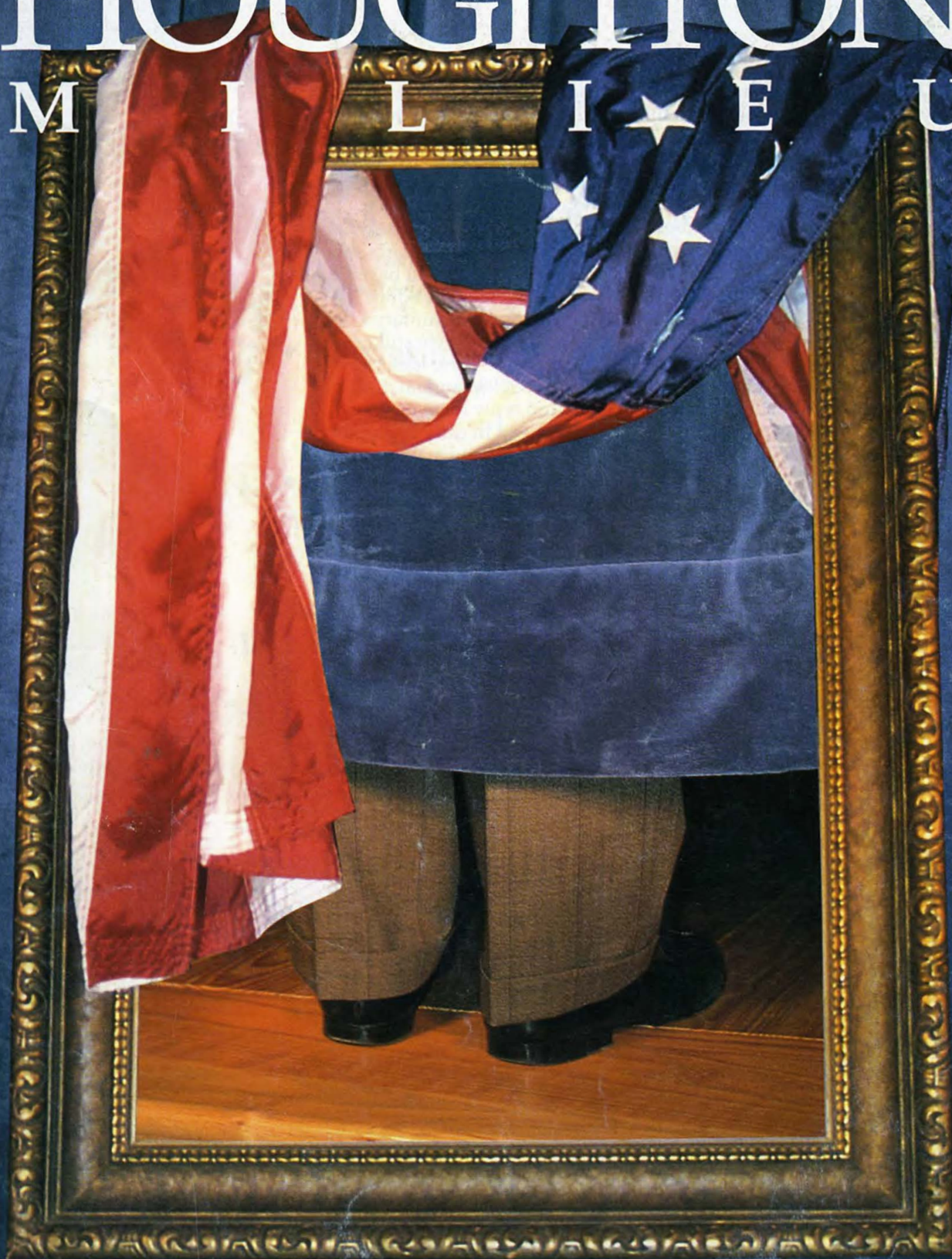


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Houghton College and Academy classes have resumed with full houses at both campuses. This *Milieu* issue also delivers a full house—election-year examination of political rhetoric, the uses and limits of political activism, and perspectives of some alumni in government service.

Other features include alumni involvements in the Atlanta Olympics, and issues, ideas and advances alumni medical professionals grappled with during an August symposium held at the college. From a large gift's boost to Houghton Academy to summer capital projects, we've also tried to capture campus happenings.

Finally, thanks for your 14-year support of the *Milieu* Voluntary Subscription Fund (VSF) as a way of making this magazine better. Comparing *Milieu* VSF donor statistics with those recently published from a Council for the Advancement and Support of Education survey of successful VSF

programs at eight other colleges and universities is enlightening. In terms of percentage of participation and dollars raised for the size of the solicitation base, *Houghton Milieu* is second only to *Notre Dame Magazine*, the national leader.

What about this year's solicitation? Though you haven't received the familiar editor's letter asking for voluntary subscription gifts, we still need that support. Please look carefully at the 1996 annual fund letter and reply form most of you received in early September (some will get the mailing in November). Look for and check the *Milieu* VSF box. This new method should afford better stewardship of your gifts.

Important as the dollars are, reader feedback is vital if we're to maintain *Milieu*'s scope and quality through 1997 and be responsive to reader interests. We appreciate your sharing your ideas as well as your dollars.—*Dean Liddick*



Dear Editor



In reviewing the [March '96] *Milieu* the other night, I came across the web-site article and thought I might give it a try. Although I did get some mud on my shoes from browsing through the "under construction" portions of the web, it looks as though the college is putting together a good package. I certainly will want to come back after the plastering is done, the painting is completed and the lawns have been sodded.

Has the college considered constructing an alumni chat site wherein

those from a bygone era could reminisce, tell tall tales, and perhaps even do some "networking?" (Sorry about the pun.)

