

# Houghton Greets Six New Instructors For Fall Term

New faces appear on Houghton's campus this year in the ranks of the faculty as well as the student body. Students in the Psychology department are no doubt already acquainted with Dr. Charles Snell, who comes to the college as Professor in Psychology from a pastorate in Manchester, Massachusetts. Dr. Snell received his A.B. degree from Providence-Barrington College and his A.M. and Ed.D. degrees from Calvin Coolidge.

Prof. Roland Kimball, new Associate Professor in English, received his A.B. and B.D. degrees from Gordon College, his A.M. from the University of New Hampshire, and is currently working on his Ph.D. at Boston University. He has taught in the Cambridge Christain high school and also in the Massachusetts public school system.

### Grad Returns

Prof. Gordon Talbot, instructor in Philosophy and Christian Education, is not new to Houghton, for he received his A.B. degree here in 1949. He went on to receive his Th.B. from Nyack Missionary College, his A.M. from Wheaton College, and is working towards a Ph.D. from New York University.

A newcomer to the college faculty, but a familiar figure on campus is Mrs. Lois Fern, wife of the Dean of Students. Mrs. Fern, an Instructor in Education, has her A.B. degree from Houghton and her A.M. from the University of Michigan.

### H.S. Profs Teach

Mr. Leon Swartout, a Houghton graduate teaching in the Fillmore high school is teaching in the chemistry department, and Mr. Vernon Saunders, also a Houghton graduate and a teacher in the Perry high school, is teaching a course in Math methods.

Other changes in the faculty include the return of Professor John Andrews and Dr. Whitney Shea. Miss Esther Jane Carrier and Dr. Robert Fern have taken leave of absence, Miss Carrier for further study and Dr. Fern for work with the Billy Graham Crusade.

### Enrollment Increases

Miss Rachel Davison, Registrar, has revealed that total enrollment of those taking courses for credit has increased this year to 629 over last year's total of 617. There are five other students taking applied music without credit.

# Diamond Anniversary . . .

BY RAZLETT

In order to insure the minimum of introductory and explanatory apologies, I shall quote a few excerpts from a recent letter from the editor of this publication, together with my italicized commentary:

"You have always been interested in *Star* work . . . I did elect President Luckey's course in astronomy, but I was not one of his brightest luminaries. "Ike" Bowen, boy prodigy in knee pants and my next door neighbor — the Houghton Church was not between us then — did allow me to look through his homemade telescope. (Dr. Ira Bowen is now the director in charge of the Mt. Palomar Observatory.) But I think I know what you mean, Mr. Editor. I was a preparatory junior when the first issue of the *Star* appeared in February 1909. I was sports' editor in 1911-12, and editor-in-chief for the next two years. Incidentally I have the complete files for all these years in bound volumes.

"Will you consider occupation of the post of Contributing Editor on the *Star* staff . . . in a regular front page feature? . . . That's very flattering! Certainly I'll consider it, but as for accepting your gracious invitation — that's clearly out of the question. Why, I have just gone into semi-retirement; I'm a professor emeritus, whatever that means. I'm surely entitled to some leisure time for — for study and reading — why, that's what I've been doing most of my life — but I mean for travel and recreation and above all writing. Writing! That's what you are asking me to do. But what about?

"We would like it to be comment on your observations of the Houghton scene and its progress as a school for the past 30-40 years . . . I am not quite sure, John, that I have ever observed how a scene evolves into a school, but I think that I do grasp your general idea. And what's a decade or two when you're a college senior and life lies ahead of you! Actually my personal knowledge of Houghton goes back to 1903, just before Christmas, as a lad of eleven, I came along with my parents via bobsled from the county seat at Belmont and moved into the house on Main Street (now owned by Mrs.

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## Letchworth Outings Today

### Seniors Entertain Sophomores; Juniors Initiate Frosh Revelry

The personal appearance of "Pat Boone," and the prospects of "Gold in Them Thar Hills" at the annual fall class picnics will lure Houghton students to beautiful Letchworth Park this afternoon for an evening of fun.

The Seniors, under the leadership of social chairman Joan Gillette, will lead the Sophomores to the Lower Falls, where persons will look for "gold" which, when discovered, will be used to elect a head rancher and belle.

### Jr.-Sr. Music Starts Season

The Juniors and Seniors opened the 1957-58 class music recital series in the chapel auditorium Sept. 25th.

