 | 0  | .000 |
| Little-G     | 2  | 0  | 3 | 4  | .166 |
| Strong-G     | 3  | 1  | 1 | 7  | .150 |
| TOTAL        | 8  | 4  | 6 | 20 | .121 |

**BASKETBALL STATISTICS THRU FIRST ROUND**

| Name          | G | FG | AFG | Av.  | FC | FS | AFS | Av.   | Total |
|---------------|---|----|-----|------|----|----|-----|-------|-------|
| Sheesley - F  | 3 | 16 | 41  | .395 | 5  | 4  | 8   | .500  | 36    |
| Lewellen - G  | 3 | 15 | 43  | .348 | 8  | 3  | 5   | .600  | 33    |
| Strong - G    | 5 | 15 | 70  | .214 | 11 | 3  | 10  | .300  | 33    |
| Armstrong - F | 5 | 14 | 74  | .189 | 9  | 5  | 15  | .333  | 33    |
| Paine - F     | 3 | 16 | 69  | .231 | 3  | 0  | 1   | .000  | 32    |
| Sheffer - C   | 3 | 13 | 37  | .351 | 7  | 4  | 13  | .307  | 30    |
| Little - G    | 5 | 12 | 56  | .214 | 4  | 3  | 11  | .272  | 27    |
| Fenton - G    | 2 | 10 | 45  | .222 | 4  | 4  | 8   | .500  | 24    |
| LaSorte - C   | 3 | 9  | 40  | .225 | 3  | 5  | 12  | .416  | 23    |
| Work - F      | 3 | 7  | 34  | .250 | 3  | 2  | 6   | .333  | 18    |
| Morey - C     | 4 | 8  | 42  | .190 | 11 | 2  | 5   | .400  | 18    |
| Stratton - F  | 3 | 9  | 25  | .360 | 7  | 0  | 8   | .000  | 18    |
| Clark - F     | 3 | 7  | 34  | .205 | 3  | 2  | 6   | .333  | 18    |
| Waaser - F    | 3 | 5  | 35  | .142 | 9  | 5  | 10  | .500  | 15    |
| Kennedy - G   | 3 | 7  | 33  | .212 | 3  | 0  | 1   | .000  | 14    |
| Woolsey - G   | 3 | 4  | 13  | .307 | 0  | 3  | 4   | .750  | 11    |
| Chase - F     | 3 | 5  | 37  | .135 | 3  | 1  | 3   | .333  | 11    |
| Wells - G     | 3 | 3  | 13  | .230 | 4  | 3  | 5   | .600  | 9     |
| Wightman - C  | 3 | 4  | 23  | .173 | 2  | 0  | 2   | .000  | 8     |
| Hertel - G    | 2 | 3  | 18  | .166 | 0  | 0  | 0   | .000  | 6     |
| Houser - G    | 2 | 2  | 10  | .200 | 5  | 1  | 3   | .333  | 5     |
| Roy - G       | 3 | 2  | 13  | .153 | 3  | 0  | 2   | .000  | 4     |
| Pritchett - F | 4 | 1  | 7   | .142 | 3  | 2  | 5   | .400  | 4     |
| Gannett - F   | 2 | 1  | 8   | .125 | 1  | 1  | 1   | 1.000 | 3     |
| Campbell - C  | 5 | 1  | 9   | .111 | 5  | 0  | 3   | .000  | 2     |

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**Speaking Frankly . . .**

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Yes, sir! (A reliable source book informs us that when genus homo sapiens wear a dress, they're usually female. Dave, despite other indications) . . . Something novel was seen in placing the "Star Spangled Banner" at the end of the orchestra concert last Friday (Oh — Houghton audience was right once that night when they didn't clap for the national anthem) . . . It's definitely not unsportsmanlike to yell while foul shots are being tried — in fact, it's something a few of us believe to be a good test! Let's not lean over backward . . . Why Nestle's chocolate powder added to a cup of hot water is worth a dime is beyond me — we have enough rationing now.

| SENIORS   |    |    |    |   |      |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|------|
| Name      | FG | FT | T  | F | Av.  |
| Woolsey-F | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0 | .000 |
| Clark-F   | 1  | 2  | 4  | 0 | .111 |
| Sheffer-C | 5  | 2  | 12 | 2 | .277 |
| Kennedy-G | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1 | .090 |
| Paine-G   | 6  | 0  | 12 | 3 | .187 |
| TOTAL     | 13 | 5  | 31 | 6 | .173 |

| FROSH      |    |    |    |   |      |
|------------|----|----|----|---|------|
| Name       | FG | FT | T  | F | Av.  |
| Waaser-F   | 0  | 2  | 2  | 2 | .000 |
| Sheesley-F | 3  | 1  | 7  | 2 | .300 |
| Wightman-C | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1 | .250 |
| Roy-G      | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0 | .333 |
| Hertel-G   | 3  | 0  | 6  | 0 | .214 |
| Lewellen-G | 4  | 2  | 10 | 4 | .235 |
| TOTAL      | 12 | 5  | 29 | 9 | .218 |

