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Last October, nearly 50 years after Pearl Harbor, *Milieu* examined several impacts of World War II—on America and more particularly on Houghton College and its people. A few persons saw that series as glorification of war or celebration of American dominance. The majority recognized a different emphasis, an effort to perceive, preserve, and profit from heritage—a practice commended in the Bible, honored and still maintained in many cultures.

With observation of the 500th anniversary of Columbus's coming to "the new world" in process, Professors David Howard and Richard Pointer help *Milieu* again take a look at significant heritage, not as "celebration," but for recognition, reflection and instruction. Columbus's voyage precipitated events and attitudes that yet shape us in the west, and with which need to reckon in charting a future.

Alumna and graduate student Deborah Howard's insights into conditions and attitudes developing in Germany in the wake of reunification remind us just how quickly and unexpectedly heritage becomes the dynamic for current and coming events. Student Deb Cauvel's perspective on the mission of Christian radio, and Tim Swauger's *Habitat* piece about learning and building in another culture, also exhibit elements of heritage as formative or influential.

The vitality of heritage, the role of commemoration, and the joy of celebration converged in the 1992 Founders' Day convocation at Houghton October 2, when Willard Houghton, J.S. Luckey and Stephen W. Paine came alive in narration and dramatized sketches.

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Many thanks to the 1,242 donors who had carried the 1992-93 *Milieu* voluntary subscription fund to the \$12,334 mark by September 30. An overflowing alumni news section in this issue is further evidence of reader interest. Come January we'll devote whatever space it takes to catch up on news, record memorial and in honor gifts, and list lost alumni.

Alumni Wayne and Gaye (Sweesy) Mouritzen wrote to tell us they were victims of Hurricane Andrew (see Alumni News section). We encourage other alumni readers in Florida, Louisiana or Hawaii who lost homes or otherwise suffered substantial loss in the hurricanes of last summer, to briefly share their stories with us before year's end.—Dean Liddick



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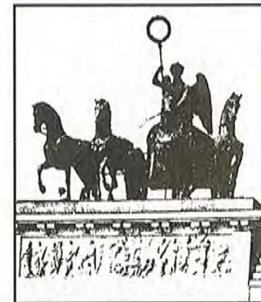
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1492 Voyager:

Driven by Mixed Motives

by David Howard



To utter the name of Columbus is to bring into the mind images and notions beyond our conscious control. Generations of Americans—both North and South—looking for heroes have had no trouble at all conjuring up a Columbus myth larger than any possible life could have been. More recently a number of historians, confident that all heroes own feet of clay, have joined the voices of those Native and African Americans who had little to celebrate about the European discovery of the Americas, in order to sculpt a Columbus of clay from bottom to top.

Their attacks on the motives and methods of Christopher Columbus, as well as on the often unforeseen outcomes of his ventures, are not the first blows to be struck against him. During his third visit to the Island of Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic) in 1498, ambitious rivals had him arrested and sent back to Spain in chains—the first *golpe* in Latin American history! Truly this man has had his critics as well as admirers from the beginning.

The question which fascinates me, as a historian, is what drives a person like Columbus? The sixteenth-century mentality is of special interest, and I have given much research to his generation. This brief look at Columbus focuses on some of the goals that prompted this explorer to undertake his journey—the factors that illuminate his mentality.

During the mid-sixteenth century Columbus' son, Ferdinand, wrote a *Life* of his already famous father, which naturally shows him in heroic proportions. Ferdinand recounted the story of how his father began to think about a voyage of discovery to the west. Colum-

bus, already an experienced sailor, settled in Portugal and married a Portuguese woman. His livelihood had aroused his curiosity about the sea, and he learned from his mother-in-law that her deceased husband, a seafarer with experience along the coast of West Africa, had left some records and sea-charts.

These artifacts increased his interest, and soon he sailed along that coast himself—as far as to the Gold Coast (present-day Ghana). The thought occurred to him that if a voyage so far to the south were possible, why not one equally far to the west? Why not expect to find land there as well? The mentality of the Italian Renaissance, with its curiosity and thirst for knowledge, its supreme self-confidence and daring, shines clearly through this self-taught Genoese mariner.

Bartolomé de Las Casas, the "Protector of the Indians," not only had direct contact with Columbus and his family, he wrote extensively and favorably about him. His Columbus is a religious man, both conventionally and fervently, confident of Divine Providence and motivated to serve God by spreading the faith of Jesus Christ. The Spain and Portugal wherein Columbus lived had a powerful crusade legacy stemming from the centuries-long *Reconquista* struggle against Islam. Columbus had taken on this mentality, as his religious observances and writings display an Iberian devotion and culture.

Along with his Renaissance and *Reconquista* outlooks, Columbus was an astute businessman. His origins in Genoa, a leading Italian trading center, taught him to bargain hard and look after his economic interests. The contract signed in 1492 between Columbus and the rulers of Spain granted him and his descendants not only

honors, titles and political power, but the prospect of riches beyond imagination. If the terms of the deal had actually been honored, the Columbus family would in time have rivaled the wealthiest of dynasties. The mentality emerging with early modern capitalism was also a vital part of his makeup.

When Columbus landed in the "Indies"—for his goal had been to reach the East Indies (China and Japan)—he immediately began a search for the economic rewards that he imagined were his due. Some gold was found, but not nearly enough, and he turned to a second economic prospect—human labor. His return to Europe in 1493 brought the first shipment of slaves across the Atlantic Ocean, for Columbus had with him "Indians" to be sold as slaves in Spain.

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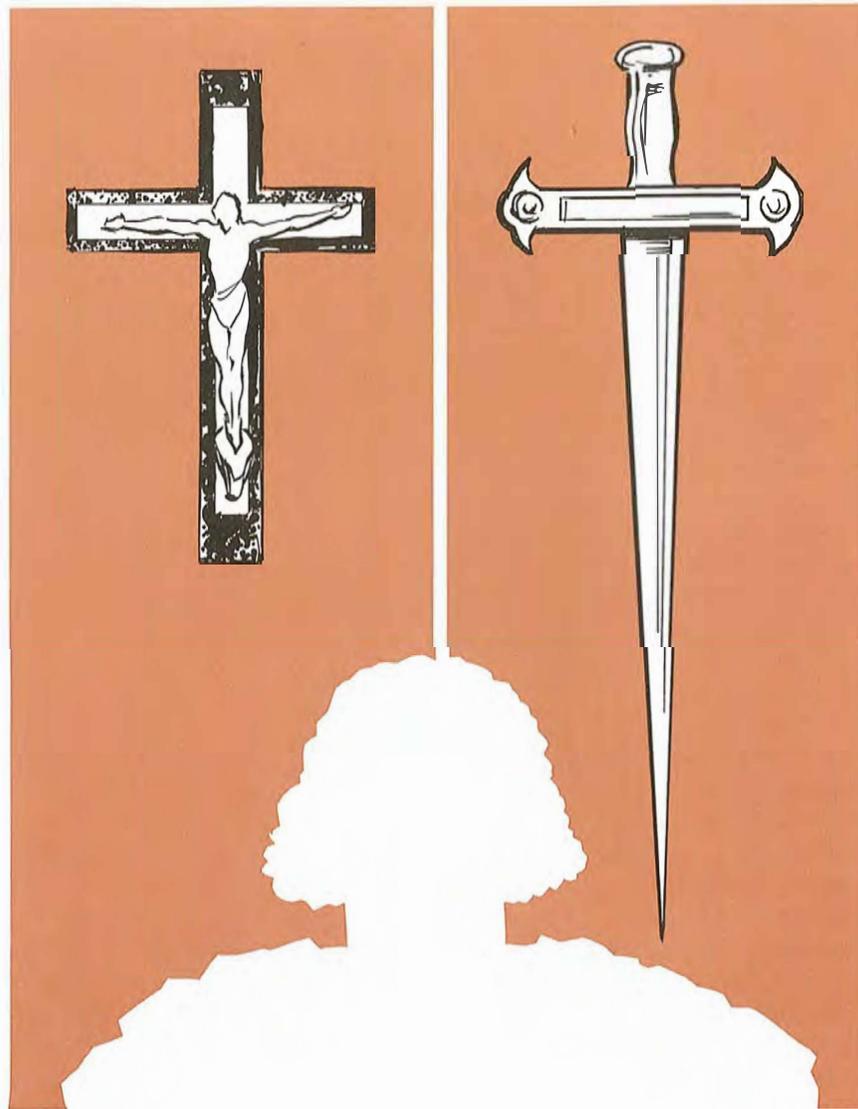
Africans had been carried to Portugal as slaves for half a century, and already the writings of Portuguese historians had argued as a "justification" for such enslavement that it gave those Africans the opportunity to become Christians. How ironic that the religion that promised to make people free was exploited in order to take away their freedom! Fortunately Queen Isabela of Castile had enough sense of duty to thwart Columbus' effort to launch the Atlantic slave trade.

Another bid to compel labor from Americans had a far worse outcome. If Columbus could not get their labor in Europe, he would have it in America. Reflecting the

usual mentality about social and economic hierarchy in Western Europe, and the need for a large laboring class to support a smaller elite, he explained (to the rulers of Spain, according to Las Casas) that the riches of Hispaniola were its people. They were the ones who worked, made the bread and provided the food for the Europeans, and did all the tasks and labor of both men and beasts of burden. Tragically, just such overwork, added to warfare, brutal mistreatment, and the introduction of Old World diseases, soon devastated the Indies and large areas of both American continents as well.

Such ruin was not Columbus' plan, either for humanitarian or economic reasons. Yet, we may see a basic contradiction in the "mentalities" that made up the Columbus personality. Like many of his contemporaries, and not a few among us even today, Columbus was confident that he could carry out God's will on earth and at the same time make himself rich, famous and powerful. His pursuit of the latter goals frustrated the attainment of the first and primary one. ■

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Hero or Villain?

Columbus as Cultural Symbol

by Richard Pointer '77

Few recent historical anniversaries have created as much stir or controversy as the current commemoration of Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the Americas. Scholars, journalists, and the public alike have become caught up in the debate over how best to portray the Italian explorer.

Was he the daring and courageous discoverer of the New World that schoolchildren have

been taught about for centuries? Or was he the first in a long line of European exploiters who brought death and destruction to the native peoples of the Western hemi-

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sphere? Was he a hero or a villain? Should he be honored or vilified?

Framing the debate in this fashion points up that what is at stake is not so much Columbus as real historical person but rather Columbus as symbol. Attackers of Columbus see him as embodying the ethnocentric attitudes and alien microbes that generations of Europeans brought across the Atlantic, wreaking havoc upon the indig-

enous inhabitants they mistakenly labelled "Indians."

Defenders of the sailor-merchant quickly retort that it is unfair to hold one man accountable for all the tragic dimensions of European-Native American interaction. But they must be reminded that using Columbus as metaphor has a very long history in the United States (dating back to the Puritans) and that it was his admirers, not his detractors, who first transformed him into a larger-than-life figure.

For better or worse, Columbus is a part of our national mythology and, as such, his story and the way we tell it, offers a convenient avenue for expressing our own convictions about the central themes of America's historical experience. Little wonder, then, that an ongoing academic argument over the relative merits of European expansion has broadened into a much wider cultural debate on the occasion of the Columbian Quincentenary.

While there is little likelihood of settling the dispute during this anniversary year, the question of what place Columbus will have or should have in the collective memory of future Americans is still worth asking. Recent scholarship detailing the ill consequences of Europe's "invasion" of America has made older, idealistic accounts of Columbus' discoveries less and less tenable.

Hailing Columbus as a symbol of Western or even American progress over the backward ways of primitive peoples, as was done at the 1892 Columbian Exposition in Chicago, clearly will not do if we are going to pay any attention to the perspective and plight of those native American groups who felt the full brunt of such "progress." Listening to their understandings of the Columbian Encounter seems espe-

cially incumbent upon Christians, who are called to do justice to all peoples, past and present. At the very least, tempering any celebrations of the benefits of Columbus' discovery with an awareness of its costs seems in order.

To speak of benefits at all, of course, is definitely out of order according to many of those writing and speaking about Columbus' voyages. Yet to depict the whole affair as an unmitigated disaster is

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to caricature both the event and the man almost as much as earlier glorifications. It serves to reduce early American history to a morality tale pitting native purity versus European evil.

Unraveling the complexities of human motive and behavior in this setting requires far more care and study (even after 500 years) than such a simplistic assigning of guilt and innocence affords. As colonial historian James Axtell has commented, "We should curb the temptation to make premature or, worse, predetermined moral judgements on the past. There will be time enough after we have done our homework thoroughly."

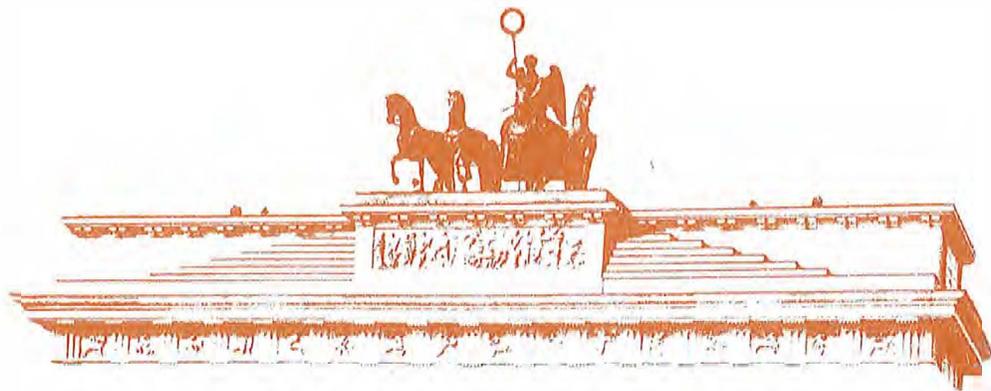
What, then, of Columbus as a cultural symbol? Has the romance surrounding his maritime adventures been so deflated by the grim

realities of native destruction as to remove him from the pantheon of American heroes? Probably not. But for now and the foreseeable future, we seem destined to have competing images of Columbus swirling around both academia and popular culture.

For some, he will continue to be a model of what they see to be best in the American character—an enterprising, intelligent, visionary man willing to persevere to the end to see his dream fulfilled. For others, he will stand as an exemplar of what they consider to be worst in the American historical experience—a racist imperialist whose disregard for native peoples and land caused irreparable harm.