Opening selection was the "Prelude (Pair de Piano)" by Debussy, played by Miss Donna Kuntz. In her interpretation, Miss Kuntz was colorful, although perhaps a little harsh. Mr. Donald Hontz chose to sing "Son Tutta Duolo" by A. Scarlatti, and did so in a commendable manner. Miss Ruth Berglund displayed her ability to handle the piano in her selection of "Fantasietucke Op 12" by Schuman. Her delivery was excellent, although once it seemed she lost confidence. The Debussy-Heifetz arrangement of "Beau Soir" was admirably given by Mr. Burkley. There was however a tone of uncertainty in his delivery. Ravel would have been pleased to hear Miss Kendall perform his "La Vallee de Cloches". Miss Kendall displayed a thorough knowledge of the selection.

The program was well received and quite enjoyable.



"The Four Bum Steers" (l. to r. — Neil Reigle, Ed Napier, Birt Hilson, Ed Fischer) quartet draws a bead on an evening's fun at Letchworth, where they will provide music.

## Preston Wins Bain Honors; Two Obtain Merit Awards

Three out of ten freshmen are receiving financial help through scholarships and grants, Dr. Arthur W. Lynip's office recently disclosed. The Freshman Scholarship program provided forty percent of these.

The first beneficiary of the Bruce Allan Bain Memorial Scholarship is Terry Preston, sophomore from Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bain recently established this \$500 aid in memory of their son and his best wishes for his college and his friends.

Bruce Bain attended Houghton from September, 1955, until his untimely death in April, 1956.

His final message to his fellow students bore graphic impact on his colleagues' spiritual prospective, a senior declared.

Mary Douglas and Carolyn Gifford won National Merit Scholarships. Mrs. Lynip, of the Placement Bureau, remarked that since the national competition is extremely intense, it is unusual that two winners should come to Houghton.

Sharon Riggs will attend Houghton on a scholarship awarded her by a society fostering the propagation of barbershop quartets.

### Witchery Thickens Plot

## Puck's Prank Proves Perilous; Bottom Bears Brunt of Humor



"O how I love thee! How I dote on thee!" intones Titania to Bottom.

"What hempen homespuns have we swaggering here?" ejaculated Pluck, Friday night at the New Students Reception, to touch off an adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The skit was preceded by the introduction of new faculty and staff members by Dr. Arthur W. Lynip and Dr. Willard G. Smith.

The play opens with a group of amateur actors rehearsing a play in the woods. Oberon, King of the Fairies, who is angry with Titania, has Puck cast a spell on her. Bottom, an innocent member of the actors' group, is implicated.

After much scheming by Puck and merry-making of Titania's fairies, Oberon has the spell removed from Titania and all is restored to normal.

The cast included: Birton Hilson, Bottom, the Bewitched Player; Jacquelyn Ketterer, Titania, Queen of the Fairies; Morris Atwood, Oberon, King of the Fairies; John Reist, Puck, Oberon's mischief-maker; Albert Williams, Quince, a Player; Andrew Nelson, Flute, a Player; Robert McKenzie, Robert Vogan, Fred Thomas, and Henry Gibson as Peaseblossom, Cobweb, Onion and Moth respectively, Titania's Fairies.

Refreshments were then served in the gym.

## Finney Begins Campus Chorus

A mixed choral group of students under the direction of Dr. Charles H. Finney, head of the college music department, will present spiritual hymns of worship in special chapel assemblies this year. Parts of Handel's *Messiah* will be included in the repertoire.

The main purpose of the chorus will be to provide sacred musical numbers for some future chapel sessions which will be conducted in the form of worship services. Chorus members will also be given an opportunity to study various types of music in addition to well-known hymns and their authors.

The group will be accepting a few outside engagements, but are planning to perform almost entirely for college services and chapels. There will be no spring tour.

Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings from seven-thirty to eight-thirty, and also on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at four-thirty for approximately one hour. This schedule is listed in the 1957-58 Student Guide.

Any student with a desire to assist in the Lord's work on campus throughout the year, and who would like to join an active group in singing, is invited to attend.

## Eight Cop Laurels

Eight upperclassmen received class scholarships for highest scholastic achievement. All earned a four point last semester.

The Junior Scholarship went to John Van Der Decker, who received the full amount of one half of his tuition. Marilyn Markee and Winifred Gray won the Senior Scholarship.

The Sophomore Scholarship was divided among Phyllis Chamberlain, Patricia Hunter, Helen Padulo, Barbara Selin and Dorothy Zeitfuss. Each received one tenth of his tuition.

# We Cover The Big Year

Here we are — be we irascible iconoclasts, practicing pedants, self-styled sophists or humble humanitarians, the 1957-58 *Star* initiates its coverage of Houghton's 75th anniversary with what we believe is the best talent on campus, to give you complete and colorful coverage of this momentous year. We solicit your criticism, and deplore your complacency. We hope to offer you stimulating comment throughout the year, such as:

### The Gadfly

Steve Johnson, Student Senate prexy, kicks off this new and regular feature by offering his ideas and program for the coming school year. Subsequent columns will include opinion by various student leaders on campus — Morris Atwood, *Boulder* editor; Don Kinde, F.M.F. president; Ed Moos, A.A. president, Bruce Hess, president of Wesleyan Youth; Nancy Lance, *Lantern* editor, and on down the line. We feel that these ideas will provide a fulcrum on which the

lever of student thought may pivot to produce a more unified purpose among the student body.

