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Costumed opera will be staged here by Stevenson during senior performance

BY JACK BURNAM

Every recital-attender is familiar with the stock format of the voice recital: ten to twenty lyrical art songs in a variety of styles and languages, and perhaps a big aria or two to display the performer's dramatic abilities. Hence, a voice recital which consists solely of one or two large works attracts attention by its novelty, and is always a welcome change of pace.

Senior Trudy Stevenson will present such a recital next Wednesday afternoon at 2:40, with the assistance of two other Houghton vocalists, Professor Donald Doig and Junior voice major Fred Stahl. Miss Stevenson will sing with Mr. Doig the final section from Act I of Puccini's *La Boheme*. She and Mr. Stahl will then perform *The Telephone*, a one-act comedy of the popular contemporary composer Gion-Carlo Menotti. The text of *The Telephone* is Eng-

lish, but the Puccini excerpt will be sung in the original Italian. "We were going to do it in English," said Trudy, "but it just didn't sound right — it's nearly impossible to find a singable translation that doesn't sound corny." She pointed out, however, that the audience will be supplied with an English libretto to follow.

Mr. Stahl expressed boundless enthusiasm over Menotti's "musical skit" which he described as "hilarious." The story concerns a patient young man who is trying to propose to his rather lightheaded girlfriend. Everytime he reaches the point of asking her to marry him, the telephone rings, or she thinks of someone she must call immediately. He solves his problem in an ingenious and highly amusing way — as you will see Wednesday!

The excerpt from *La Boheme* will be sung as a concert performance without any attempt at dramatic staging. The Menotti work, however, will be performed with costumes and props.



Trudy Stevenson Sings Menotti and Puccini
'Will the telephone be overcome?'

One intercollegiate activity is a part of Houghton's history

"It is not one of the most glamorous positions, but it is the only intercollegiate activity which has been participated in for most of the years that Houghton has been a college," so comments Mr. Edward Willett, coordinator of the debate team.

So far this year the four-man team has participated in three tournaments, with a fourth competition scheduled for the near future. The final debate of the year will take place at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. The "nonconventional" tournament at Norwich, Professor Willett stated, will employ a two-man team, each switching sides after three rounds.

Members of the present debate squad include Linda Bradshaw, Lawrence Hodge, Mary Robinson, James Dinger, Byron Sheesley and Daniel Dunlap. Other members first semester included Timothy Stowell and Ronald Leadbetter.

Coordinator Willett, an avid and successful undergraduate debater himself, has worked with the team for five years. Professors Myron Miller and Charles Killian act as coaches and do all the traveling with the group.

"More students should consider this extracurricular activity," Mr. Willett asserted. Although there was a time when debating was done solely for the glory of the alma mater, and Houghton saw "cliff-hangers" of intraclass debates in chapel, it is now time to move from the voluntary to theory and practice. He indicated that effort is being made to make it possible to receive college credit for the activity.

Since Houghton offers no speech



Debaters Analyze Problems

the field of debating. Winning is major, the team offers experience in not the emphasis, although last year Houghton took a first at Utica College, and the team is consistent in gaining some wins in every tournament.

"Experience is a valuable exercise," Professor Willett concluded. He suggested that since all men need to be effective communicators, debate is one means whereby a person can analyze specific problems in terms of the alternatives.

Linda Bradshaw, senior debater, remembers debate as "laughing over mistakes, and studying hopefully how to improve my thinking and speaking."



Killian and Miller Analyze Debators
'Not one of the most glamorous positions'

Forty-four here for IV Retreat

Forty-four students from western New York State colleges and universities visited Houghton's campus February 24-26, participating in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship retreat. Dr. Brooks Sanders, director of visual resources at Oneonta State College, Oneonta, New York, was the special speaker for the meetings. Discussion groups attempted to resolve the problem of the spiritual dimension of man in relation to his world, and to discover how Christians could better communicate with the secular world. Special features of the Winter Weekend for the Inter-Varsity guests included the Saturday evening performance of *For Heaven's Sake* and a lively Houghtonanny which followed the musical revue.