Paradoxically, each image contains a good deal of truth. Perhaps what is necessary is a reconceptualization of Christopher Columbus that is broad enough to see him as both heroic *and* fallen. If that developed, his symbolic value would only be enhanced for a nation whose own history bespeaks the same qualities. Only time will tell whether the American imagination is creative enough to conceive and nurture such a portrait of Columbus and of itself. ■

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East Meets West: an outsider looks at German reunification

by Deborah K. Howard '92

The year 1989 brought hopes and dreams of a new and better life to the people of the German Democratic Republic. The Berlin Wall, symbol of the Cold War and East/West conflict, finally was opened—to the surprise of everyone. What began as a demand for reforms ended by toppling a system too brittle to bend. The communist order in the GDR broke up completely.

Unrealistic estimates of what it would take to bring East Germany up to West German standards led people to believe that reunification would be easy. East German voters turned out to endorse the capitalist system of their western brothers, and the GDR officially ceased to exist as a state. Many believed the propaganda of easy reunification, but others had merely wanted a reformed East German system. Now, as the days pass, more and more East Germans, suffering the frustrations of reunification, forget that they themselves voted for this new system.

I have heard many East Germans declare that under communism things were better. How quickly people romanticize the past once the hardship is over! There were, to be sure, benefits to communism. Officially, everyone had a job, everyone had housing,

and bread was cheap. People knew that a job was guaranteed when they finished schooling, and the state would meet their basic human needs.

On the other hand, the Stasi (state security police) ruled through terror and used a third of the population to report on another third. Now, with fear of the Stasi erased, people forget how completely their lives were once controlled by that terror.

East German hopes for a role in reunification have been crushed as West Germans control the changes.

East German hopes for a new and better life after the fall of the Wall in 1989 floated on media coverage of daily events and the process of reunification. People from the West greeted East Germans with open arms at first, giving money to those visiting the West. That attitude changed as West Germans came to resent this "invasion." Banana jokes surfaced because many East Germans used their money to buy bananas and

other fruit that had not been available in the East.

East Germans expected reunification would rejoin the two Germanies with dialogue on both sides. They knew their industry was technologically and productively behind West Germany's, and West German products were more attractive, but they hoped West Germans would adopt East German practices in other areas that were better. But West Germans, intent on annexation rather than reunification, are dismantling the old East German ways.

East Germans of any age who were able to attend school registered for further education, knowing that their only hope in this new world was to become educated in West German ways. Hardest hit were women with children. Being an unwed mother in the GDR had been no disadvantage, and East German women played a leading role in the work force. The state provided them with jobs to support themselves, and child care while they worked. But there was no such support in the West German philosophy or economy.

University students suffered because many classes taken under the GDR are not being accepted in the Western university system.

Also, for many East German students the prospect of searching for a job when school ends is terrifying. I have no idea what I will do when I finish school, but I am accustomed to thinking in terms of needing to find employment, and it does not worry me.

An East Germany that had virtually full employment suddenly had an official unemployment rate of around 30 percent. The true higher rate was masked by Western-produced, part-time work that lasted only a few months. It is now hard for East Germans to find jobs. They feel discouraged, and the problem is compounded because many West Germans view them as lazy or unemployable, due to lack of skills. It is hard to stimulate people who lack motivation. It is also hard to motivate people when employers treat them like second-class citizens.

I visited one special school set up for people to learn English and computer skills. Those who have studied a lot of English, or who are willing to do the homework, improve their chances of getting hired. These are people primarily in their 30s, but it is harder for older people to benefit from such classes. They have families to care for and other concerns, and do not feel productive sitting in a classroom. Yet, those who do not take these courses have no hope of finding a real job in the West German market.

Money is a problem because of differences in pay rates for East and West German jobs. East German salaries are only 60 percent of West German, but housing costs in the East are rising and food prices are equal or even more expensive there.

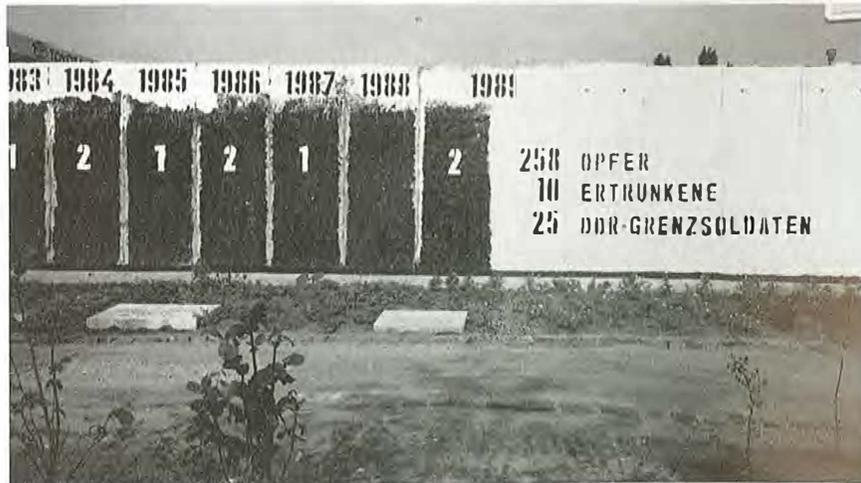
East Germans also have to learn the value of money. Several people I spoke to said money was not a concern under communism. In effect, East German money had no value. People used it to pay the rent, for basic necessities, or for products in East German stores manufactured in East Germany or Eastern Bloc countries, but western

goods on the black market had to be bought with hard currency. Having more East German money than someone else did not matter, because there were so few items to purchase. Since East German money had little intrinsic value, people had no reason to manage it carefully. The basic necessities of life were guaranteed, and whether one paid the rent or not often did not matter. In a capitalist society such financial mismanagement is unacceptable.

Prices in East Germany were controlled for most goods. Now people have to learn how to shop in a capitalist system. That means finding the cheapest product, or the best value for the money, or determining if the cost of gas used to reach a more distant (but cheaper) store exceeds the saving gained.

There is a temptation to get loans to redecorate apartments or buy new equipment not previously available. As an outsider, I became very curious about how the items bought by East Germans will be financed. Many people have new cars, TVs, radios, or bathrooms. Some people even have VCRs and computers. Although the items are often necessary, it seems that many East Germans, as they purchase these new things, have not yet learned to think about their financial future.

However, there are people who are living as much as possible the way they did before the Wall came down. In country areas it is easier for things to change more slowly. Old methods of farming are still used because it is too expensive to buy new equipment. The old methods work about the



Retained section of the Wall preserves record of annual deaths of would-be escapees. Abandoned East German Trabi becomes a garden plot.

same under capitalism as under communism, although it is harder to sell East German produce, and East German methods may be less profitable than those under more modern supervision.

As I travelled this summer, the difference between some West and East German farms amazed me. Crops in the West were healthy and abundant. Crops in the East were sparse and unhealthy. Part of the discrepancy was due to a drought that the East could not handle for lack of irrigation equipment and modern technology.

Many East Germans resent West German domination and feel like second-class citizens. East German hopes for a role in reunification have been crushed as West Germans control the changes in almost every area. The initial euphoria of reunification is over, and hard times have begun. Although most

East Germans see their situation as better now than under communism, many would think twice before voting again for instant reunification; not only East Germans, but West Germans as well.

Some West Germans resent reunification due to higher taxes. Others complain about the slow, polluting, East German Trabis (cars), or about how dangerous East Germans are in Western cars because they are not used to so much power. They also ridicule East Germans for having accidents on purpose to buy better cars with the insurance money.

Many of the problems of reunification stem from the end of World War Two. West Germany received financial help from the Marshall Plan. East Germany was drained of finances, industry, manpower, and intelligence by the Soviets. West Germans had a Cold War policy of not allowing technically-advanced products to go into East Germany. East Germans had to develop their own technology, while West Germans had help from Western countries. It is only natural that East German production would stay behind West Germany's. Now West Germans are having to face the cost of their Cold War policy, and they do not like it very much.

I am sympathetic to the problems of reunification for the East German side. Much more of my time was spent there and in East Berlin than in the West. The people are as different as their physical surroundings. I have been told that because of the flawed GDR system, people used to help each other in order to survive. They gave more time to family and friends, to talking and discussing deep philosophical ideas. Remnants of that culture still survive, at least in the people I have met. Many East Germans resent the demands of capitalist society. People no longer have time for family, as they struggle to find work.

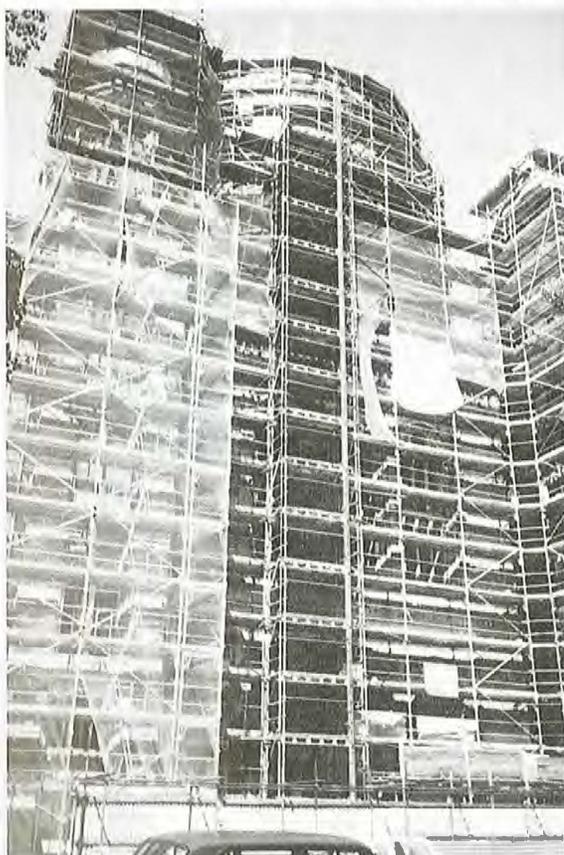
Although the goal of reunifi-

cation of East and West Germany has existed ever since 1945, no one made any plans about how that might really take place. Everyone assumed, as the GDR's Erich Honecker confidently proclaimed, that the Wall could stand for a hundred years. Thus, the suddenness with which the Wall fell, followed by the Western politicians' push for speedy reunification, was harmful to its actual achievement.

As is typical of human nature, people romanticize the past in times of trouble and forget its difficulties. I think that the greatest problem of reunification is not learning about money or business or new technology. It is learning to appreciate others, no matter what their background. Communist thinking was instilled into East Germans for over 40 years, and it will take more than a few years to change that way of thinking. The more difficult West Germans make reunification for East Germans, the longer it will take, for the old ways will continue to be romanticized in the people's minds.

At times it is difficult to see many of the advantages of reunification. However, East Germans now can travel freely and have access to all the things denied them under communism. For myself, the greatest advantage of reunification was that I was able to live in East Berlin, to study there, and to meet many wonderful, interesting and delightful people. ■

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Synagogue wrecked during Kristallnacht under Hitler, is now being rebuilt.

Educating the Whole Person 1992 HOUGHTON COLLEGE President's Report

For 109 years Houghton College has endeavored to educate whole persons. This summary outlines ways in which the college seeks to continue that mission today. A full text report is available from the president's office.

Academics

Alumni achievement in diverse professional fields gives strong evidence of success in educating the whole person. To keep abreast of ever-changing needs, during the past year Houghton endeavored to address several academic challenges facing private liberal arts colleges.

To make Houghton College more accessible to more people we have broadened the range of academic programs. Via collaboration with Wycliffe Bible Translators, we now offer a **linguistics minor**. An interdisciplinary minor in **environmental studies** incorporates scientific research, outdoor recreation, and aesthetic appreciation for God's creation.

During the past year, one professor completed a graduate degree and four other faculty members completed all academic requirements for their doctorates except the dissertation. Many faculty engaged in professional development activities, attending seminars sponsored by the Christian

College Coalition, presenting papers at learned societies in their area, or publishing articles and books.

The faculty also undertook a major review and revision of the general education requirements that undergird Houghton's liberal arts focus. After completing a conceptual framework for general education during the 1990-91 academic year, the faculty began this past year to address the specific shape of core courses.

The college is also increasingly committed to facilitating learning in unique geographic and pedagogical settings. Last year, Houghton faculty taught or studied specialized courses in Eastern Europe, France, Honduras, Puerto Rico, and Singapore.

Dealing with difficult family situations ranked highest in personal counseling session topics.

To increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness, in April the faculty and trustees approved a total reorganization of the academic governance of Houghton, replacing the divisional/departmental structure with 16 departments. This action enhances flexibility and facilitates responsiveness to academic challenges and opportunities. Department chairs will now work directly with the academic dean and/or two half-time associate deans of curricula and professional development respectively.

As evidence of our commitment to the spiritual development of future leaders for the Church, the college intensified its efforts to promote spiritual vitality on cam-

pus. Reflecting our society, ever growing numbers of students come to us from dysfunctional families and with a limited understanding of Scripture. Dr. Bud Bence, Dean of Christian Life and Ministries, has been appointed to coordinate and promote spiritual ministries on campus and the chapel program in particular.

He will also work with the religion department faculty to develop an innovative program for undergraduate *and graduate* ministerial studies.

Student Development

Dean of Students Robert Danner and his student development staff strive constantly to improve the living and learning experiences of Houghton students.

In 1991-92 the chapel program was revamped with the addition of a clear worship component in almost every service. The career development center worked with over 800 students to prepare them for graduate school, career, and in general, life after Houghton.

In a cooperative effort with the alumni office, plans were made for the "Alumni at Work in Career Planning and Placement" program. Special programming included "A World Ready for Women. . ." which highlighted women's concerns, issues, and achievements.

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A best-ever winning record in intercollegiate athletics of 102 wins, 36 losses, and six ties evidences top athletes and efforts by coaching staff.

External Affairs

Development: We are able to educate "the whole person" because of support from individuals,

foundations, corporations, and churches. Helping alumni and other friends to understand Houghton's mission in personal terms was the key to our modest successes in development in 1991-1992. Current fund and foundation giving showed 15 percent increases over the previous fiscal year reaching \$1.98 million. Capital giving declined as many donors completed their pledges on the academic building.

Despite recessionary times, two exciting projects were completed. The annual phonathon raised over \$267,000 in cash and pledges for student scholarships, and the micro-computer laboratory was upgraded for \$65,000. Some \$113,000 in life income trusts were completed during the fiscal year. Focus of the capital campaign is to secure major gifts of \$4 million for phase one of the fine arts center.

College Relations: While most of our efforts are inwardly-focused at providing a whole-person education for our students, the college relations office focuses outward toward educating and informing a variety of different audiences about who we are.

The student music outreach group, *Heirborne*, and the athletic/counseling team, *Dayspring*, ministered in 65 camps, churches, and conferences in 13 states. Over 800 general news releases and hometown stories from the college provided information on a variety of Houghton topics. The busy conference program operated throughout the school year and summer. Guests praised our excellent facilities, convenience and cleanliness of the campus, and the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff.