### Diamond Anniversary

Ray W. Hazlett, professor emeritus of English, will utilize his many years of intimate acquaintance with Houghton's progress to write a special feature which will reduce to writing many unknown or forgotten aspects of her growth. Mr. Hazlett was graduated from Houghton in 1914, and has taught here annually since 1937.

### One Man's Opinion

An idea of sports editor, John Percy, this column will pin point some of the more discussed questions concerning Houghton athletics, and will be a potpourri of student ideas concerning the question each week. John will also write —

### Percy Pens

in which he will offer expert opinion of the current sport scene, and will colorfully analyze, report and predict the league races.

### From The Bookshelf

Charlotte Jones, literary editor, and Norman Johnson, religious book reviewer, will review alternately current fictional and theological work. Miss Jones begins with an illuminating analysis of *Silver Spoon*. Mr. Johnson's first column will appear next edition.

### Minority Report

The authors of this column will attempt to interpret the variety of events on campus and what they mean to the student body. From the title, it may be concluded that there will be more than one attempt at witticisms, subtlety and laconism. In this column will appear advice to the dissatisfied, praise for the accomplished and criticism of the laggard.

### Town Meeting

Our veteran columnist, Stanley Sandler, will gear his reports of national and international affairs to the life of the Houghton student.

From these features, plus regular news reporting and feature writing, we wish to cover this year in a manner worthy of its importance. We hope to be stimulating enough to evoke responses, whether they be of praise or criticism.

## Minority Report



### Progress through Providence

The year has begun inauspiciously enough — Frosh wearing green beanies, Sophs carrying umbrellas, upperclassmen with new bucks squeaking loudly and Miss Rennick's canary lilted joyously in its new habitat. But, beyond all this minutiae lies the vision of time past and time future, symbolized in the celebration of the 75th anniversary and the stone-by-stone erection of the new chapel. Whether or not we recognize their significance throughout the year, this column will always be aware of the subtle influence such phenomena should exercise on our collective consciousness.

### Introduction

Straight from the coffee rooms of Union, comes Bill Banker, with drab herringbone, dirty sneakers, unkempt corduroys, — "a blonde, blue-eyed one," to team up with "Seth," already too well known, in defense of the hierarchy of values, the moral obligation to be intelligent and all other assumed pieties.

We seek to grasp a deeper understanding of the spiritual and cultural values of the Christian which this campus affords. The Philosopher has said, "It takes two to know the truth — one to tell it and one to hear it." We hope to alternate roles with you. Your response, verbal or written, will be necessary for any real sense of communication.

### Question-of-the-week

Is the desire to look seedy or Bohemian in the true college tradition, legitimate on the Christian campus?

### Lanny to Come "Hume" Soon

Houghton townspeople will hold a belated wedding reception to honor Dr. Smith's oldest daughter, Lanny, in her new role as T.V. wife. Dr. Smith has five more daughters in which ABC-TV might be interested.

### Letchworth — Here We Come — Again!

Beautiful Letchworth park, with its colorful autumn foliage and awesome gorges, will entertain us today at the annual class picnics. Pat Boone is scheduled to appear at the Middle Falls, but we have our suspicions.

### Shakespeare, Adaptation, and Mistranslation

A *Midsummer Nite's Scheme* was not professional, or even dramatic, in the real sense of the words, but Molly Castor, Student Senate Social Chairman, was definitely limited by the drama policy of the college. The adaptation to the Houghton situation was always witty, and this seems to be the highest level to which Houghton programs may attain. If Shakespeare was murdered Friday night, then the entire audience was composed of sadists. We need the comic spirit of Puck occasionally to aid us in shedding our tragic sense of life.

### Non-Sequitur

Incidentally, the muggy and crowded conditions at the reception in the gymnasium serve to point up once more the urgent need for a student union with facilities large enough to handle the college population. We, too, wish that the campus of 1970 were a reality.

### Welcome, Dr. Hall

We commend your consideration of the fellows' needs and problems which has been evident even this early in the year.

### Quote of the Week

The solemn joys of melancholy far exceed the superficial shallows of conviviality.

## Crusade Reveals U.S. Need

At 7:30 p. m. on May 15, 1957, in Madison Square Garden, song-leader Cliff Barrows raised his hand to lead the 1500-voice Crusade choir into the theme-song "How Great Thou Art."