**Seniors Crush Soph Quintet Last Saturday Night, 57-30**

**John Sheffer Makes Seventeen Points**

Last Saturday night, the seniors, playing smoother ball than they have played in any game this season, vanquished a weak soph team, 59-30. The first quarter gave the spectators the idea that perhaps it might turn out to be an interesting game, but disillusionment swept their ranks as Johnny Sheffer and Dave Paine led the senior team to a quick lead that was to remain throughout the game. Any defense that the soph quintet set up seemed to be far from adequate as the seniors increased their lead.

In the second quarter the senior's second team came in, but this did not diminish their lead, for with a right that equalled their first string squad, they not only kept the lead, but added to it. Both teams used a zone system, but the sophs were continually sucked out of position. Sheffer, compared to his performance in other games, seemed to come out of the rut that he has been in.

The last half dragged along with the seniors scoring at will while the soph rooters tried to spur a discouraged team along. It can be said that the sophs did all they could, but they just didn't have the material to win.

Sheffer was high scorer with 17 points, while Paine hung up 6 baskets. The sophs were led by sharpshooting Jim Strong who made 8 points. If the seniors keep up their present playing, then the juniors will have a tough time holding first place.

**Senior - Soph Men**

| SENIORS   |    |    |    |    |      |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Name      | FG | FT | F  | T  | Av.  |
| Clark-F   | 5  | 0  | 10 | 10 | .285 |
| Swales-F  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | .000 |
| Paine-F   | 6  | 0  | 0  | 12 | .285 |
| Sheffer-C | 8  | 1  | 17 | 17 | .571 |
| Houser-G  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 3  | .111 |
| Kennedy   | 5  | 0  | 2  | 10 | .333 |
| Polley-G  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | .000 |
| Woolsey-G | 3  | 0  | 0  | 6  | .750 |
| TOTAL     | 28 | 3  | 8  | 59 | .350 |

| SOPHS        |    |    |   |    |      |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|------|
| Name         | FG | FT | F | T  | Av.  |
| Armstrong-F  | 2  | 0  | 0 | 4  | .133 |
| Pritchett-F  | 1  | 0  | 1 | 2  | .333 |
| Coddington-F | 0  | 1  | 0 | 1  | .000 |
| Campbell-C   | 1  | 0  | 1 | 2  | .500 |
| Morey-C      | 2  | 0  | 2 | 4  | .400 |
| Strong-G     | 4  | 0  | 1 | 8  | .333 |
| Little-G     | 4  | 1  | 0 | 9  | .210 |
| TOTAL        | 14 | 2  | 5 | 30 | .245 |

**Senior Women Vanquish Sophomore Squad, 36-24**

The senior girls defeated the sophs last Saturday night by the one-sided score of 36-24. The sophs started a comparatively light defense, but ended with a strong offensive, so well that when the second half came up, the coordination of the seniors along with Jean French's improved shooting eye helped the sages to slowly pick up points until the final stages of the game saw the seniors scoring at will.

In the first two quarters both teams seemed almost equal in aggressiveness, with Leola Avery throwing in one-handed shots with an ease that made the sophs look like experienced pros. It was in the first quarter that the sophs were ahead of the champion seniors, but it was only for a quarter. After the first quarter the soph defense seemed to split wide open, especially before the height of Lucille Thornton and the continued sharpshooting of Jean French, who, though definitely off, did put in enough shots to assure her team of the large margin of victory that was theirs.

**Senior - Soph Girls**

| SENIORS  |    |    |   |    |
|----------|----|----|---|----|
| Name     | FG | FT | F | T  |
| French   | 9  | 0  | 0 | 18 |
| Fancher  | 2  | 1  | 0 | 5  |
| Thornton | 6  | 1  | 0 | 13 |

| SOPHS     |    |    |   |    |
|-----------|----|----|---|----|
| Name      | FG | FT | F | T  |
| Avery     | 8  | 0  | 0 | 16 |
| Friedfelt | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  |
| Hagberg   | 1  | 0  | 1 | 2  |
| Brooks    | 3  | 0  | 0 | 6  |

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