Frosh Elected

Newly-elected freshman class officers include: Daryl Stevenson, president; Paul Young, vice-president; Leslie Carrol, secretary; Robert Elliot, treasurer; Phyllis Jacobson, women's chaplain; Ethan Book, men's chaplain.

St. Bona's and Geneseo here for college bowl

The Dean's program this Saturday evening will sponsor an invitational College Bowl, with guest teams coming from St. Bonaventure and S.U.N.Y. at Geneseo. Because this Bowl is primarily a practice to prepare Houghton for the Gordon-Barrington meet, no trophies will be awarded.

Although only five participate on a team, eight Houghton students are prepared: Rick Abbott, Dixie Dunbar, Penny Johnson, Carol Knudsen, Hadley Mitchell, David Morse, Gordon Presher, and Robert Zinke. The team's faculty adviser is Professor Myron Miller, who will also be one of the three judges.

Last year's team emerged undefeated from every competition, setting a standard of excellence for our current team. College Bowl coordinator Bill Sammons says, "I'm really looking forward to Saturday evening because our new team looks exciting and will undoubtedly do a good job."

Christian education club holds annual conference

On Monday and Tuesday the Christian Education Club will hold its annual conference. Cheryl Tait, the club's president, says that ten organizations have been invited to participate.

Christian education as "a fast-growing field of service" is to be emphasized through speakers in classes, displays in the chapel basement, demonstrations of available Christian ed. materials, and afternoon sessions given by representatives in Presser Hall. "Students are encouraged and welcomed to take advantage of as many sessions as possible," Cheryl stressed. Conference guests will speak in chapel and the student body prayer meeting.

In chapel, each organization will give a brief account of its work. The Reverend Gene Barrett from Buffalo Youthtime is to speak in prayer meeting.

Dr. Helen Hubbard, head of the Christian Education Department, feels the major achievement of past conferences has been to guide a number of students into summer work with participating groups. There are eleven organizations involved.

The first conference was initiated seven years ago by Dr. Josephine Rickard. Its purpose was to awaken and focus student interest on Christian education, and to allow the numerous groups involved in the field equal opportunity for presenting their work.

Presently, about twenty-five students are majoring in Christian ed. The club has an active membership of twenty.

An opening dinner for guests and interested students will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Groups represented will include: American Sunday School Union, Bible Club Movement, Gospel Light, Youth In One Accord, Children's Bible Mission Work, Child Evangelism, Scripture Press, Christian Service Brigade, Pioneer Girls.



Mrs. Carmen Funkhouser
'Here for C.E. conference'

Lanthorn seeks local creativity

Dr. Ray W. Hazlett, initiator of Houghton's original literary contest, explains its purpose as "self-expression, whether in the realm of ideas or aesthetics." Matthew Arnold once said that one should "not only become aware of the best that has been thought and said in the world," but also "contribute" to it.

Editor Barbara Wurth and the English Department are now awaiting students' original, self-expressed contributions to the *Lanthorn* contest which closes March 15.

Creativeness can be shown in three areas, short stories, essays and poems, the required length of the first two being 1500-2500 words. A contestant in the *Lanthorn* competition may submit any number of works he chooses though a ten cent fee must accompany each genre.

Three unfolded typewritten copies of each article must bear a pseudonym in the right hand corner of page one, accompanied by a 3 x 5 card with the same information. One side of the card should bear the pseudonym, and the other side should include the work's title, a statement of originality and the author's signature.

The *STAR*, then a monthly magazine, initiated the yearly literary contest in 1914 under the editorship of Dr. Hazlett. In 1923, the English Department took the initiative in encouraging the competition, and winning articles were placed in the *Boulder*.

The first *Lanthorn* was published in 1932, sponsored by a *STAR* literary board and the juniors and seniors, and is now a responsibility of the student body.

Dr. William G. Smith

Gold wins series for first time in 4 years

BY BOB HARRIS

Four years of frustration ended for Gold Wednesday night when they captured their first championship since 1963 with a 59-55 win over Purple.

As in their other two wins Gold was not favored. A rally in the last ten minutes, however, enabled them to make up an 11-point deficit.