This was put into motion what is probably the greatest single religious impact on New York City in 25 years, the New York Crusade of Dr. Billy Graham. Although the public aspect of the Crusade ended with a mammoth rally in Times Square on Sept. 1, the follow-up work, of vital importance to determine the real value of the Crusade, continues until October 27.

The ultimate test of the Crusade's worth and impact on New York City and national life can only be that of time. But at this early date we are able to assess the physical impact of the Crusade upon the nation. At the Garden a 1,814,400 attendance was recorded. The Yankee Stadium rally drew 100,000, an all-time record; narrow Wall Street saw 25,000 at another rally. The most important statistic, that of decisions for Christ, is also a record: over 50,000. This does not take into account the probable thousands of private decisions made via television. The television audience itself was enormous, mounting into the millions.

Another vital statistic is that Dr. Graham's weight dropped during the Crusade from 184 to 166 lbs.

Dr. Graham has been under fire from both right and left religious camps. Liberal theologians condemn Billy Graham's seeming oversimplification of the Gospel and his ignoring of social questions. Extreme fundamentalists are appalled by his Madison Avenue techniques and his alignment with modernistic churchmen. Yet it cannot be denied that neither liberal or extreme fundamental Protestantism has been able to make any real impact upon the New York City masses. There Protestantism (of all kinds) has been termed a "pathetic minority." Therefore it would seem that a new course which unswervingly rests upon fundamental principles, yet realizes modern man's economic and social interdependence, is needed.

The apparently overwhelming success of the New York Crusade reveals the dissatisfaction with our modern materialistic culture and a hunger for something deeper to satisfy the mind and soul. Dr. Graham may well prove to be God's man of the hour to point men to the eternal satisfaction that Jesus Christ gives to this need.

## The Gadfly



BY STEVE JOHNSON

The year 1957-58 is a landmark on the Houghton calendar, for it marks three quarters of a century of work devoted to Christian education and enlightenment. We, the students of Houghton, should feel especially that it is our duty to love our brethren and to work together. From such an attitude will flow a unity that will make this year one of great accomplishment.

### Forget Peculiarities

This can happen if we are willing to put our shoulder to the wheel of a common cause. We at Houghton can have that same unity if we can be big enough to forget our individual ideas, that we may do our best for God. This co-operation not only is possible, but it is imperative if our work is going to be effective. We do not have the time to allow individual differences to hinder the progress of the whole group. We are here for four short years to prepare for a lifetime of service that should be consecrated to God. Before that work can be consecrated we will need to be completely in accord with God's will. It is only when we are in complete accord that we can lay aside private preferences and work effectively in the kingdom of God.

### Future Demands Unity

Jesus recognized the need for unity when in a controversy with the Pharisees he said, "a house divided against itself shall not stand." These are words for us today as well. Governments have coined the phrase, "United we stand, divided we fall." Perhaps it would be wise for us to adopt the same slogan throughout this year; in that we will stand together and when necessary concede our individual preferences that the work we have to do might go forward.

This standing together will provide the strength that is necessary to thwart the evils of dissension and anarchy. Standing together will stifle the desire to complaining and finding fault. Standing together will bring about an "esprit de corps" which makes one happy and proud to wear the colors of the Purple and the Gold.



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## Prof. Kreckman Dies During Summer

Professor Alfred D. Kreckman, a former pupil of Mr. Kreckman's, who taught piano and theory at performed special music.

Mr. Kreckman's quiet and unassuming testimony will be missed from the campus this year by returning students. As Dr. Ries stated in his obituary, "His death was as his life had been, quiet and peaceful. Another saint has made it home."

A graduate of Houghton Preparatory, Mr. Kreckman received his Bachelor of Music and Master's degrees from Eastman School of Music in Rochester. He became a member of the college faculty in 1930 and held this position up until the time of his illness.

Mr. Kreckman is responsible for much of the landscaping of the campus, and showed ability in oil painting and flower arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Merrill Lindquist Kreckman; four daughters, Mrs. Carol Green, Mrs. Lynette Frick, Ellen and Alfreda; two grandchildren; three brothers and a sister. The funeral was held in the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church where Mr. Kreckman was assistant organist. Rev. J. R. Pitt brought the message, assisted by Dr. Claude A. Ries. Mr. Robert Stevens,

## Suared

### Gommer - Ruelke

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Ruelke of Bellerose, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Viola (ex '59), to Charles Gommer ('57), son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gommer of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

### Kinde - Kallstrom

Mrs. T. I. Kallstrom of Minneapolis, Minn., announces the engagement of her daughter, Joan Alice ('57 of the University of Minn.), to Donald Kinde ('58), son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kinde of Minneapolis, Minn.