In the area of visual communication, we welcomed a new graphic designer to the staff, be-

came fully automated in terms of desk-top production of publications, and initiated a redesign of the college magazine, *The Houghton Milieu*.

Admissions/Alumni

Admissions: A review of organizational charts from other colleges suggests that there is no one "correct" administrative structure.

In 1991-92 Houghton did what no other college or university is doing—combined alumni and admissions. There are many ways in which these seemingly disparate areas overlap. For example both offices travel a great deal and alumni loyalty is a valuable resource for the admissions office as alumni often guide prospective students toward Houghton. Under Tim Fuller's capable leadership, this new area of the college has flourished.

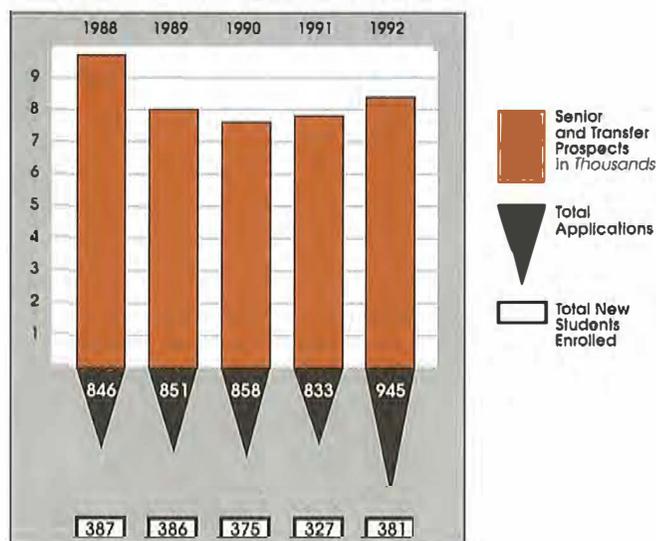
With enhanced travel schedules, admissions staff members visited over 250 public and Christian high schools, driving over 66,000 miles in the process of these visits, plus college fairs, home visits, and other off-campus events.

The admissions staff made over 7,300 phone calls to prospective students, parents, pastors, and guidance counselors, conducted over 800 individual interviews with campus visitors, and talked to many more in group sessions. A large incoming freshman class is evidence that these efforts succeeded. An all-time record for fall enrollment applications was set as nearly 1,000 students applied.

A redesigned viewbook drew favorable notices from others in the fields of advertising and student recruitment. In addition, a book called *After You Graduate* was given to each accepted student. The book contains helpful information on decision making, college choice, and other issues of interest to high school seniors. This book provides evidence to accepted freshmen that Houghton cares about them as whole persons, not just as tuition deposits.

It takes much more time, staff, budget, and energy to bring in freshmen and transfers in adequate quality and quantity than it did 10 years ago. While we continue to make staff efforts more

The Admissions Funnel: 1988-92



efficient and more effective, a large part of the challenge that faces us relates to mobilizing the entire campus community to aid in the tasks of student recruitment and retention.

While many alumni refer prospective student names, we must develop an alumni network more closely involved in working with the admissions office in home areas.

Alumni: During Summer Alumni Weekends I and II, alumni came from as far away as Washington State, Maine, and Florida—344 for Weekend I, and 345 for Weekend II.

The alumni board approved changes that renamed the two weekends as Summer Alumni I and II, and moved the 15-year class to Weekend II.

Forty-five alumni chapters met throughout the country. The Brooksville, Orlando, Mid-Hudson, and Baltimore chapters have well-established traditions and strong attendance records. This year's alumni trip was a journey down the Erie Canal traveling from Amsterdam to Syracuse. The admissions and development offices joined forces with the alumni office in March to invite alumni, prospective student families, and other friends to a dinner at Willow Valley in Lancaster, PA, with nearly 125 attending. Plans are underway to repeat this successful new event in Albany and North Jersey.

Buffalo Suburban Campus

In 1991 Houghton entered the rapidly-expanding market of educating adult learners by instituting an interdisciplinary major in organizational studies for non-traditional students.

This program enables working adults with previous college experience an opportunity to complete

the remaining 36 hours of a baccalaureate degree in 15 months through evening classes and intensive individualized learning. Under the leadership of Dr. John Robson we initiated our first three modules in this program. During the coming year, we anticipate extending beyond the current teaching site at the Buffalo Suburban Campus to the main campus and the Olean campus of Jamestown Community College.

Physical Plant

Dedicated men and women of the staff labor diligently to maintain college grounds and facilities throughout the year. Due to the efforts of our maintenance department, we spent less than we budgeted on heating, and the energy management program continues to reduce electricity and heating costs. In addition to the computerization of our heating system, we upgraded electrical fixtures and boilers with energy-efficient units. The cost of this upgrade was partially refunded by Rochester Gas and Electric, with rebates his past year over \$13,000.

Perhaps the most visible evidence of improvement to the physical plant is provided by our volunteer labor force. We deeply

appreciate their service.

Finance

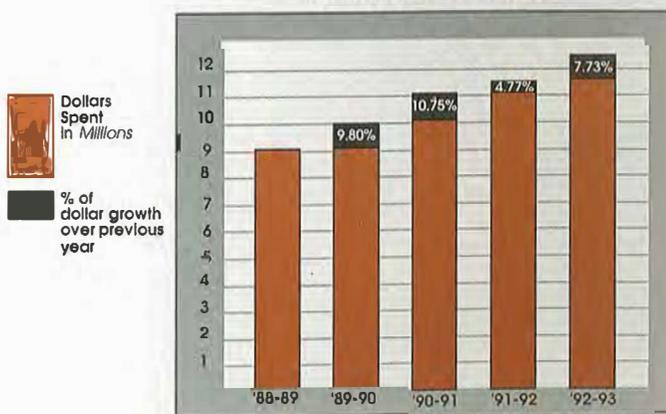
Balancing the budget required a reduction of our accumulated unrestricted current fund surplus. A positive balance of \$34,560 remains, but we dare not further erode this tiny cushion.

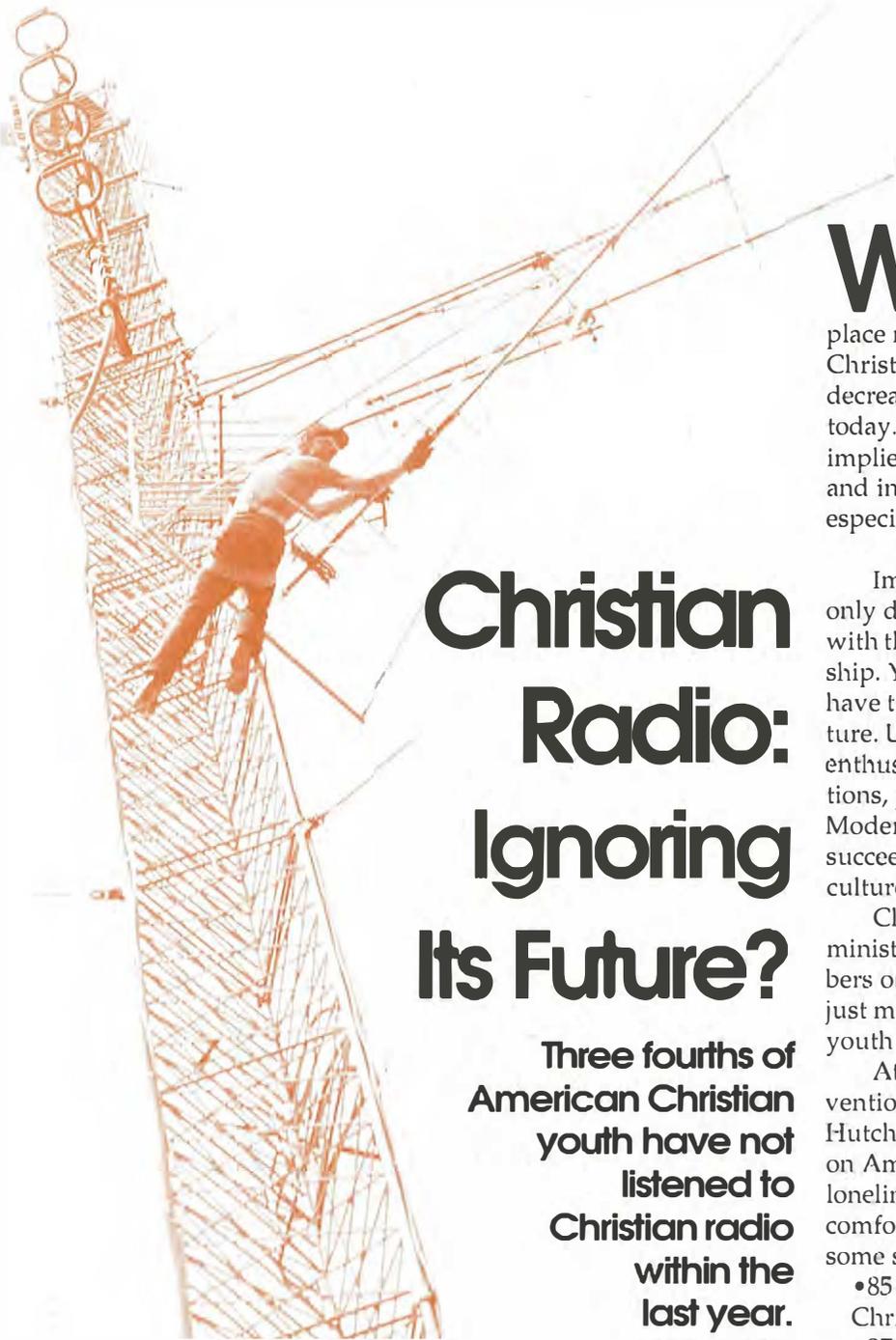
Budget

Vice President for Finance Ken Nielsen reports a balanced budget of \$16 million is in place for 1992-93 with a contingency fund of only one half percent or \$200,000. This budget is even more austere than some of our previous budgets.

Faculty and staff salary increases are limited to two percent, but in addition, the increased value of the fully-paid health plan is equivalent to another two percent increase in wages. To meet the demands of this budget, the new equipment account was limited to meet only our contractual commitments. However, financial aid is increased by 15.85 percent to over \$1.8 million. This extraordinary increase reflects the reality that affordability is a key issue for Houghton students. ■

Educational and General Budget Expenditures: 1988-92





Christian Radio: Ignoring Its Future?

Three fourths of American Christian youth have not listened to Christian radio within the last year.

by Deb Cauvel '93



Why is Christian radio mainly thought of as something for Christians? Should it be? Personally, I think Christian radio should place more of an emphasis on reaching out to non-Christians, particularly to youth. There is an ever-decreasing amount of positive influence in the world today. The word outreach has two parts: OUT which implies action and REACH which involves contact and interaction. Why don't Christians attempt more, especially since they already have the potential?

Too Narrow a Ministry

Imagine being a missionary in a foreign land. Not only do you share the basics of the Christian faith with the people, but you also teach them how to worship. You feel your efforts have been successful. You have transplanted Western religion in a different culture. Unfortunately, you find the natives less than enthusiastic about Christianity. Despite good intentions, your missionary efforts have basically failed. Modern missionaries know that Christianity rarely succeeds in a land if the religion is not adapted to the culture.

Christian radio is a prime example of just such a ministry. Despite radio's potential to reach large numbers of people, Christian radio has little to offer what just may be its most important audience—American youth (people between the ages of 12 and 20).

At the 1992 National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Washington, DC, Ron Hutchcraft of Ron Hutchcraft Ministries, Inc. in Wayne, NJ, commented on American youth: "Kids today are tormented by loneliness, controlled by sex, fascinated by Satan, comfortable with suicide." Hutchcraft also presented some striking statistics:

- 85 percent of the people who ever accept Jesus Christ do so by the age of 18
- 97 percent of American teens listen to FM radio each week
- 75 percent of American *Christian* youth have not listened to *Christian* radio within the last year

Other convention speakers talked on the sorry state of youth today and how Christian broadcasting is, basically, standing passively by as an entire generation goes to hell.

The main reason that youth don't listen to Christian radio is that the music and programs lack appeal.

Walking Farther

How far should Christian radio go in order to reach youth? Broadcasters need to push the limits by getting to know who their young listeners are. Advertisers suit sales pitches to specific groups using information on the likes, dislikes, etc., of those

groups. Advertisers are able to sell because they work to know their intended consumer (Jewley 37). Making a difference requires a thorough understanding of what youth think, feel, know, like, dislike, and worry about.

"Walking farther" does not mean a station must play secular music or sacrifice Christian principles. But overall sound is essential. A beat or rhythm is not evil. It is the lyrics, the attitudes of the performers, and the attitudes of the broadcaster which make a message positive or negative. When people are searching the radio dial for a station, the station they pause to listen to has approximately one second to impress that listener. One second!

Supporting a Positive Alternative

If a Christian radio station has a staff committed to reaching youth, those people should not be forced to deal with hostile criticism from the church community. Broadcasters who desire to reach youth need support. The church population could serve a vital role in helping broadcasters maintain their focus of reaching youth with the gospel message.

Today most Christian radio stations cater to what author Quentin Schultze calls the "evangelical subculture." This subculture is composed of loyal listeners for the many syndicated preaching and biblical instruction programs on Christian radio. Such prerecorded programming significantly cuts costs. Too, broadcasters have found such programs "safe" in comparison to contemporary Christian music. Thus Christian broadcasters are placed in a difficult situation. The *status quo* keeps their station operating without great financial risk-taking, but on the other side, a generation seeking answers which faith could provide, is lost.

In an article titled, "New Strategies for Winning Unreached Youth", author J. Allan comments, "[The Church's] failure to work in the right places, and to react flexibly in changing situations, is creating the unreached youth problem" (Allan 130). The church body must understand the need for flexibility in the way the Christian message is presented. Youth need to be dealt with on their own level, where they are, and in their own language.

If you were to travel to Czechoslovakia, you might find life difficult if you knew nothing of the country's culture, including the language. People expect a certain amount of respect, even from a tourist. Youth today have their own culture which includes its own language and customs. If you don't speak the language of youth, chances are you'll be as unsuccessful as you would be in Czechoslovakia.

In order to reach youth, it is necessary to first understand life from a youth's perspective. Youth typically do not think of the future. They seek acceptance, and, since often the "wrong crowd" offers acceptance, youth can be drawn into negative situations rather easily (Campolo 35-40).

Broadcasters do not need to condone the youth culture, but they do need an understanding of the fashion, attitudes toward authority, interests, and issues (such as sex and drugs) that concern youth. Broadcasters need to understand enough to identify with youth. Such an understanding will aid broadcasters in developing effective programming, adapting the Christian message for youth in a way

Keeping WJSL on the Air

Today's WJSL is in the top 10 percent of the nation's 1,400 collegiate stations in terms of power, budget and service area, with some 50 students on staff. But without the volunteered services of physics professor Fred Trexler, station manager Dave Manney says, "We wouldn't be on the air."

