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Lecturer - Artist Will Paint and Talk On Modern Trends in the Art World

R. C. Livingston To Speak Here

R. Crawford Livingston, artist and lecturer, will explain "An Artist's Approach to Modern Art" in the Houghton College Chapel on Monday, February 10, at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Livingston makes a specialty of doing portraits in water color. Although the usual medium is oil, Mr. Livingston has turned to water color because he wants more painting speed, a more spontaneous effect. A water color portrait takes only an hour and a half. For his lecture-demonstration, Mr. Livingston selects a model from the audience and while describing the method of painting, completes a portrait of the person.

In his work on Monday afternoon Mr. Livingston will discuss and illustrate six schools of art. He will take in turn traditional painting, Impressionism (stressing color), Cubism (stressing form), Futurism (exploiting movement), Surrealism (the subconscious), and Abstraction (pure design).

Because of Mr. Livingston's seven-year training period including the three influences of the old Boston School, the English School and the Russian School, he is able to give three distinct approaches to the problem of painting. Born in Boston in 1910, he received his formal training on a three-year scholarship under Philip Hale in Boston. Then he studied for another three years under the English painters Rodney Burn and Robin Guthrie. He finished his training under the late Alexander Jacovleff of Russia.

Mr. Livingston's lecture will be valuable to Houghton students not only because he is an expert speaker on the subject, but also because he gives the public a better understanding and a more sympathetic appreciation of the problems of the artists and the media they use in their approach to these problems.

Bachelors' Ranks Lose Ev Gilbert

You may have noticed Houghton's Mr. Fixit, Everett Gilbert, on registration day, introducing the girl with him to everyone as "My wife Dorothy." He returned to Houghton Monday from Michigan with his bride.

The ceremony took place in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Waldron, Michigan, at three o'clock on Saturday, February 1, with the Rev. Mr. William Foster as the officiating minister. Following this there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durling.

For the present the couple are residing in Houghton with Mr. and Mrs. George Huff.

'Lantern' Nominations

Election of editor and business manager for the 1941 *Lantern* will be held after chapel Monday, February 10. Nominations, made by the Executive Literary Board, are as follows: for editor, John MacGregor and Marian Smith; for business manager, John Mowery and John Merzig.

Pre-Meds Have Banquet; Dr. Ghent, Main Speaker

Pasteur Pre-med Club initiated the new semester with a gala celebration—a banquet in Gaoyadeo's dining hall and a meeting in the chapel on Monday night, February 3. Dr. Ghent, a practicing physician from Warsaw, New York, was the guest speaker.

The meeting opened with devotions led by John Edling. Then president Gerald McKinley introduced Dr. Ghent to the club. Dr. Ghent, expecting to speak to pre-med students only, had decided to talk about problems of the medical student, and answer any questions they might have.

He advised pre-meds to choose a school that is located near their home and one in which tuition fees are not too high. "Med. school is a long, hard grind," he warned them; "there are griefs but plenty of thrills." He explained that it is difficult to work one's way through, but possible to secure summer vacation jobs to help with expenses.

Dr. Ghent told the club some of his amusing experiences as a pre-med and as interne in a Rochester hospital. He advised a rotating internship for the future general practitioner, including surgical, general medicine, and specialty work. He also advised the student to choose a hospital for his internship where he expected to live, so that he might make good connections with hospitals and older doctors that would prove valuable.

"Your time will not be your own when you become a doctor, but you will not regret the feeling that you have done something for humanity," he concluded.

465 Students Register

Early reports from the Registrar's office indicate that there are a total of 465 college students registered for work this semester. This is 17 less than last semester in all departments.

The biggest change occurred in the freshman class. The first yearites lost 10 members, and gained 4 new ones. Five of the second class did not register, three left the juniors, and three completed their work on their degrees. New students in all departments numbered 7.

This is only a partial report; further data will be available at a later date.