Once again the key to Gold's defense, which has been very effective all year, came into its own in the last quarter surge. Time and again Gold was able to capitalize on steals or Purple mistakes.

The real surprise of the game was the distribution of Gold scoring. Until this game most of the Gold offense was attributed to Randy Johnson. This game, however, saw four Gold players in double figures. Robb Wells led all scorers with 16. He was followed by Steve Babbitt with 13, and Gary King and Randy Johnson with 11.

Although they lost, "this was Purple's best ball game," said Gold Coach Wells. Purple played especially well in the first half when they shot 44%. In the second half, however, they turned cold and shot a poor 26%. As usual, Purple showed well balanced scoring. Tom Gurley led with 13, followed by Jim Parks with 11, and Paul Shea and Daryl Stevenson with 10. Purple's strongest point was rebounds when they pulled down 58 as compared with 43 for Gold.

As the game began it seemed that Purple was determined to average their two previous losses. They were shooting well and quickly jumped into the lead. A short Gold rally at the end of the first half closed the gap to 5 points at intermission.

The early stages of the second half looked like a replay of the opening period. Purple was dominating the boards and still shooting well. With about a quarter left to play, Johnson and King began to steal the ball and force Purple errors. Then Purple turned cold and Gold caught up. The score remained close until the last minute when Gold put it out of reach by free throws.

Pharaoh ladies offset men, gain victory in extra game

Thursday night the Purple Pharaohs once again captured the women's championship with the score 26-19. For the first time in many years the Purple-Gold women's basketball series was characterized by stiff and close competition. Five games had to be played before the championship was finally decided. Of these games the widest margin in score was only seven points.

In the first game the Gladiators coached by Mrs. Nielsen won by 27-21. In the next game Purple coached by Miss Miller came back and edged Gold 30-27.

In the first quarter of the play-off game Purple was ahead 8-2. Winky Leinster and Eva Fleetwood kept a tight defense, so that Gold's only points were from free throws. In the second half Purple again dominated the game with good passes and shots.

At the end of the half the score was 14-3. In the beginning of the third quarter Gold sparked back, making four baskets immediately. The Gladiators, however, could never overcome Purple's early lead.

The high scorer for the Purple-Gold series was Freshman Judy Stockin with fifty-two points.

Gold won the third game of the series 23-19. High scorer for the game was Judy Stockin, with fifteen points for Purple. Gold's Sharon Miller was second with eleven points.

In the game played Wednesday Purple won by one basket, 26-24. In the first quarter Purple was ahead 7-2. Purple's defense played man-to-man successfully keeping Gold from scoring. By the third quarter Purple's margin was only 19-15. Although Gold's defense and offense picked up in the last quarter, the Pharaohs won 26-24. High scorers were Alice Peoples with twelve points and Jan Evans with eleven.



One More For the Girls

Letters

Response to 'For Heaven's Sake'

Dear Editor,
Compliments to you for a magnificent performance Friday night. This was one of the highlights of the year to me. I think I shall never forget that evening as long as I live. You certainly should have the privilege of putting on this performance in other colleges. I'm going to say a word for you whenever I get a chance.
Sincerely yours,
Edward D. Angeli

Tell Why.' As I thought about this I wondered exactly why inclusion of names of these students was necessary? Was the purpose to relate to me the qualifications of the candidate or the efforts he has put into the campaign? Perhaps the names were to tell me something of the candidate's ability to lead the student body. Perhaps, also, the names were used to impress the Freshmen. I don't know.

Dear Editor,
Very impressive, for heaven's sake!
Ann Gregory

I would close by stating that I consider myself a thoughtful voter but I don't appreciate someone or something dictating to me for whom the thoughtful voter votes.

Dear Editor,
The program was absolutely fabulous. I was really impressed with the way Christ is presented — to me, a secular college student would benefit greatly from it.

Sincerely,
Gordon Preshler

It really made me think about how I, myself, am living Christ! So many times I seem to say "Use me, oh Lord, but later!" Thanks for presenting this, and helping me to re-evaluate myself.