Since his Houghton student days in the early '60s, Dr. Trexler has been involved with WJSL. Now he annually donates hundreds of hours—according to Manney—between classes and labs sometimes "jury rigging around problems during the broadcast day, then making things right during the night."

As secretary of the Flough-ton College Radio Corporation board and volunteer chief engineer, Fred uses maintenance occasions as teaching time for students interested in the technical end of broadcasting. He regularly climbs the 175-foot antenna tower six miles from campus on Russell Hill to fine tune aiming of the signal, for general maintenance and trouble shooting. Fred created the software which automates signal control, monitors output and transmitter conditions for the station control room, and allows override.

In comparing today's WJSL to the station of his student days, technician Fred Trexler observed: "The station has moved from club to varsity status." Dave Manney added: "And our season lasts 365 days a year."





Dave Manney shows Mike Knight and his family WJSL control board

Regeneration and Recruitment

The Keith Knight family lives in Andover, New York, near the south eastern edge of WJSL's primary coverage area. The couple home schools their sons, teenager David and 12-year-old Michael. Mike listens to the evening Christian Contemporary Music programs on WJSL. ● On April 22 Mike was listening when WJSL announced one of those contests where the 10th caller gets the prize—this time it was a Life Application Bible as part of a Tyndale House promotion.

Mike managed to be that designated caller. Because of an address mixup his award didn't come and his mom called the station. Manager Dave Manney took up the cause with the result that Tyndale House sent both the promised prize and a student edition copy. On the day the Bibles arrived, Mike spent hours looking them over, excitedly showing sidebar items to his parents and asking questions. Late in the evening he asked them to pray with him as he rededicated his life to Christ.

When Dave Manney learned of this he invited the family to tour WJSL. Now son David is interested in Houghton Academy and Mike is interested in college here, because of the communications major and the radio station. This story gives fresh impetus to the stations's six student managers and 30-40 others with on-air opportunities to remember and exploit the station's capacity for ministry.

youth will understand. Above all, Christian radio must avoid talking "adult" to youth.

Recently I had the opportunity to talk to five 12 to 13-year-olds (three boys and two girls) about their radio listening habits. I asked the group what they would like to hear on a Christian radio station. They all agreed that the Christian radio available to them is boring. They wanted more music and less adult talk. The music they would play would be more up-beat, faster paced. The overall style or format for their ideal station would be similar to their favorite secular stations.

In my opinion, Christians need to open their eyes to the urgent need for programming which offers youth a positive alternative to what modern culture has to offer.

What Next?

Consider for a moment the consequences of ignoring the needs of the present generation of youth. The great majority of youth are unchurched, and if they grow up without the message of Jesus, then what will those youth be like as adults? Is it worth the risk to ignore their needs and abandon them to the influences of an immoral American culture?

There is no room to simply assume that modern youth will "come around" and change after a time. Just like a drowning swimmer may be unaware that, in trying to stay afloat, he or she is fighting help, so youth are unaware of the subtle influences that shape who they will become and how damaging those influences could be. But the issue must be handled carefully. Youth need to hear a message they understand, identify with, and, most importantly, a message that is not threatening. The community of believers must support those reaching out to youth, even though

they personally don't identify with the way the gospel message is sent.

Christian broadcasters have known about the lack of youth programming for many years but largely ignore the problem, while the church denies its existence—and youth are the ones who will suffer. To change this, Christian broadcasters need to learn the language and venture into the chaos of youth culture, sending strong messages that will begin to make a difference.

What's WJSL Doing?

Over 40 years on the air, WJSL has moved from being an AM carrier current campus voice, to being a 6,000-watt FM stereo ministry heard in several counties, a fairly large station by college standards.

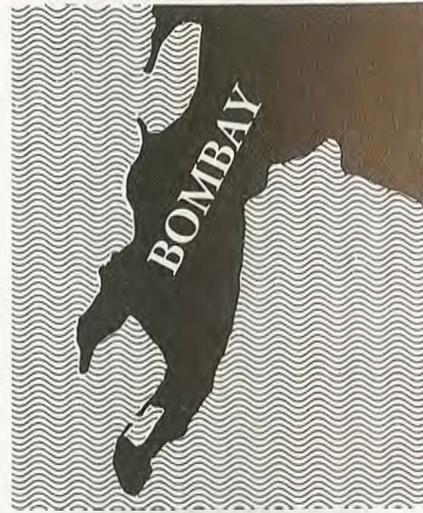
The bulk of programming is typical of the kind of Christian radio I've discussed—an adult format with many talk segments and some children's programs. But the program philosophy includes the phrase "to serve the widest possible audience." Evenings we try to program a Christian contemporary sound.

Although classroom work and station policy seek to guide students into seeing radio as ministry, on the air it's up to the individual DJ to bring a spiritual dimension to a program. Meeting academic requirements or personal fulfillment motivates some, but while skill and aptitude may vary, ministry is a prime goal for many. ■

Deb Caurvel is a senior communication major from near Bradford, PA. She anticipates a career in either radio or public relations. Currently she is engaged in an independent study in radio drama, seeking to adapt and record The Singer Trilogy by Calvin Miller.



Housing diversity in Bandra section of Bombay contrasts medium rise apartments against the skyline with a squatter slum. Note the sewer pipe running through the bottom third of the picture. Author Swauger says it leaks steadily .



Lessons in India

by Tim Swauger '89

Snake charmers and roaming cows, missionaries and poverty, overwhelming heat.

Such were the stereotypes I brought with me to India in 1990.

Since then I've been blessed to see behind the mystique with which Americans endow the country. Behind the stereotypes lies a wealth of culture and tradition from which we may all learn, and through which we may become more Christ-like. I have learned much about the ways of a Christ-like life, and had the opportunity to share my own culture's tradition of community action through Habitat's self-help house building ministry.

The most appropriate word to describe this nation of 867 million is 'diverse'—in dress, religion, language, customs, and socio-economic positions. There is also vast diversity between city and village life. Bombay has computers, cable hook-ups, MTV and New York fashions side by side with elements of village life where

age-old customs, dress and traditions predominate.

At first the grazing water buffaloes, ox-drawn cars and turbaned village men fascinated my partner, Jim, and me when we first came to the semi-rural setting



Doing the wash without laundromat or Maytag: Habitat team's neighbor family in Hubli

of Hubli, Karnataka, in February of 1990. Next we felt isolated and frustrated. Fortunately, God in his faithfulness directed us toward a community of overwhelmingly hospitable people. For example, you cannot enter a home without immediately being offered a seat and a cup of hot, milky Indian tea. Friends will insist on paying your bill at restaurants and count it their duty to carry your luggage. With such affection showered upon us it is easy to understand how we assimilated into the life, and such caring acts as these opened the door for relationships with people who have become like family—just as Christ promises in Mark 10:29-30.

After a year of adjustment we made the big shift from our relatively high class office/house into the squatter settlement so that we could become more integrated into the community where most of our friends lived. We also wanted to experience the life of a squatter. Home was a simple 12x18 foot house of brick with cow-dung/mud plaster, with a roof of red tile over bamboo purlins—no electricity, no toilet or running water. We used kerosene lanterns and stove. Washes were done on a flat stone near a pump well a quarter mile away. Our household water came from a faucet outside the house which ran for three hours every other day—sometimes—a source

shared with our landlord and four other families.

Our landlord's boys and the other neighborhood kids would help us carry water in the traditional jugs. Eventually, our place became an open house for neighbors as theirs were for others. We came to realize that the setting was like a large family where each household helped the others, shared what little they had, argued and acted selfishly—just like any other "family."

It took getting used to, but after we loosened up from our American propensity toward pos-

wealth and poverty is jarring. Half of its 12,000,000 plus people live in squatter settlements amid deplorable conditions—tin and tarp huts jammed along railway tracks and around giant black cesspools of raw sewage.

Of course, modern amenities and good housing are the norm for others. Bombay is in the midst of a housing crisis, needing 1.1 million units annually to re-house squatters, with another 50,000 units needed each year [for new residents]. Families of five to eight may be housed in an 8x8 hut. Habitat's Bombay work began in

important as housing itself. Habitat requires homeowners to fulfill self-help "sweat equity" tasks like dismantling old houses, digging foundations, transporting materials into the settlement. In general Indian society lacks the community "barn raising" tradition, nor does it encourage the idea of working outside one's occupation—especially if the work is as undignified as sweat-equity tasks.

While not everyone was enthusiastic about this aspect, most lost their inhibitions upon seeing the fervor of local volunteers and me joining in their effort. Within days most were full-fledged construction workers committed to their cause with greater stamina than I could muster. One group of four families worked well together while the other five did not. But even the five families who had to be coerced to invest the sweat equity experienced what can be done when everyone cooperates.

Certainly everyone beamed with pride and accomplishment when we dedicated the houses. It's a thrill to work your heart out for something you can believe in! ■



"A dramatic improvement in quality and security." Habitat houses Swauger helped construct in Bombay's Brivili section.

sessiveness and the idea of "space," we became members of the community. We learned that life can be lived and enjoyed without a washing machine, hot showers and TV. In the shadow of the Earth Summit, it was good to learn that we can help keep God's world looking good by being less consumptive, and still enjoy life.

After 18 months in Hubli, our Habitat project was placed on hold due to committee and legal problems. Jim was transferred to a village in Kerala and I went to the booming metropolis of Bombay where my Habitat activities took off. In Bombay the contrast of

1988 and has since built 20 homes. Land is scarce and Habitat may only operate within settlements where families have received permission to build within the area they've occupied.

Our houses are a dramatic improvement in quality, security and more. Bombay is infamous for its floods and squatter settlements are always the hardest hit. Habitat houses are elevated 18 inches above ground to prevent interior flooding. Since horizontal expanding is impossible, Habitat doubles original living space by constructing a second floor.

How the houses are built is as

For two and a half years, Tim Swauger has been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity serving in India—since 1990 working on construction projects in Bombay. Just before his return to the United States in October, Tim sent us copy and photos from which the following article is abstracted. He is just one of several alumni working with Habitat worldwide, and present Houghton students and community members are active in the Buffalo and Genesee Valley chapters. Next summer the alumni office hopes to coordinate two Habitat travel and work opportunities for alumni (see page 20).

by David Mee, Sports Information Director

Men's Soccer Shooting for Playoffs?

1991 was certainly a tough act to follow. After finishing 17-2-2 last season, Coach Doug Burke's Highlanders are aiming for a third consecutive NAIA District 18 Championship. At 7-3-2 currently, Houghton will find themselves at home for the balance of the season.

Fall '92 has seen a fair amount of excitement, including a sweep of two opponents on a Friday/Saturday Homecoming—King's and Eastern. Senior co-captain Randy Levak currently leads the Highlanders in scoring with 14 goals, while junior co-captain Dan Dominguez and sophomore All-American Jamie Wellington have, as expected, been leaders in the scoring column.

If the Highlanders can continue to score at the pace that they have set this season, the post-season may again reach the area playoffs with an opportunity to gain a berth in the NAIA National Championship in Texas.

Soccer Women Continuing Patient

Despite a 3-6 record to date, the Lady Highlanders' soccer squad has had more opportunities than their record might indicate. Coach Lewis's record turn-out in pre-season camp left him with the challenge of searching for the right combination.

Yet, Houghton has been very competitive to this point in the season. California prep star Heidi Gugler has been a consistent scoring threat in her first year. Sophomore Tanya Trezise has anchored the midfield, while the team has benefited from the veteran leadership of players Jenny Smith, Denise Burton, and Tricia Atkinson.

The season highlights include a pair of wins over Roberts Wesleyan. Most observers feel that it is

just a matter of time before all the scoring opportunities materialize into goals on the score board. When that happens, the Lady Highlanders will certainly win with regularity.

Cross Country Seeks Third District Championship

Houghton's men's and women's cross country teams will soon be running towards another NAIA District 18 Championship. Both teams have posted strong performances in their weekly invitational meets. Naomi Castellani and Heather George are not only consistent top finishers for Houghton, but are usually among the best overall runners in each race. Leslie Roberts, a freshman from New Hampshire, has been a success in her first year of competition.

The Lady Highlanders showed their talent recently when they won the St. Bonaventure Invitational. Tim Thurber has been a consistent top finisher for the men. Despite tough competition, the Highlander men have run solid races, often finishing among the top five. Kenley Perry has been a bright spot for the squad in his first year. Coach Smalley and his runners are aiming for another trip to the NAIA national championships in November.

Hockey Continues to Shine at 8-1

Once again the Lady Highlander field hockey squad has proven itself a team to be respected. Having captured both the Christian College Invitational title for the second year and their own Houghton tournament, their record currently is an impressive 8-1.

Senior Lori Sheetz, as expected, has continued to demonstrate that she is among the area's top collegiate players. Sheetz has been joined as a top

scorer by sophomore Brenda Pettygrove, who shows no ill signs of last year's knee surgery. Frosh Jen Todd has remained steady in goal-tending duties in her rookie campaign.

First-year head coach Lisa Groff has her Lady Highlanders in form to post another outstanding record. They finished 10-3-2 last year and contributed to Houghton's best intercollegiate athletic year ever.

Volleyball—Lord Reaches 100 Wins

Some felt that the Lady Highlanders would be faced with a rebuilding year in '92. Despite the loss of some key elements to last year's 34-3 squad, Houghton has raced to a 13-2 record. Included in this fine start are tournament titles at the Messiah College Invitational and Houghton's own tournament.

Head Coach "Skip" Lord reached a milestone—his 100th career win at the helm of the Lady Highlander's volleyball program. His team honored him at a home contest in recognition of this achievement.

Freshman standout Becca Pifer surprised no one in filling a key hitting position for Houghton, despite a mid-season injury. Fillmore Central product Christie Brown and Virginia native Sheri Lankford have continued to be two of the district's best power players. A district championship may soon be within reach.

14 At 95, **Ruth (Readett) Whitaker** has recently moved to be near her daughter. She writes that she would love to hear from alumni from the years 1908-1915. Her address: 3005-15th St. SE, Auburn, WA 98002.

31 **Homer and Mildred (Stevenson '30)** Fero celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 21. They continue to live in Houghton where Homer practiced dentistry for 40 years.

36 **Florence (Clissold) Betts** and her husband Clarence are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They recently traveled nearly 4000 miles in New York and Michigan.