Debaters Go to Hobart

The first intercollegiate debate of the season for Houghton's forensic enthusiasts will take place on Tuesday evening, February 11, at Hobart college.

Houghton debaters will defend the affirmative of the question Resolved: That the nations of the Western Hemisphere form a permanent union for their mutual defense. The debate will be Oregon style, with cross-examinations. Mr. DeRight and Mr. Jones will represent Houghton in this encounter.

On Saturday, February 15, the debaters will journey to Shippensburg State Teacher's College for a three-round tournament.

Senior Sages Stall Two Minutes on Two Point Margin to Win Class Championship



Senior basketball squad which emerged from the second round undefeated to win the inter-class series.

Beat Frosh 30-28; Tuthill Scores 17

The sages stalled out the yearling yearlings Friday night, January 24, by a measure of 30 to 28 in the season's second classic court clash. Having demonstrated superiority in both rounds of the local class series, the redskins have buried their hatchets and set up their teepees in the happy shooting ground of Houghton's immortal classicists.

Commendable applause should go to the frosh runner-ups, who have given the seniors remarkable competition over the discouraging forces of a couple of other teams. In the first round play, the freshmen chased the seniors into an overtime period, and in the last round the yearlings worried the sages through four thrilling chapters.

In the first quarter the Homan-coached boys broke loose for an early lead, holding the seniors scoreless during the first three minutes. The freshmen spearhead defense seemed pass-proof, and the quarter ended 9 to 5. The second stage found the seniors with a tip-off score via Marsh Prentice, the chief of the redskins, chalked up a two-pointer on a fade-away shot, and Smith rebutted with a geyser shot from the three-second area. With the score now tied, the sages determined to walk out in front, and they did. As the quarter closed, Tuthill, making a pendulum pivot shot, gave the seniors an unrelinquished lead and the halftime score was 17 to 16.

The first major thrill of the evening came in the third quarter, when Jim Smith, capable captain of the frosh courtsters, tipped in a two-pointer in a jump ball from his own foul line.

The last quarter was a display of tension, as both teams vowed for triumph. Tuthill high-scored with a couple of double-headers, and Smith was smothered in a twister shot by senior guards. Like twin pistons, Smith and Markell blanketed the bankboard rebounds, and continued through with fast breaks. However, with five minutes to play, the seniors still led 30 to 28, and the remaining part of the quarter was scoreless. This was largely because the sages effected a most brilliant but boring stall. Except for one attempted shot by the frosh, the seniors controlled the ball until the last gong sounded on the 1940-41 class series, and the score remained 30 to 28.

Seniors				
	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Tuthill	8	1	17	.300
Prentice	2	2	6	.211
Marsh	1	1	3	.200
Evans	2	0	4	.133
Sackett	0	0	0	.000
	13	4	30	

Freshmen				
	FG	FT	T	PCT.
Gannett	1	0	2	.111
Markell	2	0	4	.154
J. Smith	5	2	12	.368
Morris	3	1	7	.267
Wells	0	0	0	.000
Chase	1	1	3	.095
	12	4	28	

Officials: Burt and Olcott

Frankly Now . . .

Question: Do you think that Congress should pass the president's lend-lease bill as it is?

Interviewed: John MacGregor, Senior, says: We need to get the material to Britain as fast as possible. It is to our advantage to keep the war in Europe.

"Mike" Holloway remarks: It's all right, but there should be a time limit on it. It really is necessary from the point of view of speed.

Frances Pierce says: Absolutely not! It gives too much power to the president. Some modified measure would be all right, but if this is passed it means the end of our democracy.

Mer Ellis adds: Well, from the point of the munitions men, it is a good thing. We've lifted the arms embargo to Russia now, so that Germany can buy things, so we'll have to ship to England too, to keep the war going.