Upstarts Curbed

Sage Sophs Squelch Nurslings; Magistrates Vindicate Oppressed

Frosh Initiation Week found eager, expectant freshmen reciting; 'I'm but a lowly freshman; I'm lower than the ground; I'm even so microscopic That I cannot be found.'

From The Bookshelf E. Gilbert Analyzes Rich Aristocracy's Hidden Chronology

BY CHARLOTTE JONES Silver Spoon, Edwin Gilbert, J. B. Lippincott Co., 509 p. N. Y., c. 1957. Emerson once said: 'Money, which represents the prose of life, and which is hardly spoken of in parlors without an apology, is, in its effects and laws, as beautiful as roses.'

Wealth Is Shorn

Mr. Gilbert, author of best seller, Native Stone, in his latest novel has made a dramatic expedition into the realm of great wealth. He shows us a 'somewhat stripped-down elegance, a simpler way of life weathered to the times, to what some have called the new age of the old rich.'

Reputation vs. Fortune

Grace Anders, a distinguished, young photographer, is assigned to do a picture-story of the Gowden clan who own a vast patriarchal estate in Connecticut. She regards the assignment as little more than routine until she delves into the private lives and curious intrigues of members of the family, and discovers what it really means to be rich.

Possession Is Law

Mr. Gilbert has written a novel with a cast of memorable characters as real and as colorful as the American background against which it is written. He attempts to acquaint his readers with the folkways which result from the possession of great wealth.

CAMPUS CALENDAR Today - Letchworth Parties Sept. 28 - Last day for schedule change Oct. 2 - Sophomore Recital, 7:30 p. m., chapel

The memorization of these lines from Ode to a Lowly Frosh was the first assignment for the class of 1961 at Houghton College.

The three-day program planned to acquaint the freshmen with campus life opened Monday, September 16, and climaxed with the Court of Honor Wednesday afternoon.

Seeking revenge for past wrongs, the sophs inflicted numerous, unreasonable regulations on their younger classmen. The apparel of the frosh included such things as 1" x 4 1/2"



An honorable Soph does a paint job on two Frosh.

name tapes on their foreheads, cards on their backs with personal statistics (giving the impression of prisonmate numbers), not less than nine and not more than sixty-one braids for girls and scarves for the fellows (under their beanies).

Nor were these rules embarrassing enough, for sophomore class members ordered the freshmen to make beds for them and carry heavy books to classes for them. Some egotistical sophs commanded unsuspecting frosh to propose to them.

In order to bring all the offenders to justice, the Student Senate held the Court of Honor Wednesday afternoon in front of Luckey Memorial with Birton Hilson officiating as judge.

Graham Rally Arouses Student



The moment of decision stems from . . . the man and his burden.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

(Continued from Page One) Beach, which was our home for many years. I was promptly enrolled in the elementary department of Houghton Seminary for the next two years and a half. Probably only a half dozen persons in the village are my predecessors or contemporaries, who attended the Old Sem on the other hill. Among that number certainly are Mary Lane Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Babcock, Stanley Wright, who was the first business manager and the second editor of the STAR, and his wife Edna Bedford Wright. In point of teaching service Professor Emeritus LeRoy Fancher has the longest record; whether his wife Isabelle Stebbins Fancher was attending the Old Sem in 1903, I do not remember, but I assume that she was. All these people might be interested in my animadversions, but who else would be? Nobody! I appreciate your gracious gesture, but you must see now how absurd and impossible your request really is.

'You conclude as follows: Think it over, and advise me as to your choice. . . I'm glad that you allow me a choice, but my mind is made up. I'm sorry, but you must see how utterly fantastic and preposterous the whole idea is! For a person of my literary taste and temperament, you will see how inevitable my decision must be. I accept!'

And so another 'colyum' is born, and a new columnist makes his debut! I can't hope to achieve the notoriety of a Winchell or a Westbrook Pegler, or the reputation of a Heywood Brown or a Dorothy Thompson — but look out, Eleanor! You don't have to ask me!

'This way out, this way out,' the young man with the usher's button yells loudly, waving his arms windmill fashion. The crowd in which you're moving swerves to the left toward the exit, carrying you with it. You search frantically for a sign to direct you; finally, 'To Counselling Room' looms largely on a black and white sign, as you jostle the crowd to break loose and finally arrive at the top of a long, thirty degree concrete ramp

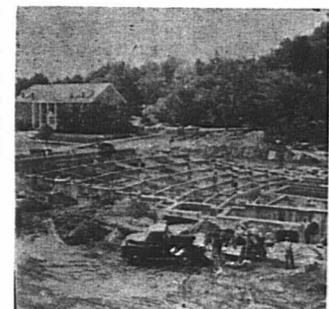
which leads downstairs. The garden smells musty, and the heat is stifling, which reminds you of the usual atmosphere after an exciting college basketball game. Proceeding down the ramp, you come to the bottom, turn right, and suddenly you have found what you've come for. The doors to the counselling room, a wide, spacious enclosure, are wide open, and seekers and counsellors are filing in expectantly.