39 **Raymond Carpenter** and his wife, **Geraldine**, live in a retirement community called Leisure World in Laguna Hills, CA, where Ray serves as a gate attendant. He also teaches a senior citizen's Sunday school class at the Mission Viejo Wesleyan Church and co-ordinates a Dial-a-Devotion telephone call-in program at the Laguna Hills United Methodist Church. He lives nine miles from his daughter, **Ellen (Carpenter '62) Young**.

As resource coordinator for the Billy Graham Association, **Lois (Roughan) Fern** was recently named to *Who's Who in Religion* for '92-'93. In March, she represented the president of the University of Minnesota (where she earned her PhD) at the installation of the new president of the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Her husband, **Robert**, suffered a stroke two years ago. His book, *Billy Graham: Do the Conversions Last?*, was published in 1989.

40 **Helen (Reynolds) Smith** writes that her husband, **Herman '42** ministered over 50 years with The Wesleyan Church in Ontario and New York, Oregon and Washington States. "Retirement years are still lived 'All for Jesus' in full-time service."

43 **Margaret (Peg Baker) Jones** reports that her husband of almost 44 years, **Robert** (brother of **Marion (Jones '39) Smith**), died last March after a brief but gallant fight with lung cancer.

Michael Sheldon recently received a full Paul Harris Fellow membership from the Ft. Myers Beach (FL) Rotary at the end of his year as president. He serves as parish associate at The Chapel By The Sea (Presbyterian U.S.A.).

Paul and Irene (Butts) Snyder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 18 in Stockton, CA, where they have lived since 1980. Friends and family from Delaware, New Jersey, and Minnesota attended. Paul and Irene are active in the music and tape ministries of Quail Lakes Baptist Church.

45 **Stanley Taber** has retired from active ministry after 40 years with the Wesleyan Methodist and then The Wesleyan Church. He and his wife, **Betty**, now live in Greensboro, MD, where they are the district directors of Best Years Fellowship, The Wesleyan Church's senior adult program.

46 Besides teaching a neighborhood Bible Study and ladies' Sunday school class, **Fay (Hunting) Bennett** teaches medical terminology classes at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. In March, she and her husband, **Ehrmann**, travelled from Maine to the west coast in their RV.

We regret to report that we have received word that **Evelyn (MacNeill)**

McMonigle's husband, **Clyde**, died in July. **Myra (James) Shedd** does a lot of traveling with her husband, **Hudson**, who is director of the Gospel Mission of South America.

47 **James Pinneo** is spending six months as ship's doctor on the *Logos II*, visiting ports in Columbia, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Jamaica.

Betty Jane Tutton continues to teach interdisciplinary humanities courses at St. Petersburg Junior College in Clearwater, FL. She is also active in the teaching ministries of her own and other area churches.

48 **Robert Ernst** continues to serve by filling in for vacationing pastors. He

Alumni Trips for 1993

Wesleyan Heritage Tour of England—August 4-14, 1993

London • Oxford • Bristol • Cornwall

This 11-day tour will offer an enjoyable look at some of the places which were significant in the development and ministry of John and Charles Wesley. The itinerary, specially designed for thoughtful and leisurely touring, includes both group activities and individual time. Local Wesley historians and Houghton's own Wesley expert (and tour host) Dr. John Tyson will share their knowledge via lectures and discussion. Tour accommodations will include university residences in London and Oxford.

Approximate cost (including airfare and some meals) is \$1600.00.

Champlain Canal Cruise—September 1-3, 1993

Share the Champlain Canal with Houghton alumni and friends. This three-day cruise, provided by Mid-Lakes Navigation Company, will take you from Albany, NY, to the Adirondack village of Whitehall and back. You'll enjoy fine food and historic sites amid the splendor of early fall foliage.

Cost (including all meals and two nights' housing) is \$420 or \$470 (single hotel room).

Alumni Service Trips—August 1993

The alumni office encourages your participation in two *Habitat for Humanity* projects led by Houghton College personnel next August. Both sites—Baltimore, MD, and Brattleboro, VT—can provide housing for a small work team. There will be ample time for worship and recreational activities.

More travel and service trip details are forthcoming. Please call Bruce Campbell at the Alumni Office (1-800-777-2556) with any questions.

and his wife, Gladys, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6.

Virginia (Warner) Steffel works part-time out of her home, scheduling appearances for the Jews For Jesus musical group, *The Liberated Wailing Wall*. She and her husband, Milan, live in Pleasantville, NJ.

50 Robert and Mary (Perrine '51) Harter have moved to a retirement community called Cumberland Crossings in Carlisle, PA. They write, "Y'all come by."

Joyce (Cowan) McCullough, living in Scarborough, Ontario, writes that her husband, Kem, has been elected National President of Gideons International in Canada.

Sophia and Doug ('52) Pease and their daughter, Stephanie, were part of a team of seven that taught English as a second language in Eger, Hungary, this summer. The program was sponsored by Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ—a member of the Christian College Coalition. Sophia teaches sixth grade in the Tempe Elementary School District and Doug teaches physical geography and geology at Grand Canyon University.

51 Merritt Penner has been promoted to the rank of captain while serving as chaplain of the London Squadron, CAP. He was awarded the Commander's Commendation Award by the Kentucky Wing for his work with the unit.

52 George Huestis and his wife, **Esther (Parsons '55)**, missionaries to Brazil with Baptist International Missions, Inc., are in the U.S. until November. George has been fitted with a prosthesis designed to correct his drop foot—a legacy of a September 1990 car accident. He attended his 40th class reunion at SAW in July.



Eileen (Griffen) Spear

Eileen (Griffen) Spear, a widow now living in Houghton and working at the college, flew to Zimbabwe in July to participate in dedicating the entrance gate of Africa University in Mutare to her late husband, James. He had served in the North Central, NY, district of the United Methodist Church, which is financing the memorial. Because the work was behind schedule, Eileen found herself working with the architect and project engineer who

Future Alumni

Greg & Joanna (Dotts '74) Askins	Samuel George	5-13-92
Jerry & Karen (Holt '82) Bevans '80	Stacia Elizabeth	5- 9-92
Daniel & Nancy Brawdy '79	Monica Grace	8- 9-92
Greg & Carolyn Bright '84	Ryan Gregory	3-27-92
Pascal & Janet (Johnson '83) Devaux	Audrey Pascale	5-10-92
David & Kari (Cobbey '84) Emma	Timothy Maxwell	11-25-92
Jim & Barb (Carini '86) LaDine '86	Adam Jeffrey	9- 3-91
Stephen & Valerie Lalka '76	Evan George	10-31-90
Dan & Joan (Koehler '78) Lloyd	Molly Elizabeth	7-28-92
David & Tracy (Purdy '91) Olsen '88	Tory Leland	6-14-91
David & Connie (Seeley '77) Penne '77	Jonah David	5-19-91
	Luke Owen	8-12-92
David & Audrey (Higle '84) Putney '83	Shannon Joy	8- 6-88
	Robyn Lynn	4-18-91
	Benjamin James	5- 9-92
Brent & Cheryl (Cash '79) Richardson	Joseph Andrew	12-31-91
Barry & Karen (Urshel '89) Ricketts '86	Kirsten Elizabeth	10-13-91
Matthew & Ramona (Mead '88) Schlaegel '88	Andrew James	8- 6-92
Clyde & Ilona Scott '83	Erin Rae	6-14-92
Don & Fay (Ballinger '83) Seymour	Christian Lisby	5-13-92
Darren & Laura Sherland '84	Kalan Richard	4- 3-92
Richard & Shirley Skiff '80	Callie Catherine	5- -92
Kirk & Catherine (Reid '82) Smith	Lydia Joy	10- 3-91
Dennis & Louise (Smith '72) Twigg	Benjamin Frederick	8-21-91
Richard & Melinda (Wood '87) Wright '87	Benjamin Daniel	5-11-92
Dale & Joanne (Zercher '78) Yoder		

Chapter Meeting Schedule

Date	Chapter	Activity	Representative
Nov. 14	Mid-Hudson (Poughkeepsie)	Dinner, Fellowship	Bruce Campbell
Nov. 14	Miami Area	Dinner, Fellowship	Tim Fuller
Nov. 16	Puerto Rico	Dinner, Fellowship	Tim Fuller
Nov. 20*	Albany	Dinner, Music, Fellowship	Pres. Chamberlain
Nov. 21*	North Jersey/ Metropolitan NY	Dinner, Music, Fellowship	Pres. Chamberlain
Jan. 23*	Hoosier (Upland, IN)	Men's B'ball—H'ton vs Taylor Game, Dinner, Fellowship	Bruce Campbell
Jan. 30	Wash'ton DC/ No. Virginia	Dinner, Fellowship	Pres. Chamberlain
Feb. 13	Orlando area	Luncheon, Fellowship	Pres. Chamberlain
Feb. 20	West C'tral FL (Brooksville)	Luncheon, Fellowship	Pres. Chamberlain

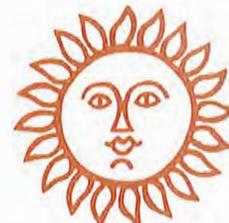
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had been part of a work team Jim led to Africa in 1988. She also cataloged books at the university library. A tribute to Jim's efforts will become part of the university's archives. Eileen returned home "with new respect for single missionaries, gratitude for plentiful drinking water, and her home." She says there were 7,000 applicants for 40 places in the university.

53 Virgil Cruz has co-authored a study guide called *Breaking Down The Walls: Responding to the Racism that Divides Us*. Published by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the Social Justice

and Peacemaking Ministry Unit and the Racial Ethnic Ministry Unit of the Presbyterian Church, it was developed to assist in dealing with "... the racism which is so contrary to God's intentions for the world." Currently, Rev. Cruz is senior professor of New Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (KY).

Paul Dekker continues full time as a general evangelist in The Wesleyan Church, his ministry centering on pastoral encouragement. He and his wife, Dona (Gotter '55), also travel overseas occasionally for Wycliffe Bible Translators to encourage missionary families.



ALUMNI IN ACTION

Ron James will soon retire from the ministry after 35 years in three congregations—the last 16 years in Stamford, CT, at what is known as “The Fish Church” because it is indeed shaped like a fish. His third book, *A Joy Wider than the World*, will be published by the Upper Room Press in November. His first two books were called, *Creed and Christ* and *Jesus Christ in Ephesians*.

57 On February 7, Delta Air Lines captain **Gordon Beck** and his crew piloted their Lockheed L-1011 from Kahalui, Maui, to Los Angeles in a record three hours, 35 minutes. The previous world record was three hours, 42 minutes. The flight had an average ground speed of 704 MPH. Previously, the highest average ground speed of any world or national commercial aviation record for a subsonic aircraft had been 694.52 MPH.

After decades of missionary service in Brazil with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Inc., **Agnes Haik** is now traveling to college campuses and churches in the U.S. as an enlistment counsellor for the same organization.

John and Carolyn (Paine '60) Miller have received approval from the National Research Council of Thailand for a research project of the Mon-Khmer languages of Northeast Thailand. It is hoped that their research will form the basis for the com-

puter transfer of materials to at least some of the languages.

58 **John Andrews** is president of Nantron Associates, with interests in computer chip manufacture, nanostructure metrology and testing, high technology transfer, consulting, and contract proposals. After retiring from AT&T Bell Laboratories, John spent two years with the US Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC, as Head of Advanced Processing in the Nanoelectronic Processing Facility. He lives in Alexandria, VA, with his wife, **Gladys (Wakkinen '56)**.

Betsy (Gray) Glazier and her husband, Ed, opened a primary medical care clinic in Broken Arrow, OK, in November of 1991.

Joan (Anglin) Rowlands plans to teach teachers with Child Evangelism Fellowship this fall and to host a Good News Club.

59 **Wayne and Gaye (Sweesy) Mouritzen** report that they lost everything—home and contents—in Hurricane Andrew. They are living in a Coral Gables, FL, hotel temporarily.

Robert Scott and his wife, **Judy**, both graduated from New England School of Law, passed the Rhode Island Bar exam, and were admitted to the RI Bar in 1991.

They both passed the US Federal Court Bar exam for the District of RI and were admitted to the Federal Bar, RI District in 1992. Bob is now Radiation Protection Officer for Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence and practices law on the side. They are members of the First Baptist Church in America and live in Westerly. They are members of *Save Our Shores*, (which Judy founded in 1986); Bob is secretary-treasurer.

60 **Helen (Padulo) Polensek** recently returned from Poland where she spent eight months as an Eastern Europe English as a Foreign Language Fellow, doing teacher training at the Teacher Training College of Foreign Languages and Teacher Training Center in Leszno. Currently she is coordinator of the learning center at the English Language Institute at Oregon State University.

61 **Sharon (Widrig) Karakaian** and her husband, Ed, who serve with Evangelical Baptist Missions, recently returned from an assignment in Cape Town, South Africa, where they worked with two church planting missionaries. At home in Sackets Harbor, NY, they are on deputation while making plans for a spring short-term music ministry in Romania, France and Germany.

62 **John Bechtel** continues to travel the world for the DeMoss Foundation.

63 **Nancy (Brown) Manning** recently began work as a social worker for Warren County (NY). Her husband, Rev. Lee Manning, passed away in March.

Dan Wagner finds great rewards in his involvement with Compassion International as a computer programmer. His wife, **Anne (Wetherbee)**, is an accompanist for the three-group Colorado Springs Children's Chorale and has a private piano studio. She writes: “Dan gave me a new Steinway Model L for our 25th anniversary—pianistic heaven!”

64 On June 28 **Paul Pang** was ordained to the Gospel ministry in Hong Kong Evangelical Grace Church. The board of directors of Schools For Christ Foundation felt the need for his ordination to strengthen the expanded spiritual ministry of the Research Institute For Christian Education.

Fred and Valerie (Bock) Trexler attended the 30th year celebration of Penn State's Materials Research Laboratory in August. Fred gave a short talk in which he highlighted memorable quotes from Penn State professors. One of his favorites: “Experience is directly proportional to computer time wasted!”

66 **Jonathan and Sharon (Heritage) Angell** were on campus in Septem-

Down the Aisle

Joseph & Lori (Zimmerman '88) Blank	10-19-91
Mark & Carolyn (Basham '92) Blasko '90	7-25-92
John & Susan (Kinnetz '92) Brooks '92	8-15-92
Keith & Lynn Marie (Whitmore '89) Felstead '91	6-22-91
Robert & Elizabeth (McGarvey '90) Harvey	8-22-92
Robert & Katrina (Isaacson '87) Holz '87	8- 3-91
Eric (Brown '91) & Holly (Keyes '91) Keyes-Brown	1-11-92
Neil & Christina MacBride	5-30-92
Kelly & Lisa (MacVean '89) Negus '88	6-27-92
David & Kari Reid '86	2- -92
Barry & Karen (Urshel '89) Ricketts '86	12-30-89
Kirk & Catherine (Reid '82) Smith	5- -90

Send your alumni news

Milieu wants your alumni news. Use the space below or send a note to Deborah Young, *The Houghton Milieu*, Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744. Copy deadline is the last week of the month before issue. Space limitations may delay publication of items by one issue. Items which have appeared in class newsletters won't be included unless we judge them to have broader appeal. Please be specific—name city and state where you live or work, give dates, spell out acronyms. You can make these columns memorable for your classmates.

ber to witness the final faceoff of their children, Jodi and Heidi, in the Christian College Women's Soccer Tournament. Jodi is a co-captain of her team at Messiah College and Heidi is a co-captain of her team at Geneva College. The other tournament participants were Houghton and Roberts Wesleyan Colleges.