Descriptive Films Shown in Chapel

The highlight of the educational films shown Friday evening, January 31, in the Houghton college chapel, concerned table tennis. As narrated by Lowell Thomas, this film showed the techniques and possibilities of the ever-popular game. The exhibition of the professionals was an eye-opener to our amateurs, and incited vows to do better in the future.

Next in order of popularity came "The March of Freedom," depicting the great foundations on which our democracy rests, and showing the crisis which we are going through. This was clearly a propaganda film. Other films included an interesting one on "Walrus Hunting" in the Arctic, and "The Fury of the Storm," with all the thrills of a blizzard on the western plains, replete with cowboys being sent out into the storm to rescue the wandering cattle and sheep. There was also a film on Yellowstone National Park.

Soph Lassies Take Seniors For Title

By Richard Lang

At 7:30 Friday night the sophomore girls passed their way to an overwhelming victory over the seniors 22-6, and by that victory they won the girls' championship.

Smooth passing and quick breaking rattled the senior defense, often leaving the basket unguarded at point-blank range. While Gwendolyn Fancher helped work the ball into position, Jean French and Ruth Newhart shot continuously. Their deft ball-handling left the opposing guards flat-footed, and gave them chances to make shot after shot.

Simultaneously, the senior offense was crippled against the seemingly impenetrable sophomore defense. Bea Gage was one important reason as she repeatedly tied up the opposing forward. Except for occasional over-guarding, the guards gave the kind of exhibition that the blank in the last half indicated.

Throughout the game, the sophomores were masters. They yielded five points in the first quarter, gaining eight themselves. From then on they continued scoring, but one foul shot was all that the seniors got in the remaining three periods. The team averages favored the sophs 200 to 125. Jean French was high scorer with 12 points.

RETURNED



Dean of Women Returns

Miss Lucele Hatch, Houghton's Dean of Women, has returned to her duties here. Miss Hatch has been absent since the close of Christmas vacation because of illness.

She wishes to thank all of her friends for letters, cards, and other remembrances during her illness.

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Thoughts on Chair Rounds

We have never felt that wearing stockings was a particular hardship for the girls. This rule is probably sound as far as morals go, and certainly adds to the appearance. And although stockings are not sold for a song, there is really little inconvenience, as every girl has to have several pairs on hand anyway. It is a rule which should be very easy, and not at all obnoxious to obey.

Yet such is not the case. The girls complain (and this complaint comes not from one or two, but from the campus in general) that, although they do not mind the rule particularly, it does prove to be rather expensive. There are so many chairs, both in the dining hall and the class rooms, having rough, slivered edges that a pair of stockings lasts a comparatively short time. And as stockings cost from sixty-five cents up, this has not made the wearing of stockings particularly pleasurable.

We are not advocating the abolition of the rule requiring stockings; we do not think it should be abolished. We do feel, however, that, if the rule is to be enforced, consideration should be given to those upon whom it is enforced, in order that there may not be a direct incentive to the breaking of rules. The purchase of new chairs is unnecessary, but a thorough sanding of the chair rungs and edges might be of some assistance in keeping up Houghton's record for being "low in expense" clear as far as the women are concerned.

For Seniors Only

Of course you fellows who are registered for the draft do not have to worry about your work for next year; that is taken care of. But those of you who are too young or exempted in other ways, as well as you women, will be looking for jobs soon. The national defense program may make positions more easily available, but jobs still are not going to be found hanging on every tree, telegraph pole, or billboard. And you may not all get jobs.

The disturbed world conditions, as well as the scarcity of jobs, has made our generation slump back into a feeling of pessimism. "What is the use? I can not get a job anyway," or "War is coming, so I am not going to plan anything." When college students feel that way, and that attitude is coupled with the common feeling that "the world owes me a living," there is little that anyone can do to make a real individual or nation out of this heterogenous mass of humanity we call America. Democracy just will not work that way.