Problems?

Lack of Plans Hinders Work

The construction schedule of the new chapel is running approximately one month behind the time table set up in the spring. The crew has been working consistently all summer. However, progress has been slowed down by lack of completed plans.

The problem in the production of plans lies in the fact that at least a full six months should have been allowed for the engineer, Clifford Broker, to execute the many detailed drawings. Because the decision to build was made in January, 1957, Mr.



Broker had a bare three months before the start of construction.

Construction progress to date includes the completion of the very complicated foundation. Drainage lines, sewer lines, water lines, the septic tank and the coal bin have been put in.

Entering the room, you search for part of Houghton's contribution to the crusade — Roy Blyden, a Senior, is a counsellor and Dr. Ferm, Dean of Students, is an advisor — but find neither. After persons stop filing in, a young, dynamic man assumes the pulpit for prayer. He exhorts the group of seekers, which numbers approximately 350, to (1.) confess their sins, (2.) repent — turn from their sins, (3.) believe that Jesus rose from the dead, (4.) pledge to read their Bibles, pray, and attend church regularly. During his talk, he refers to Billy Graham's sermon, applying it to the special situation that demands decision now. After a closing prayer in unison, counsellors mill around helping persons; the room is abuzz with hushed, serious conversation as men seek God.

You watch prayerfully as a gray-haired, middle-aged, affable man approaches a boy in his teens, and leads him to a quiet corner to talk with him; as a young clergyman in white collar and jet black suit smiles joyfully and shakes hands warmly with a man and his wife who have made their decisions for Christ.

You leave the Garden in serious thought; the bright lights and cacophony of the city burst in upon your thoughts as you emerge from the hall. A fiery Roman Catholic, waving his literature above his head, is preaching rapidly on the corner just outside the place; a drunk staggers crookedly across 50th street as an irate taxi driver leans on his horn impatiently; the glaring lights of theater and night clubs remind you of the work yet to be done. You turn and walk briskly toward the subway.

Can the Houghton population afford to be apathetic or indifferent? Perhaps God's man for revival in the U.S. is here.

Town Meeting: Segregation



U.S. Prestige Totters Under Racial Conflict

BY STANLEY SANDLER

Once again it is autumn in the land, a time of gently turning, falling leaves, of crisp, misty mornings, and a time for students to renew acquaintances as they once begin the new school year, almost welcomed after the long summer. This is the face of America in the fall.

But howling, jeering bigots, their faces strangely contorted by excitement and hate, are unfortunately also a part of the face of America in this autumn of 1957. The objects of the venom of these mobs are quiet Negro children of high-school age who were attempting to assert their right as Americans to equal schooling facilities in the South.

The tragedy lies not solely in the fact that these children were abused by irresponsible hoodlums but that their way was barred by troops of the National Guard, wearing the uniform of the Army of the United States. Ark. Governor Orville Faubus' decision to call out the National Guard of his state to 'preserve order' started as a political device to insure him of a third-term. It has developed into a shameful moral defeat of the United States. All over the world Americans are put on the defensive as Communist and 'hate-America' elements gleefully splash such news across their front pages. It is becoming almost impossible for Americans abroad to point out that such a situation is local and that the majority of those who oppose integration do so by legal means.

Although the over-all integration picture has been rather good, it is obvious that scattered violence and defiance against the Law of the Land will discredit the entire South before the rest of the nation, and the entire nation before the rest of the world.

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# Purple Defends Crown Tomorrow Afternoon

## One Man's Opinion

Question: What improvements, if any, would you like to see in Houghton sports this year?

Where asked: In the kitchen.  
Fred Thomas, waiter — "On the whole the sports schedule is set up O.K. However, when the Purple-Gold teams are able to be organized and coached by experienced men and not just students, the quality of play is bound to rise."

Barb States, scraper — "I wish the word 'forfeit' could be dropped from Houghton's athletic vocabulary. That would mean conscientious participation from the girls in field hockey and from both the girls and fellows in volleyball and swimming."

Pete Hammond, waiter — "If Coach is successful in his search for teaching aid in the physical education department, then maybe advanced courses will be offered in P.E., caliber of team play would improve and more interest would result."

Bill Sumner, waiter — "I think additional help in the P.E. department would be good, especially a woman to handle women's athletics. Also, maybe some sort of program could be arranged to stimulate more active faculty participation in sports."