69 Paul Johnson lives in Quincy, MA, and works at a neighboring postal center. He is active in The Nazarene Church and would enjoy hearing from Houghton friends and classmates.

Robert Wells was recently granted a district preacher's license by the Church of the Nazarene in New England. He lives in Nashua, NH.

71 Rich and Sheryl (Wood) Fulkerson report that they are in their 12th year of pastoring a Free Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant, MI. Their three sons are ages 16, 14 and 10.

LauraLee (Wells) Newell is secretary/administrative assistant in Houghton's counseling services office.

72 Thomas Meyn was featured in the July Grossman's *Gazette* as owner of Hopper Cabinet Company in East Chatham, NY. A cabinetmaker, he makes antique reproductions of items such as Shaker furniture, Windsor chairs and ornate grandfather clocks.

73 Delores Wells began teaching junior high science and math at Schenectady Christian School (NY) in September.

74 Joanna (Dotts) Askins lives in Bangor, ME, with her husband, Greg, and their three children (see *Future Alumni* column). She works part-time as a developmental pediatrician at Eastern Maine Medical Center. She and her husband, who is a hand surgeon, have been involved with a medical/medical educational exchange program with the American University of Bulgaria.

Gary Baker has taken a position as distribution manager for Dialight Corporation in Manasquan, NJ. He, his wife, Sherry (Burton), and their three children live in Freehold.

Taffy (Tucker '74) Spaloss taught nursery school in her home for 11 years and home-schooled four of her five children for grades K-4. Now that they are all in school, she enjoys substitute teaching and freelance writing for a senior magazine and several newspapers in the Lanoka Harbor, NJ, area.

75 Stationed at the Brunswick, ME, Naval Air Station, Thomas Little was recently promoted to the rank of commander.

Andrea (Linehan) Stephens is an inte-

Al & Esther Smith
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During the October 2 Founders' Day convocation President Chamberlain presented a Distinguished Service Award to alumni Allen and Esther Smith—class of '43—in recognition of their five decades of service to college and community. He told the audience that as academy students the two had met after a youth choir rehearsal one summer night in 1938. Al was a faculty kid; Esther, a new girl in town.

Al was two when his father, Houghton English professor H. R. Smith, died. Al's mother continued to teach here to support the family and his older brother, Willard, worked in the college print shop. Al became a linotype operator before he completed junior high. In college he worked as student manager of the printshop. After earning a degree in physics, Al joined the navy in 1943. He and Esther were married before he shipped out to the Pacific as a communications officer. Esther and their daughter lived with his brother and his wife and she took care of their kids. Three years later Al mustered out and returned to Houghton to manage the printshop.

Chamberlain said that through the four decades before their retirement in 1986, the Smiths' service defined them as "competent, committed, caring; in a word, Christian." By example at the shop Al helped scores of young people develop character. "I've never seen Al lose his temper," Chamberlain quoted brother Willard. That was despite sometimes antiquated equipment, tight deadlines, and the vagaries of student help. Some dozen men and women in the printing field—many of them missionaries—got their start at Houghton Press. Concurrent with the 50- and 60-hour work weeks, Al gave more than two decades of service to the Caneadea Town Board and was Town Justice for most of that time. In the '50s Al was an engineer responsible to patch WJSL's daily 15-minute devotional over phone lines to be aired over WKBW in Buffalo. Thirty-two years a fireman, he also found time to be an assistant fire chief and serve as church clerk and perennial choir member.

Early on, Esther took in student washes to augment the family budget. "She could iron a shirt in seven minutes," Chamberlain said. As the children went off to school she learned linotype operation and gradually worked up to full time by adding bookkeeper, secretary and proofreader to her duties. And for more than two decades she served as a board of elections inspector, getting to know most of the voters in the town by name and sight.

The president observed: "Missionary commitments, printing expertise and the esteem of fellow staffers and printshop alumni converged in 1971 to finance a three-week trip to Liberia where Al helped set up a new printshop at radio station ELWA. Via his amateur radio hobby he participated in Missionary Communications Service, a linkage of amateurs who relayed messages between mission fields and the U.S. He still arranges radio schedules between college MKs and their parents abroad, and has been treasurer of the national Amateur Radio Missionary Service."

The president summed up: "Al and Esther, your distinguished service is no more evident than in your family of six: among them, a scientist, a missionary, pastors' wives, a craftsman on the Houghton staff—all committed Christians and Houghton alumni. Early on you determined that your Houghton schedules would not crowd out family time and you saw to it that they did not. And students, single faculty and staff found your home open to them. Your collection of cards from missionary correspondents would cover a wall.

"Thank you for your work—evident in lives influenced, in tons of printed materials, in relationships, in unrecognized gracious acts. But beyond these things, we honor you for lives lived in Christian transparency before us." Chamberlain explained that the presentation plaque of American walnut was crafted from boards cut from a tree, grown from a nut planted decades ago by Al's father on the property of Dr. Claude Ries.

rior decorator with White and White, Inc. of Skaneateles, NY. She provides interior decorating services for her husband, Clair ("Buck" '76), who is director of operations at Martin Point Development, Inc. Located on the shores of Owasco Lake, the development is a large high-profile, luxury waterfront and golf community. It was featured in a recent copy of *Unique Homes*, the national magazine of Luxury Real Estate, and included in *Unique Homes'* special edition called *America's Most Amazing Waterfront Properties*. Buck has an active music and speaking ministry and he and Andrea are involved in a prayer and teaching ministry. They have two children.

Darlene Wells has been head volleyball and softball coach at the North Florida Christian Schools in Tallahassee for 14 years. She was named Area Softball Coach of the Year and North Florida Senior All Star State Softball Coach in 1992.

76 Stephen Lalka, a vascular surgeon at the Indiana University Medical Center since 1987, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery. He and His wife, Valerie, have four children and live in Carmel, IN (see *Future Alumni* column).

77 David Wells is superintendent of the American Military Academy in Puerto Rico. His wife, Lois (Piscopo) is curriculum supervisor at Wesleyan Academy.

78 Assistant professor of music at Liberty University (VA), John Hugo was recently tenor soloist with the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra in performances of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* and also performed Schubert's *Die Schöne Müllerin* at Liberty University.

Joan (Koehler) Lloyd and her husband, Dan, are serving with Professionals International on the island of Lombok in Indonesia, where Dan teaches English at the University of Mataram. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

79 Ruth (Campbell) Phinney was recently appointed FM Program Manager at WXXI radio in Rochester, NY. She also sings in a women's ensemble at her church and is involved with Pioneer Girls.

80 Karen (Eckstrom) Hodges is assistant principal and teaches second grade at Brockton (MA) Christian Elementary School. She also teaches private piano lessons, plays piano at her local church, and has directed Vacation Bible School for three years. She and her mother have started a craft venture called "Honey and Me."

82 Don and Sara (Taber '84) McKay are in Asunción, Paraguay, for a year-long survey of the Sanapaná language for Wycliffe Translators International.

Alumni College

A good vacation should relax your body, stimulate your mind and refresh your spirit. Houghton's Alumni College July 11-17, 1993, promises to do all three while reuniting you with old friends and helping you make new ones at bargain rates.

For just \$250 per person you can enjoy participatory non-credit classes with three of Houghton's top faculty, enjoy excellent food, lodge comfortably, use the college's recreational facilities and just plain unwind.

Until We Have Rest, three approaches on the path to God—Dr. Bud Bence will examine conversions that are essentially moral, others based on personal trauma, and emphasize those that are intellectually-rooted as with St. Augustine and in the writings of William Perry.

Understanding Madness: new evidence on the physiological bases of mental disorders—features academic dean and psychology professor Dr. Paul Young. Accumulating information indicates that a number of the most serious mental disorders are caused or exacerbated by disruptions in the structure and function of the brain. This class will examine disorders for which this evidence is strong or tempting, hoping to understand the balance between predisposition and responsibility.

Over There and Over Here: America and the Great War—assistant professor of education Douglas Gaerte will lead an exploration of WWI in sight and sound, featuring newsreels, music and public discourse in the study of the "war to end all wars."

To register for Alumni College send a \$75 deposit to Conference Director Bruce Brenneman in care of the college by July 1, 1993. Detailed program and forms will be issued by the alumni office early next year.

Catherine (Reid) Smith (valedictorian of the class) is an attorney in Philadelphia with the international law firm of Morgan, Lewis and Bockius. She received the Juris Doctor degree with high honors from Rutgers University School of Law in 1989. Her article, "Limiting Political Expression by Expanding Racketeering Laws," on the subject of the government's use of racketeering laws against abortion protesters, was published in the Fall 1988 issue of the *Rutgers Law Journal*. Her husband, Kirk J. Smith, is an attorney with the State of New Jersey. (See *Down the Aisle* and *Future Alumni* columns.)

83 Janet (Johnson) Devaux has relocated from France to Winston-Salem, NC, where her husband, Pascal, is a resident chaplain at Baptist Hospital. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

84 Since August of 1991, **Greg Bright** has been Associate Pastor of Grantham Mennonite Brethren Church in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

85 Andy Topolnycky is one of three dentists in a private practice of general dentistry. His wife, June Prosser-Topolnycky '86, works for Channel Textile Co. as Assistant to the President for Special Projects. Her job involves finance, project management and analysis. They live in Enfield, NH.

Since graduation, Alicia Weaver has taught seventh grade life science and acted as yearbook advisor at Mexico Middle

School in Mexico, NY. She received an MS degree in education from the State University of New York at Oswego in 1991. Alicia is Sunday school superintendent at Baldwinsville Assembly of God Church and in 1991 took the youth group to the ghettos of Mexico City, Mexico, to assist *Christian Advance International*—a children's evangelistic outreach group.

86 David J. Reid received a BS degree in physical education in 1987 and an MS degree in exercise physiology in 1990 from the University of Illinois. He is employed in the US Navy's Department of Morale, Welfare and Recreation as the assistant harbor master at the Great Lakes Naval Training Base, Illinois. His wife, Kari, is a biologist in clinical laboratory application with Baxter International's Microscan Division. They live in Waukega, IL. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

Having earned a master's degree in counseling from Pitt in 1988, Cynthia (Glaum) Speer is now an elementary guidance counselor for the McGuffey School District. She and her husband, William, live in Washington, PA.

87 Robert and Katrina (Isaacson) Holz live in Pembroke, FL, where Robert is production director for Hopkins International Publishing and Katrina is in her fifth year of teaching bilingual kindergarten. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

Neil MacBride received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in May 1992 and is currently involved in a one-year judicial clerkship



Steve Vance

with the Hon. Henry C. Morgan, Jr., United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. His article "The Search for a Constitutional Basis for Title II" was published in *The Journal of Law and Politics* in April. Neil and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Virginia Beach, VA. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

Karen Shannon recently earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. While in school there she received a National Institute of Health pre-doctoral fellowship in biotechnology and was recognized by the American Association of University Women for outstanding research and service. Karen is currently employed as a patent agent in Washington, DC, and attends law school in the evenings.

William Thomas is a technical information specialist at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA, and coordinates the production of several health promotion databases. In addition, he is involved in an extension graduate program in library science from the University of South Carolina—Columbia.

88 A registered nurse, Jody (Olmstead) McKane works at Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown, WV, where she lives with her husband, Terry.

Kelly and Lisa (MacVean '89) Negus are both in the master of divinity program at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, MA. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

Patty-Jeanne Reichert has completed an M.A. degree in applied psychology at New York University. She is now pursuing a Ph.D. in school psychology at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

Steve (Punque) Vance first learned of Smugglers' Notch, VT, as a student participating in Houghton's between-semester ski trip, conducted intermittently for more than a decade now. Faculty, staff and student enthusiasts have made the trip and enjoyed the "intensive skiing." After graduating Steve returned to the resort, hired first to place ski trail signs, then as an instructor. After three years of teaching he's switched to the promotions office after a knee injury made it impossible to teach full-time. He gleefully reports early snow!

89 Karen (Buck) Abbott manages the apple orchard on her family's crop farm in Baldwinsville, NY, where she lives with her husband, Warren, and their daughter, Bonnie Anne.

Lynn Marie (Whitmore) Felstead works at a Barnes & Noble bookstore in the heart of Philadelphia, PA. Her husband, Keith '91, is in his second year of medical school at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is leader of the

school's chapter of the Christian Medical and Dental Society. They attend the Church of the Savior in Wayne, PA. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

Scott Parkinson has completed an honors B.Sc. degree in biochemistry at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Currently he is pursuing a Ph.D. in molecular pharmacology at Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia) where he was awarded a university fellowship.

Stacie Schrader spent from October 1991 to May 1992 in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod (previously Gorki). She plans to return there soon to teach American history and government.

90 Melissa Fisher recently graduated *summa cum laude* with a master's degree in management from Regent University (VA). While at Regent, she was a featured soloist and secretary of the University Choir. She is now project coordinator of the marketing department at the corporate headquarters of American Benefits Plus in Virginia Beach, overseeing all printed public relations material.

Elizabeth (McGarvey '90) Harvey received a master's of social work degree from Michigan State University in June. Her husband, Robert, teaches math and science in a Catholic high school in Marine City, MI. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

Marjorie (Anderson) Wester writes that she and her husband, John, have recently taken over leadership of their church's singles group. They live in Atwater, CA.

91 Holly (Keyes) and Eric (Brown) Keyes-Brown live in Alexandria,

Alumni Authors

A Window to Heaven: When Children See Life in Death, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI, 1992, 120 pp, Diane M. Komp '61, M.D.

This short book with 11 brief chapters is a deeply personal effort. Paul Brand, M.D., in his foreword, says, "It carries a powerful punch." It documents the author's finding of a heavenly father, being led in her successful search through experiences in which He drew near to His children during circumstances we would otherwise call tragic. I was reminded of our Lord's juxtaposition of death and life when He taught "unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds" (John 12:24 NIV). Dr. Diane Komp, in *A Window to Heaven*, gives us a glimpse of something celestial through some of earth's dark shadows. The seed fell on fertile ground and this book is a by-product of the life that sprang up.