The whole attitude of defeatism is wrong. As a case in point, consider "Miss X", who graduated from Houghton college in June, 1940. She had trained as a teacher, but there seemed to be no job available. When September came, she was still without a job. But Miss X wanted a position, and so she went to her local District Superintendent, told him that she wanted to get teaching experience, and asked him if he could tell her of any schools that would let her teach without pay. He referred her to the principals of two high schools in the vicinity, and both of them wanted her services. She chose the one that had just organized a centralized district, and went to work.

Although she received no pay, she was soon teaching several subjects. She did her best in preparation; she was always there on time; she helped all she could. Recently the principal came to her and told her that henceforth she would receive pay for her services, and that a contract would be awarded her for next year.

This is not a "go and do thou likewise" story. None of you can exactly duplicate the experience of Miss X. But the facts of this tale — a true one, by the way — are not as important as is the spirit behind them. An attitude like that is the only thing that will keep you, and the rest of the American youth, from taking for their motto the words of Joe Jacobs of sporting fame: "We wuz robbed!"

— J. P. D.

BETWEEN YOU AND BEA



Heard in passing: Hi there. Say, did you see "A.J.'s" boyfriend the other day? . . . No, but I saw Warren Woolsey's eye. He says he got it playing basketball. What do you think? . . . He might 'uv. Sounds good anyway. Did you know Jack Haynes has gone to New York to testify at a trial? He saw an accident a year or so ago, I guess . . . Over a year ago and they expect him to make an accurate report? . . . Yeah, sort of makes you wonder about our court system, doesn't it? . . . Pardon me for changing the subject, but have you noticed the resemblance between Bob Gallinger and Wesley Nussey? . . . Yeah, queer too isn't it? Wesley was dark and Bob is so light. Speaking of resemblance, doesn't Jeannette Estes remind you of Mim Foss? Or did Mim graduate before you came? . . . I guess she must have. I don't seem to remember her. I've got a good one, though. Did you know that one of the dorm girls went to church in pajamas a Sunday night not so long ago? She hadn't planned to go, but some of the girls stopped for her so she tucked her p.j.'s under her coat and went merrily to church . . . No kidding? What next! Well, it's a great life. S'long . . . S'long.

Story of the week: Mr. Alex Steese started downtown one icy morning with ten dozen eggs. As he was nearing Bowen's he slipped and fell. Very messy. Mrs. Abbie Bowen went out to help the unfortunate Mr. Steese. She fell too, good intentions and all. Very messy. Mrs. Douglas saw the two of them and offered her assistance. She succeeded only in slipping and joining them among the eggs. Very messy. Just then Ted Gast, Raleigh that he is, came to their aid — and fell too! Ver-ry messy. Moral: Although it was white of them to try to help Mr. Steese, the yolk was on them since they'll have to shell out for cleaning bills and maybe it dozen pay after all to be albumenistic — whoops, that was bad. It gets to be a habit — altruistic, we mean.

Just for variety, we're giving you something a little different. We have here a list of sayings characteristic of a few faculty members. See how many you recognize.

Dr. Small: Let's put this down.
Prof. Shea: Oh, that dumb thing!
Mrs. Neighbor: May I have your attention please?

Dean Hazlett: Despite his verbosity he achieves an approximation of verisimilitude.

Coach McNeese: Get the point? or Oh absolutely!

Prof. Stanley Wright: Now if we were to do the first thing mentioned, it would mean that the possibilities would limit themselves to either the second or third result; however, if we were to take the second premise, it might bring about either the thing I spoke of previous to that. Or perhaps such is not the case, considering the discussion relative to our first subject.

Prof. Cronk: But that's all right.
Miss Burnell: That don't make a what?

Miss Ortlip: Oh, jinx! I forgot it.

Prof. Smith: Now if this won't cause an intellectual jam, I'll give it in detail.

Miss Hillpot: No, no! 1-2-3-4. 1-2-3-4.

Prof. Clader: It's a fact.

Dr. Paine: Now today we'll have Psalm 39.