### SPORTS CALENDAR

- Sept. 28 — Purple-Gold football, 2:15 p.m.
- Sept. 30 — So.-Fr. field hockey
- Oct. 2 — Sr.-H.S.
- Oct. 4 — Sr.-Fr.
- Oct. 5 — So.-H.S.
- Oct. 7 — Sr.-Fr.



Dick Seawright, Veteran Gold lineman, will anchor the Gladiator front.



Dale Arninck, new Purple end, will help to bolster a weak and thin Purple forward wall.

## Gladiators Are Heavy Favorites; Inexperience Hampers Pharaohs

BY JOHN PERCY

At 2:15 tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, October 28, a leather boot will smash into a pigskin football and eighteen men will once again clash in the perennial Purple-Gold autumn football series. Purple, who won three in a row last year, will be trying to defend its crown against the determined Gladiators.

This year's Gold squad will enter the game a two touchdown favorite. A superior line, a better backfield and more reserves tip the scales heavily toward their chances of victory. However, a few Purple personnel promise Gold that victory will have to be earned and yardage will have to be fought for every minute.

Starting for Gold will be a first run backfield led by John Pletincks, easily

the best quarterback on campus. On the receiving end of John's fakes, handoffs, and blocking for his runs and passes will be John Seth Reist, Lyman Pierce, the Salamanca strong-boy and a newcomer, and Dick Burcaw, a speed merchant and breakaway threat. Backing the starting four will be Johnny Miller and Art West. Gold's basic plays will feature a lot of faking by Pletincks who is not afraid to run with the ball when trapped on his passes. Short passes are his forte.

### Gold Has Strong Forwards

On the receiving end of the Gold passes will be two big and fast ends, Paul Mills and Herman Simmeth. Both flankers have glue fingers, are rough and can throw their share of blocks. In the middle of the line the Gladiators will have Dick Seawright who is back for his fourth year of color: football and who has won Varsity letters in his last two years. With him will be John Weaver, a mountain of a newcomer, Bob Kenney, Doug and Mac Cox and letterman Bob Granger, who will attempt to spend most of his afternoon in Purple's backfield.

### Percy Only Veteran

The underdog Purple squad will have as their four starting horsemen in the backfield, John Percy at quarter, Jim Walker and Dave Day at the halves and Ed Moos at fullback. Percy is the only Houghton football letterman on the Pharaoh team while Gold has five. This is the best criterion of Gold's strength as compared to Purple's untried nine.

Anchoring the Purple line will be Don Trasher at center, a three year man. However, this is the first year Don will be at the pivot position and the transition might set his play back for awhile. At the guard, will be two newcomers to football, Larry Umphlett and Bob Lerkins. Backing up these three will be Royce Ross. At the ends are Dale Arninck and Ken German with Fred Moon and Tom Meade held as relief support. German, from Cuba, N. Y., has been out of football for three years and will have to get used to the bang-bang style of play at Houghton.

## H. L. Race Starts Soon

House League football has arrived once more. Will Gi'more — Bowen house be able to retain their illustrious crown? Due to losses through both graduation and the color series this may not be such an easy task.

The academy is still a question mark as they suffered heavily by the graduation of Dave Sweetman, Paul Mills and Mark Landrey. What they lack in veterans may be partially regained by spirit, but experience is still the key to success even in football.

At the present time only one roster has been handed in to the P.E. office.

The house league games will be played in the afternoon at 3:30. It's up to the students to fulfill the possibilities of house league.

## Percy Pens: - -



### LAMENT OF A FOOTBALL FAN:

Football has a world of its own. I mean in the way it's different from any other sport or anything else for that matter. It looks different, colorful, as if it were ready to burst open and bloom. It even smells different, an autumn-like smell when leaves are falling, big men in colorful jerseys are running around, and pretty majorettes are strutting enthusiastically. In that way it's different. But you feel different, too. Away down inside there is a knot, then a lot of butterflies, then another knot. A faraway look comes in your eyes, and you remember all the plays you've seen, the exciting runs, the long spiral passes against the blue autumn sky.

Then there are all the players — "Remember that big end that Purple used to have" or "Man, how that Stewart played — 100% all the time, and tough? He was really rugged." Sure, and gone are the Becks and the Roeskees and the Johnsons and those two little guys, Gommer and Irv Reist. They were exciting and good and you wish that you could watch them play again and bring back the good old times. But those days are gone, and there are others; and soon they'll be gone, and some new ones will have to come along and take their places. But that is football, the coming and the passing. This year we'll have to look for Pletincks and Pierce, Seawright, Trasher and Reist. And we'll have to scurry around and find out the new players and their numbers and positions. But, that's the way football is, it's feelings and players and thrills. It's good and wonderful and bad, too. Because they'll all have to go some time and then only memories will be left.