The book has a high emotional density. Approach it with two things: enough

VA, and work in Washington DC, where Holly is executive assistant for Intrados which conducts training programs in international business and finance for third world governments and corporations. Eric is an analyst with Systems Flow Inc. which maintains communications between the Federal Aviation Administration stations throughout the U. S.

Deborah Pease teaches sixth grade in Binghamton, NY. Last year she taught in the Pioneer School District in Arcade, NY, where she was nominated for the National Sallie Mae First Year Teacher's Award.

92 Having transferred out of Houghton to pursue a BS in Social Work, Adrianna Colón writes a message for her Houghton classmates: "Dear Friends, Though I haven't seen you for a long time, you'll always be friends to me. Thank you David N., Dave S., Larry, Amy M., Amy L., Christine, Becka, Jason P., Cindi, Pam and all the rest, especially Bonnie O. for the fun. Always remember to smile! God Bless! With love and laughter, Adrianna."

Under the auspices of a mission group called VISA, Charlene Kliever left on August 20 for the Dominican Republic where she teaches fifth grade in the city of Santiago and co-leads a youth group in a Spanish church. She would love to hear from anyone. Her address: LAI-DR-SCS, PO Box 5600, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33340-5600

Bob Van Wicklin is senior staff assistant at Congressman Amory Houghton's Olean, NY, office.

time to read it from cover to cover in one sitting (two hours more or less), and with a good supply of tissues or an absorbent handkerchief. Reading it was decidedly an hypodermic experience for me. I have long known and admired Dr. Komp and am impressed with her standing in the international medical community, but this *Window to Heaven* reveals a fully committed Christian through whom her Lord is expressing compassion, love, understanding, and healing of mind and soul, and in his wisdom, body. I am grateful that she took the time and the emotional energy to share her thoughts in such a captivating way. Here is a medical practitioner for whom her narrow and highly-specific specialty, pediatric oncology, is above all, family practice.

But just what is the book about? It's about children, and their pediatrician to whom and through whom God is revealing Himself. For Dr. Komp, her young patients, often in terminal experiences of life, become eloquent witnesses of the reality of God, of His "place prepared" and of His in-

finite love. She tells of Anna's angelic hosts—seen as this seven-year-old passes from life, of Mary Beth's visit with her grandfather and Jesus, of Tom's chat with the man on the garden bench, of eight-year-old Jason's philosophy of death, of Donny who suffered from Down syndrome and of his delightful ministry to her and to others. She tells of Tony, Artie, Korey, Henry, Bill, Nate and others of the cloud of witnesses who have "turned the tables" and ministered to her. Ones for whom healing was elusive, became healers of hearts in their struggles.

Near the close of this little book, Dr. Komp records for us a parabolic conversation between the God of Abraham and his good friends, Abraham and Sarah. The final three paragraphs of the book say more eloquently than I could, the prime focal point of Dr. Komp's connection with this "hound of heaven."

"Those in the fiery furnace find One who walks with them. Those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death do not walk alone. God, the Parent who so loved the world, became a co-sufferer with all parents who share Mount Moriah's supreme tests of faith, through the gift and death of his beloved Son.

"Before my career is complete, there will be many more Tonys to choke back their tears. I doubt that many of their parents will report that all of their hard theological questions found answers. Neither will I, and we continue to pose some awfully tough arguments.

"At least when we challenge God, we keep a conversation going. That type of conversation is called prayer. And occasionally in the conversation, God interrupts, so to speak, and gets a word or two in edgewise. To hearts untroubled and hearts unsure, there is a window to heaven in the abiding promise that Jesus will come. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

This book should only be read by individuals who have children, who have had children, who will have children or who, at one time, were children. Thank you, Di, for sharing a bit of yourself with us.—Dr. Frederick Shannon, professor of chemistry; chair, department of integrated studies, Houghton College.

Segregated Skies—All-Black Combat Squadrons of WWII, Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, DC, 1992, 217 pp, Stanley Sandler '60.

When the United States entered World War II in December 1941, the status of black Americans in the armed forces was essentially what it had been throughout American history. They served only in segregated units. This practice reflected a pattern of prejudice that prevailed in virtually all of American society at the time.

One branch of the services, the Army

Air Corps, had no such history of segregation, but only because there were no blacks in its ranks to be segregated. Under the pressure of a developing international crisis, the Corps in July 1941 reluctantly agreed to include blacks in its military aviation program. In this splendid little volume Stan Sandler traces the history of the all-black 332nd Fighter Group (consisting of the 99th, 100th, 301st, and 302nd fighter squadrons) from their training at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama through their important role in the European theater of combat during the last two years of conflict.

Throughout its wartime career the 332nd struggled against a racist environment. In Tuskegee, where the airmen could be easily segregated, local whites asked the white commander of the Fighter Group such questions as, "How do Negroes fly?" and "Are there really Negroes up there or are you doing it for them?" When the Tuskegee Airmen were finally sent into combat after interminable delays, they had to perform under the skeptical eye of Army Air Force generals who quickly concluded that black aviators tired easily, lacked an "aggressive spirit," and did not possess "the proper reflexes to make . . . first class

fighter pilot[s]."

Despite the handicaps under which they served, the 332nd performed well. Sandler concludes that they were "an average-to-good unit." In less than two years of combat, black pilots downed over one hundred enemy aircraft, destroyed hundreds more on the ground, and provided fighter escort for 1500 bombing missions without losing a single bomber to enemy fire. Sandler calls the latter accomplishment "a record unique in U.S. Air Force history."

Those who are too young to remember what race relations in the United States were like before the World War II era would do well to read *Segregated Skies*. As a nation we still have a long way to go, but one can find encouragement and hope in looking back to see how far we have come in the last 50 years.

Segregated Skies is Stan Sandler's second book. It is carefully researched and well-written. Needless to say, I'm proud of my former student. Reviewing his book has taken me back to the very earliest years of my professional career, years that I shall always cherish.—Dr. Richard Troutman, professor of history, history department head, Western Kentucky University.

In Memoriam

'18 Earl Barrett died in his sleep May 6, four months before he would have turned 99. According to his daughter, Evangeline, he was "a remarkable man, mentally, physically and spiritually." He attended Houghton Academy (then Seminary) and had two earned doctorates in philosophy and theology, respectively. Barrett taught in holiness schools until he was nearly 80 years old. Many of his students became leaders in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Beacon Hill published his book, *A Christian Perspective of Knowing*. Dr. Barrett spent the last few years of his life in a nursing home. Evangeline said even then "my father sang 'Amazing Grace' in a thunderous voice, shouted 'Glory' and said he was proud to be a Wesleyan." Besides Evangeline, he is survived by another daughter; and one son.

'49 Ruth (Bredenberg) Brosta died July 5 after battling cancer for nine years. After Houghton she attended nursing school at Huron Road Hospital in Cleveland, OH, graduating in 1952. That year she married Laddie Brosta, who survives, as do two daughters.

'36 Joseph W. Dentler died May 31. As a Houghton student he baked for the college and surrounding communities. After graduation he pastored for many years in the Wesleyan Church-Allegheny Conference in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

'33 Frederic C. Hauser died August 7. Until his retirement he worked for IRS. He

is survived by his widow, Elsie (Nickerson '33); a daughter; and a son.

Milieu has received word of the death of Norma (Wescott) Smith '18. At the time of her death, she was a resident of the Houghton Nursing Care Center. No other data was made available.

'39 Virginia (Cummings) Smith died in August of 1990 after battling cancer.

'49 Meredith Standley Sutton died in his sleep at home in Langley, WA, July 22 at the age of 63. Before joining the Air Force as a pilot, Sutton taught high school English in Northville, NY. In the Air Force he flew for Gen. Curtis LeMay for four years on special missions. In Vietnam he was a helicopter squadron commander. Meredith received the Purple Heart and special recognition for his heroic rescue efforts and military service. He spent most of his military career flying VIPs—military and political—with the President's Special Air Mission Squadron, which included Air Force One. He retired as a lieutenant colonel after serving 22 years in the AF. For the next 15 years Sutton flew with Japan Airlines as their chief pilot for the Anchorage station. His flying career spanned 37 years, during which he flew to 70 countries. On the side he liked to play piano and organ. For 17 years he was organist for First Baptist Church in Anchorage, where he also served as deacon. Meredith is survived by his wife; two daughters; one son; a sister; and his mother.

Houghton Explores Cooperation with The King's College

by President Chamberlain

Last spring Houghton College and The King's College in Briarcliff Manor, NY, began conversations about possible cooperation. Those conversations have continued throughout the summer and into the fall. The trustees of each institution have named three representatives who constitute a committee to develop recommendations and suggest next steps in developing inter-institutional programs. Their discussions produced agreement on the following issues:

1. Both colleges will maintain their separate identities, including separate administrations, budgets, and programs.
2. The chief academic officers (with assistance from others as appropriate) will meet to develop articulation agreements (e.g., If any academic programs are discontinued at The King's College, Houghton will strive to accommodate affected students without the usual procedures required for transfers).
3. If feasible, link the campuses by TV. Thus, if a specialized course (e.g., in Asian I-history) is offered at one campus, it could be made available to students at the other campus via a TV link.
4. Houghton College will seek approval from the State Education Department for The King's College to offer our degree completion program on their campus.
5. Explore joint fund-raising activities for future cooperative efforts. Specific planning for such cooperation would be done by a special task force consisting of the chief development officer, the trustee chair

of the Development Committee, and the college president from each of the institutions.

6. Cooperate in operating an extension center offering college courses in the New York City Korean community and explore similar centers in the Hispanic and African-American communities of New York City.

Since these issues were identified, the appropriate administrators have been working toward their implementation. While joint planning is continuing, actual implementation of most of these programs will wait until the 1993-94 academic year following the relocation of The King's College.

A number of very significant developments have occurred at The King's College. First, they have maintained their enrollment of 400 students. Most importantly, they have sold their present campus and at the end of the current academic year they plan to move to a new site in Sterling Forest, NY.

The new campus has a large office research facility, which can be retrofitted to meet their needs for classrooms, laboratories, library, food service, some recreational facilities and a temporary chapel. It also has ample acreage for future development of dormitories, athletic fields, etc. This new campus has the potential for making cooperation between The King's College and Houghton College more attractive and more beneficial for both institutions.

Upward Bound Staff Selected

Administering Houghton's Upward Bound program (see August *Milieu*) is Doris J. Nielsen, associate professor of recreation. Known on

campus as "Mabel," Mrs. Nielsen said: "As I take on this role I trust that I will continue to be 'Mabel' not just to Houghton College students, but also to the 50 students in Allegany and Cattaraugus County high schools who will become Upward Bound participants." She will continue teaching eight hours in the recreation department.



L to R: Elizabeth Zuckerman, Doris Nielsen, Carolyn Pouncy and Phyllis Gaerte

Curriculum coordinator will be Carolyn Pouncy who has been working part-time in Houghton's counseling center while completing her M.S. in the psychology of counseling at St. Bonaventure University. Her work will include counseling, testing participants, recruiting tutors and teachers, and planning the summer school segment.

Working with guidance counselors to identify and recruit participants, making home visits, providing counseling services in several areas, overseeing social and cultural activities and finding tutors for each participant will be Elizabeth Gibson Zuckerman. She has an M.S. in advanced teachers' education, has directed and taught at the Olean Montessori Children's House, taught at St. Bonaventure University, supervised student teachers, coordinated school programs for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, Oregon, and created integrated outdoor education and trip curriculums.

Faculty spouse Phyllis Gaerte will serve as secretary.



During October 5 chapel ceremonies, psychology professor/academic dean Dr. Paul Young (pictured with his wife) received a certificate of award and a check for \$1000, confirming him as a 1991-92 recipient of the Independent College Fund of New York Faculty Excellence Award, one of 12 persons selected in New York State. The award was funded by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation. Dr. Young has not yet decided how to use the money.



Students chat with Ms. Fisher after chapel

Fall CLEW

Christian Life Emphasis Week (Sept. 6-11) featured Australian-born Mary Fisher who brought with her the perspective of one who lived and worked in China for many years. Now associate director of missions for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Ms. Fisher challenged audiences to live as a community, shunning today's rampant individualism, noting that the first two words of the Lord's Prayer, are "Our Father." She encouraged finding identity in Christ, rather than in position or possessions. Only then, all being on the same level, can Christians truly be a community.

New Faculty Appointees Named

Academic vice president, Dr. Paul Young, has announced the list of new faculty members for the 1992-93 school year. Taking full-time positions are Elizabeth Beardsley, Stephen and Marjorie Doty, Richard Froman, Betty Giles and Ronald Oakerson.

Elizabeth Beardsley joins the faculty as interim assistant professor of education. She earned a BA degree in Bible and Christian education from Columbia Bible College in Columbia, SC, a BA degree in education and social science from Houghton College, and an MS degree in advanced teaching, elementary education from SUNY Geneseo. Since 1984, she has served as a substitute teacher for the Fillmore Central and Cuba-Rushford Central School districts.

Stephen and Marjorie Doty share a full-time position as assistant professors of linguistics. They come to Houghton College as part of a cooperative agreement between Houghton and Wycliffe Bible Translators (see April '92 *Milieu*). Both earned MA degrees in linguistics from the University of Texas at Arlington. Most recently they served as translator/linguists with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Solomon Islands, South Pacific.

Richard Froman is interim assistant professor of psychology. He earned an MA degree in psychology from California State University in Sacramento and a PhD in general experimental psychology from the University of Wyoming. Since 1989, he has chaired the psychology department at The King's College in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

Betty Giles, who has been a part-time faculty member at Houghton as well as at Alfred University, now joins the Houghton College faculty full-time as an interim instructor of voice. She earned an MMus from New En-

gland Conservatory of Music.

Ronald Oakerson joins the Houghton faculty as professor of political science. He earned MA and PhD degrees in political science from Indiana University. Among his many professional activities, since 1988 he has been senior scientist of the research faculty in the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University.

Taking part-time positions are Wendy Baxter of Silver Springs, NY, as lecturer in social work; Lynn Eckley of West Seneca, NY, as student teacher observer; Lisa Groff of Arkport, NY, as women's field hockey coach; Shelly Richards of Kenmore, NY, as lecturer in therapeutic recreation; Mark Ruhl of East Aurora, NY, as lecturer in math methods; and Metro Yurchak of Quakertown, PA, as student teacher observer.



L. to R. from top: Mrs. Beardsley, Ms. Giles, Mr. and Mrs. Doty, Drs. Froman and Oakerson



For more than 40 years William Calkins '44, of Perry, NY, served United Methodist pastorates. Across the years he's habitually taken on big projects—from tons of books for Bahamian schools, to fire trucks for a Kentucky mission station. At the Founders Fellowship luncheon October 2, Bill received the 1992 President's Advisory Council on Excellence award for his services to the college—from trees planted almost 50 years ago and substantial gifts when he was a struggling young pastor, to a scholarship fund for theological students. PACE chairman Robert Davidson made the presentation. Development vice president Wayne MacBeth (above) explained that the vase was crafted by Houghton art faculty.