Mrs. Schram: Now don't make it

A Cappella Choir Has Lively Party

When a man fails to recognize his wife's voice — that's news. And that is just what happened the other night when the Schrams held open house for the a cappella choir. Mr. Schram was blindfolded, and each member of the choir sang for him, to see if he could recognize the individual voices. He did very well; the only one he did not know was his wife's.

For the rest of the evening the Schrams and the choir entertained each other with stunts. From a scene in a district school we discover that "String" Miller would make an admirable professor, but there seem to be many problem children in the class.

The party adjourned after inducting several newcomers to full-fledged membership and quantities of sandwiches, punch, and cake into the choir members.

— HC —

Indians Capture Wyoming Cagers

The Indian blood in the Houghton basketball team rose to the surface Monday evening when they revenged their Saturday defeat at the expense of the Wyoming first and second teams. The Indians won their first game 67 to 34 and the Papooses won 34-15.

High scorer for the evening was Worden, Wyoming guard who made 17 points. Eyley paced the local five with 15.

Despite heavy odds the Wyoming team kept fighting and in the last quarter they matched the Indians in points.

In the preliminary game the Hotonians took an early lead which the visitors never threatened.

We do not despise all those who have vices, but we despise all those who have not a single virtue.

— La Rochefoucauld

lizzy!

Miss Fancher: Don't mind my finger. It won't go off.

Dr. Rosenberger: What does your author say?

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SPORT SCANDAL



By Bob Fredenburg

As the curtain falls on the 1940-41 inter-class basketball series we reminisce momentarily and find that several plays have been worthy of curtain calls.

A few of the more memorable of these would include Phil Chase nearly handing the seniors a lose in the first senior-frosh encounter; the junior fems tipping the mighty sophomores; those same mighty sophs holding the Sages scoreless for the second half of their game; the theologs only real bid to glory, defeating the soph stalwarts; Harry Walker's valiant attempts to keep the academy boys in the league; and last but not least Jim Evans masterful stalling in the final minutes of the last senior-frosh game.

As the applause dies down the Pharaohs and the Gladiators take the spotlight. Yesterday the first men's game was played and tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 the co-eds will engage in their first color encounter.

Providing spills and thrills as usual there will be that ever popular array of basketball artists brought together in the "black-and-blue" series. Second team purple and gold to those who never played in one of them.

The sun is slowly fading the colors of the purple and gold teams. The series, started when the classes were not large enough to put good teams on the floor, is now an anti-climax to the season's basketball. The big game is now for the inter-class championship and not for the color title.

The color series should be restricted to baseball and track. In these two events the classes can still not put adequate teams in competition, but in football and basketball it is a thing of the past.

The band was a welcome sight at the senior-frosh game the other night. During the girls' game the music was furnished by Stew Folts, his trombone and band. For the last game Ray Alger and trumpet took control of the music makers. Again, thanks for coming out.

If Houghton were meeting Long Island U. tomorrow night in the Garden, here's the team we'd take along: Evans, Eyley, Fenton, Holloway, Markell, Prentice, Sheffer, Smith, Tuthill, and Walker.

L. I. U. may be a little big but it would be nice if it were Wheaton, Marion, Taylor, Hope and other schools in our classification.

As plans progress for the new building, it appears that the baseball and track program this spring would be definitely interfered with. Versatile as our outfielders have had to be in the past, it is asking slightly too much of them to expect that they will catch flies in an excavation as well as in the outer gardens.

Present indications are that the new athletic field will be downtown by the grade school. This new location will allow for a quarter mile cinder track, a full size football field, and a baseball outfield which does not look like the course of a cross country race.

While the field will not be ready for spring sports, it can be expected that next year's football classics will be staged on Houghton's new athletic field.

Saturday evening the recreation hall will be the scene of the season's best ping-pong match when Bud Morris will meet Phil Chase. Morris is the slight favorite of this column, but it must be remembered that Chase has already defeated Bennett, last year's champion.