### LAMENT OF A SPORTSWRITER:

Why can't they mind their own business and leave me alone? These wolves. I'm not squint-eyed or pie eared. Who likes to hurt? Not me. How come they are always thinking that my smile is sarcastic that I always sneer, twist the truth and criticize? Why, I'm a sportswriter! All I want to see is top-notch play. Sports — they just seep with tradition and deeds of valor and acts that appeal to the most callous heart. But I guess I have to criticize. Why not? It's my privilege. It's necessary. It's a must!

I'll criticize, but that isn't all to sports writing so why don't they leave me alone? Don't worry — there is somewhere that unwritten agreement between the athlete and the sports scribe. I'll never tear him down, but if he starts letting his play deteriorate and starts making a mockery of the game, there is no code. I won't let him! If he hurts the lore and the legend of the game and takes away from the attractiveness and excitement of the many moments, I'll have to jump on him, and I'll have to do it fast. So, as the man said a long time ago, "Leave me alone."

## Juniors Anxious To Defend Field Hockey Championship

Women's field hockey opened the season, Wednesday, September 25, with the Seniors facing the Juniors. The Juniors won a close contest 3-1.

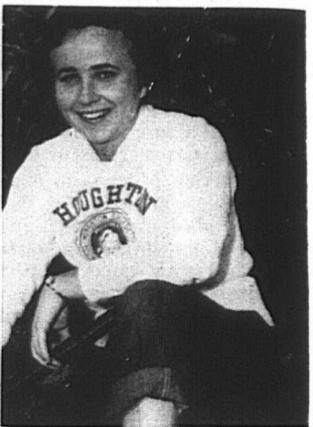
The Seniors plan to field a team with the attack centered around Charlotte Jones, Lois Chapman and Molly Castor. This will be their last opportunity to attain the crown.

The Juniors will be trying to repeat the story of last year when they won the class title. In their attempt they will rely on the proved play of Charlotte Yoder, Carol Demarest, Barbara States and Mary Gilligan.

The Sophs have no intention of being left out of the picture with Elsie Stumpf, Carolyn Paine, Alice Andrews and Alfreda Kreckman all seeking to bring the title to the Sophomore class.

The Freshmen are an unknown factor, but if they follow the tradition of the last few years they will field a team worthy of consideration.

The Purple-Gold series will be played after the class series. Gold will attempt to repeat again in '57. To help them on their path they will have the services of Char Yoder, Mary Gilligan and Clarabelle Fitch. Purple, who will be trying to wrest



Carol Demarest will be one of the many ready Juniors who will help defend their women's field hockey crown.

the crown from Gold, will have the services of Carol Demarest, Carol Mountain and Elsie Stumpf.

Following the class series and the Purple-Gold competition, the Varsity will attempt to subdue the ever persistent Frosh.

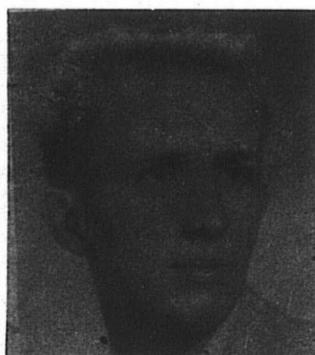
Field hockey interest and participation has been on the upswing over the past-two years.

## A. A. Is Student Athletic Government

As stated in its constitution, the purpose of the Athletic Association is to promote organized athletics among the student body of Houghton College. Led by its new president, Ed Moos, the A.A. this year will again strive to enhance the present meritorious position that the athletic program holds in the school's curriculum.

Through the years the A.A. has strongly improved the rules governing the sports program. Such important questions as eligibility, classification of House League and color participation, and letter winners have been acted upon; and the results are obvious.

All students are welcome to attend any meeting of the A.A. and may either present petitions or listen in on the proceedings. Many knotty prob-



Ed Moos will lead the Athletic Association this year in striving to aid and abet the cause of Houghton sports.

lems were ironed out by the A.A. last year.

The awarding of the basketball letters before the varsity games instead of afterwards, as had been done in previous years, is an example of this. This provided more spirited squads and consequently better games.

Under the guidance of Coach Wells, the A.A. will raise money this year for its operations by presenting two programs, and will also sell confections at football and basketball games. On May 21, the annual banquet is held to honor all the letter-winners and a guest speaker. Other members of this year's A.A. are Carole Wheeler, Secretary and Treasurer; Shirley Dye, Women's Varsity Manager; Elsie Stumpf and Molly Castor, color managers; and Brian Armstrong, John Percy, Bonnie Boggs and Charlotte Jones as Cabinet members.