Pilot Programs in Rochester

Rochester, NY, area alumni can be ground-floor participants in a college career development center (CDC)—alumni office effort to bring together alumni sponsors and current Houghton students via two pilot programs.

Extern '93 seeks to connect study and work, students and employers. Rochester area professionals from all fields who would assist students in learning about their work through observation and hands-on experience are sought, as are those willing to provide room and/or board to such a student March 1-5, '93. If you're interested in either aspect of this effort, contact Sharon Givler at the CDC or ask for the alumni office at 1-800-777-2556.

Does your organization or school seek talented, entry-level college graduates with solid academic preparation, related work experience and job skills? Contact

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Fall Enrollment Based on Record Applications

Houghton College began the fall semester with 1116 students, 36 of them part-time. This includes 16 business and psychology interns based at Houghton's Buffalo Suburban Campus as well as 56 student teachers located at schools throughout western New York and five educational ministry interns. Another 10 students are enrolled in off-campus programs such as the Oregon Extension. Of the 1116 students, 690 are women and 426 are men.

After receiving a record 943 applications for admission, executive director of alumni and admissions

Tim Fuller reports there are 381 new full-time students, 292 of whom are freshmen. The freshman class includes 16 high school valedictorians, 22 salutatorians, 3 National Merit finalists, and 18 Letter of Commendation winners. Twenty-one states and 14 countries are represented. Forty-seven frosh are children of alumni.

At the Buffalo Suburban Campus, the Adult Degree Completion Program, which addresses the special needs of the working adult learner, includes 45 non-traditional students enrolled in three separate tracks.



This year's incoming class includes 47 second, third, even fourth generation students, 34 of whom showed up for the picture above. Row 1, l to r: Davlyn Davidson—Robert and Alice (Bence '67) Davidson '65 (third generation); Faith Taylor—John and Betty (Lockwood '70) Taylor '70; Kyle Stevenson—Daryl and Gudrun (Mindrebo '70) Stevenson '70 (third generation); Barbara Hess—Hudson and Lucy (Mears '55) Hess '55 (third generation); Jim Meyers—Loren and Sandra (Tingue '82) Meyers; Jill Mulroy—William and Brenda (Kleinschmidt '63) Mulroy; Amy Kolb—Harry and Stephanie (Stowell '69) Kolb '69; Karen Adlhock—Lawrence and Ellen Adlhock.

Row 2: Joelle Williams—Carl and Jennifer (Woodcock '71) Williams; Amy Chamberlain—Mark and Lois (Decker '65) Chamberlain '65; Holly Smith—David and Deborah Smith '67; Phil Halberg—Richard and Virginia (Alexander '71) Halberg '71; Pat Guerin—Patrick and Gladys Guerin '77; Brent Wolfe—David and Florence (Baker '68) Wolfe '68; Johanna Kraus—(grandfather); Jennifer Wright—John and Gidget Wright '68; Heidi Oberholtzer—Ray and Dorothy (Miller '67) Oberholtzer.

Row 3: Whitney Crossman—Barry and Sally Crossman '67; Krista Titus—James and Angelika Titus '65; Alan Armes—Herbert and Sharon (Minor '68) Armes; Megan French—Martin and Virginia (Fero '72) French '71 (fourth generation).

Row 4: Stephen Clapper—Ernest and Joan (Lamos '65) Clapper '65; Kathryn Whitehead—Dale and Joan (Gillette '58) Whitehead; Kirsten Conklin—James and Marilyn (Webster '65) Conklin; Kathleen Wolfe—Richard and Carolyn (Banks '65) Wolfe '65; Amy Bliss—Bruce and Susan (Glickert '67) Bliss '67; Elisabeth Bellamy—Leon and Sylvia (Boos '65) Bellamy '64.

Row 5: Troy Nelson—Richard and Judith (Barbour '69) Nelson '67; Paul Byron—Kenneth and Carol (Drexler '67) Byron; Jeff Wohlgemuth—David and Ruth (Jeffers '72) Wohlgemuth; Judson Odell—David and Rebecca (Grimes '71) Odell '69; Jeff Babbitt—John and Suzanne (Osterhout '68) Babbitt '68; Jennifer Knox—John and Norma (Willet '65) Knox '65; Heidi Shea—Paul and Debbie (Greenmeyer '69) Shea '69 (third generation).

Academy News

Viewing the hills around Houghton on her second day here, 16-year-old Katya Shirokova said she was reminded of home. Home is Pskov, near St. Petersburg, Russia. It took a long train ride to Moscow, a flight across Europe and the Atlantic, and a ride up Rt. 17 from New York, but it was friendship and perseverance that actually got her to the Academy in September.



Mrs. Carpenter and Katya

Char Carpenter, Academy board member, Houghton College alumnus, and parent to former Academy and current college students Eric and Esther Carpenter, served as the catalyst in this story. Last fall Char participated in a teacher exchange to Russia along with 11 teachers from her school district in Savannah, GA. While there she visited Katya's home and the wheels began turning. After months of planning, mounds of red tape, and sleepless days of travel Char and Katya embraced at JFK airport in New York.

Katya graduated from Russian high school with the desire to attend university and one day teach English. A post-grad year at the Academy affords her the opportunity to enrich her English studies.

Katya is living with Tom and Mary Lingenfelter, local school teachers and loyal Academy parents.

One of over 30 internationals enrolled this Fall, the Academy's first Russian student enjoys art and reading, and hopes her year at the Academy will better prepare her for teacher training back home in Russia next year.

Enrollment Record

Headmaster Philip Stockin announced another record enrollment for the Fall semester: 28 junior high students and 93 senior high students comprise a new record total of 121 Academy students. Once again, area commuting students, totalling 53 from 17 towns, form the largest increase. Also represented are nine states and nine nations.

Sustained growth in the junior high program required the addition of a full-time science teacher, Michael Raybuck, and a part-time music teacher, Chris Smith.

Double the Vision Report

The Double the Vision campaign announced last Spring continues to build momentum with a Fall letter and phone appeal to all alumni, parents and friends of the Academy. Over \$50,000 in smaller gifts during the summer puts the campaign over one-fourth of the way to \$2,000,000 goal. Leaders are still seeking foundation, corporation, and large individual gifts.

A Voice in Albany

New York State Commissioner of Education Thomas Sobel has named headmaster Stockin among 12 members of the Commissioner's Advisory Council for Non-public Schools.

The group, which represents the state's Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and independent schools, meets three times yearly in Albany to offer input on state educational policy. Stockin, who will be one of the council's few active heads of a school, believes this is a significant opportunity to make the Academy better known as well as for personal development.

the Houghton CDC for current resume referral books at no charge. Included are 1992 graduates and 1993 prospective graduates.

Japanese Student Dies in Car Crash

On the eve of class resumption this fall, community residents and students were saddened to learn that returning sophomore Chiho Yokota, 21, had been killed in an auto accident in rural Gifu Province, Japan, August 25.

Ms. Yokota had graduated from Houghton Academy in 1991, where her younger sister, Mayu, is currently a student. Her brother also attended there. She was within days of returning to America to resume studies here when the accident happened.

Houghton's Asian students assisted in planning a memorial service held in the village church on September 24. Participants included Chiho's freshmen year roommate, family friends, and other college compatriots. A letter from her sister was read. Each of these cited her energy and intensity. Chiho had not declared a major, but was contemplating a career combining psychology and business.

Christian life and ministries dean Bud Bence brought the meditation. Beside her siblings, Ms. Yokota is survived by her parents, who live in Tokyo, where they are active in the Japan Evangelical Church, Mr. Yokota as a pastor.



Chiho Yokota
1971-1992



Drs. Massey and Kettelkamp

Faculty News

Massey Sabbatical

When Dr. Claity Massey made a research visit to Hong Kong and China last summer, she observed a large gap between the early development of Chinese children and that of their American counterparts with which she usually works. Besides noticing a difference in their art work (Chinese childrens' works tended to be sophisticated architecture, landscapes, people), she wondered how to foster that sort of creativity in American children without resorting to Chinese methods: pre-school boarding schools, Saturday classes, an intense pressure to perform.

Now, Dr. Massey said, the Chinese are sensing a need to develop a moral education program. That is precisely the main focus of her year-long sabbatical currently in progress. How is she doing that? With the help of friends at Hong Kong Baptist College and in China, she is observing interaction between children and adults via teacher interviews and videotaping. These she observes by way of the Optel system. To communicate with her colleagues she has been using FAX. Dr. Massey will be comparing her observations of moral education programs there with observations of similar programs at early education centers in Buffalo.

Also during her sabbatical she will be looking at the role of technology in portfolio assessment within public schools and also

with Houghton College teacher education students.

Rebuilding El Salvador

In February El Salvador ended a 12-year civil war which has left civic and social infrastructures in shambles. At the request of the United States Information Agency, recreation department chairman Dr. Thomas Kettelkamp spent September 13-27 in El Salvador working with 45 educators, community and municipal leaders and national government officials to design action programs in such areas as community service, recreation and sports. The assignment was not to impose solutions, but to train in-country personnel to identify needs, resolve conflicts and establish working programs.

Because the United States had supported the established government, and the new leadership represents both establishment and former FMLN insurgents, Kettelkamp said he first felt "like a Japanese consultant at a General Motors meeting," but that his non-prescriptive approach—and facility with Spanish—quickly built good working relationships. Kettelkamp has worked in every Central American country over the 20 years since he was a Peace Corps volunteer.

He said there have been no such programs operative for six years, but that people are tired of war and ready to do the work required to address needs engendered by the war, and some that led to it. He feels that chances for success are just even, but is encouraged that he's been invited to return next year.

Kettelkamp, who helped set up the Honduran national baseball team a decade ago, has brought a Honduran study contingent to Houghton each summer. He expects to host an El Salvadoran group here in 1993, and to take students to El Salvador for Mayterm.



Calhoon Award

Former Houghton chemistry department head Dr. Stephen W. Calhoon '53, academic vice president and chemistry professor at Central Wesleyan College, SC, since 1978, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree at Founders' Day.

Dr. Calhoon completed an associate degree at Central Wesleyan College where he met his wife, LuAnne, then came to Houghton in 1950. He earned his bachelor of science degree under Dr. Dorah Burnell, serving as lab assistant and being named to *Who's Who*. Following two years in the U.S. Army he returned here to teach chemistry in 1956, completing masters and Ph.D. degrees in analytical chemistry at Ohio State University.

Dr. Calhoon was instrumental in setting up Houghton's original cardiac pacemaker research, in expanding laboratory facilities and participating in the Paine Science Center's design. During a 1969-70 leave he inaugurated the chemistry major at Central Wesleyan College.

During his 15 years at Central, that college has instituted an aggressive LEAP program and enhanced ties to nearby Clemson University. Chamberlain noted: "Conversations with Central colleagues suggest that you retain your early attention to detail, coupled with willingness to hear any student or faculty petition and carefully consider all viewpoints." Responding, Calhoon recognized family members and paid tribute to Dr. Burnell and Dr. and Mrs. Willard Smith.

Evoking Giants: Founders' Day, Homecoming

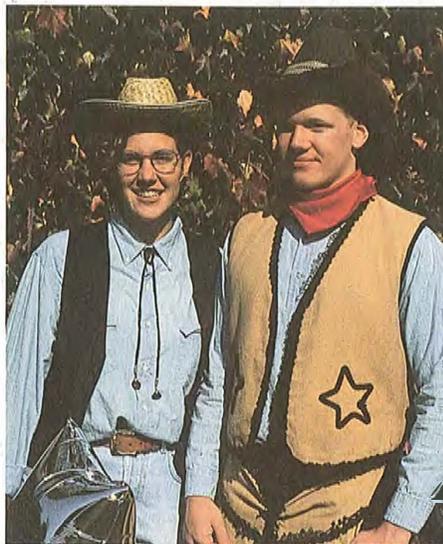
It was *not* your father's Founders' Day—no oratorical calls to use the best of the past to build a brighter tomorrow. Instead, actors pantomimed scenes of academy and college history to the narration of former dean Arthur W. Lynip and third-generation alumna Deborah (Fero) Young. Appearing in vignettes from their lives, Willard Houghton, James S. Luckey and Stephen W. Paine held the assembly's attention.

Part two of the convocation included presentation of an honorary degree to Dr. Stephen Calhoun, and a distinguished service award to Allen and Esther Smith. President Chamberlain and Dr. James Bence paid tribute to the late Herbert Stevenson for his effective, energetic and exemplary 37 years as a trustee.

In the concluding 20 minutes, four speakers offered reminiscences from Dr. Paine's life: Dr. Fred Shannon for faculty; Mrs. Kathy (Paine) Harriman for family; Mr. Bruce Brenneman for community and staff; Dr. Arthur Lynip for administration and alumni.

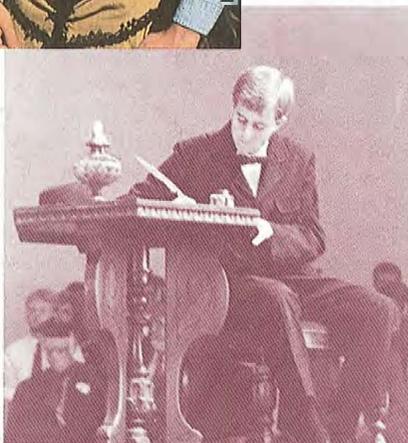
Summing up the ultimate meaning of his anecdotes and the entire morning's program, Lynip reminded his largely student audience: "The lesson behind all of this is *not* that beneath the surface of a giant beats the heart of a mere man. The lesson is this. Mere people, by devoted, urgent dependence on God, can *become* giants—and I mean you."

For other Homecoming and Founders' Day-related stories, see adjacent photos, captions and pages 23 and 31.



Looking the part for Homecoming's "Wild West" theme, Kathleen Hartzell, a senior pre-med student minoring in French, was named Queen. Genetics lab assistant, tutor, yearbook photographer and intramural sports are among her activities. Kathy is from Mechanicsburg, PA. Her escort, Douglas Bowerman, is from Fairport, NY.

(Right) Founders' Day scenes portrayed Willard Houghton writing his friend O. T. Higgins about beginning the school. (Below) Recreating then new instructor Stephen Paine's student-wowing traverse of the railway trestle handrail above Letchworth Upper Falls.



Actors portray administrators of the late '50s casting lots to break deadlock on how deep the chapel organ loft should be cantilevered.

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