Our Real "Asian Problem"

Sincerely,
Nancy Cassaday

Dear Editor,
Mr. Robin Moore is a typical member of the "hawk" faction in foreign policy circles. He advocates "bombing North Vietnam and end the war once and for all," a lusty slogan which would seem to offer a quick solution to a frustrating war, but one which would create more problems than it would solve.

Dear Editor,
Congratulations for such a splendid offering as the revue *For Heaven's Sake*. It was most penetrating and deeply moving to me. Thank you for having the courage to "see it through."

Our "Asian problem" is not North Vietnam or the National Liberation Front as Mr. Moore would have us to believe. It is Red China. What is disappointing is that so many "well-informed" Americans do not realize that China is now also Russia's biggest problem.

Sincerely,
Prof. I. Reist

Russia is presently locked in a struggle with Peking for leadership of the communist world. Chairman Mao has accused Russian communists of being "lackys of the West," a most serious charge to a communist's way of thinking. To prove China wrong and to prove to the world that Russian communists have not lost their revolutionary zeal, Russia is furnishing both moral and material support to North Vietnam. But the Sino-Soviet conflict fortunately does not stop here.

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Agenda

Tonight — Lecture Series: Jacobson, 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday — College Bowl, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday — Student Recital: Gloria Day, Elaine Robinson, 8:15 p.m.
 Monday-Tuesday — Christian Education Conference
 Wednesday — Student Recital: Trudy Stevenson, 2:40 p.m.
 Friday — Artist Series: Langlais, 8:00 p.m.

To all of you who did such a great job in helping with my campaign — THANK YOU.

Phil Hull

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 Milk Coffee Tea

\$1.00 per person \$1.75 per couple

Dear Editor,
The STAR production *For Heaven's Sake* was an important event for Houghton College, for the production illustrated the value of intellectual — satirical or dramatic — presentations and their place on the Christian college campus.

One of the purposes of any speech, film, or play is to provoke critical and meaningful discussion. Excluding the few technical flaws inherent in any production anywhere, the play conveyed a message and provided a valve for intelligent insight into one's own problems both on a personal and a churchwide basis. As indicated by discussions from Bible to biology classes Saturday and since, the play has achieved its goal.

For Heaven's Sake and *Cry the Beloved Country*, the upcoming *Lantern* play, should provide a basis for similar productions in the future.

Sincerely,
Lynn Failing
Bob Friedrich
Don Brautigam

Love in the Library
Dear Editor,
I think it is very inconsiderate that people have to sit and whisper loudly in the Library, especially juniors and seniors. Why can't our Christian love and concern for others be put into practice? Non-Christians seem to have better manners; I've been in public libraries and no one says a word.

Thinking Man's Candidate
Dear Editor:
Normally the Gao dinner hour passes into oblivion without disturbance. Recently, however, I found myself mildly bothered by a mimeographed 'communique' placed on each table. Included on the sheet were a few articles noting the qualifications of the candidate and his desire to serve. However, I did not find this to be half as objectionable as the article entitled: 'Supporters

Russia is currently in conference with the former bloc countries of Eastern Europe in order to gain support for her struggle against China. This struggle is real. By supporting North Vietnam, Russia hopes to prevent the North from becoming dominated by Peking.

The Kremlin, I believe, does not at this time view the U.S., but rather Red China, as the primary threat to world communism. North Vietnam, according to this line of reasoning, is in reality a pawn on the international communist chess board. It is Russia's strategy to isolate China. Assuming the burden of North Vietnam's defense is part of this strategy.

Mr. Moore is looking at one tiny spot on the globe. He wants a quick smashing victory over the North — but at what price? Russia's foreign policy is one of co-existence; that of Red China is one of domination. Russia must prove to China and the communist world that coexistence is the only rational course.

Having made a moral commitment in supporting North Vietnam, U.S. bombing of the North would (1) show that Russia's policy of peaceful coexistence is unworkable; (2) prevent any further widening of the split between Russia and China, and (3) force Russia to side with China against the U.S.

Bombing the North into oblivion would be something far short of the immense gains that could be made if the U.S. did not force Russia and China into an all-out commitment to North Vietnam.
Allen L. Repko ('66)