Fred G. Thomas '60
Northfield, OH

Discussion forums for alumni are in the blueprints, near the top of the "to-do" list when support resources are available. The site itself is being remodeled for better organization and interfaces and easier support. So log on for what's there, watch out for soft cement and new grass, check out the blueprints and watch for implementation—and Milieu updates.—Editor

Dear Editor:

As a new friend of Houghton College (our daughter is a first-year student), I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you that I enjoyed reading the last two issues of *Milieu* which I saw while staying at the Inn at Houghton Creek. The articles gave me insights into the college. Thanks for doing a nice job and keeping alumni and friends informed. Reading the magazine reinforced my pleasure concerning my daughter's choice of college.

Elwood O. Johnson
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Still smiling, VP Tim Fuller '79 accepts another portfolio for his attaché case.

New Leadership for External Affairs

Tim Fuller '79, vice president for alumni relations and admission, has been appointed acting vice president for external affairs. This restructuring reflects a realignment of administrative duties following the resignation of Dr. Rebekah Basinger as vice president for advancement.

In this expanded role, Fuller will continue to supervise admission, alumni, conferences and financial aid, while also overseeing college advancement. (Those reporting to him will be given added responsibility in order that he can accept the expanded administrative duties.) The previously begun search for a director of development to handle daily operational responsibilities in fund raising will continue.

President Chamberlain said that Vice President for Finance Kenneth Nielsen will devote half of his time to helping the president raise major gifts for the proposed new music building. Business professor Kenneth Bates will become half-time director of planning and budgeting, relieving Nielsen of those responsibilities. Bates will retain his other duties.

Dr. Basinger, who came to Houghton in 1994, has accepted a position as director of development for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, and has received a grant from Lilly Endowment to pursue a research-writing project on fund raising and religious organizations. She is joined in this project by Dr. Thomas Jeavons, executive director of the Philadelphia Annual Meeting of the Friends. Dr. Chamberlain characterized her service at Houghton as "energetic, creative and future-oriented."

Fuller told *Milieu*, "I'm happy to serve an institution I love and a president I respect. I feel privileged to work with a number of talented co-workers; they make this expanded service possible." ♦

Faculty Comings and Goings

Houghton College has appointed four new faculty members for the 1996-97 academic year. Another four professors have left the college to pursue sabbaticals, a leave of absence, or other employment.

Ben King, professor of voice at Houghton from 1980-1992, returns to that position and will be director of the opera workshop. This follows a four-year stint as professor and chairman of the department of music at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. Dr. King holds B.M. and M.M. degrees from Texas Tech University and his D.M.A. from Eastman School of Music.

Shannon O'Roarke will begin teaching duties as interim assistant professor of philosophy in January 1997. Presently she is completing her Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut, specializing in ethics and feminist theory. O'Roarke previously taught at Calvin College in Michigan, with additional teaching experience in Pennsylvania and Colorado. She holds B.Ed. and M.Ed. degrees from Colorado State University.

James Schwartz has been named associate professor of education. Dr. Schwartz holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from SUNY Geneseo, and a Ph.D. from SUNY at Buffalo, majoring in elementary education mathematics. Dr. Schwartz has been a member of an outcomes assessment task force and participated in a longitudinal research project assessing faith and values development in Christian liberal arts college students. For the past four years he has taught at Geneva College.

Ellen Weber has been named professor of education. Canadian born, she is a graduate of the University of Alberta, received her M.Ed. from the University of Victoria and completed her Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia. She has taught at several Canadian universities and high schools from Baffin Island to Victoria, BC. Among her research interests



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are multiple intelligence theory, integrated studies in high school and higher learning, and multicultural education. She serves on the editorial board of *Wellspring Magazine*, has numerous publications to her credit and has appeared on Canadian TV.

Assistant professor of computer science since 1989, Ms. **Janet Johnson** has resigned to become senior programmer-analyst for Central Fidelity Bank of Lynchburg, Va. Ms. Johnson will work with databases and users, making practical application of her teaching skills.

Claity Massey, professor of education since 1976, is on a two-year leave of absence when she will direct the King Urban Life Center's Institute on Urban Education in Buffalo. Dr. Massey's duties will include two after-school programs, a pilot project at School 90 and providing services to home day-care providers. Some 300 children are involved.

Bruce Brown, professor of voice since 1974, has begun a one-year sabbatical leave to sing with the Dale Warland Singers, a 40-voice professional choir based in Minneapolis, Minn. (Dr. Brown, who knew Warland when they were graduate students at USC 30 years ago, approached him a year ago at a choral musicians' conference and the arrangement was made.) In addition to singing second tenor with the ensemble, which specializes in 20th-century music, Dr. Brown expects to help in computer cataloging past programs and music as well as participating in performing works commissioned for the group's 25th anniversary.

English professor and poet-in-residence **John Leax** has begun a one-semester sabbatical leave. To date he has

traveled to Washington State and to New York's Hudson River Valley to study the relationship of culture and nature. He's visiting gardens and doing his historical reading—all with an eye to a writing course he teaches which is coordinated with environmental biology, and to classes he teaches in Houghton's stewardship minor. ♦



Clockwise from top left: Dr. King, Professor O'Roarke, Drs. Schwartz and Weber



Dr. Willett

Dr. Edward Willett to Deliver Founders' Day Address

Edward J. Willett '39, professor of economics at Houghton from 1962-85, will deliver the 1996 Founders' Day convocation address, "Why Houghton is No Ordinary College," on October 4. Professor Willett, a one-time Syracuse area businessman, civic leader and author, lives with his wife, Ruth (Shea '41), in Camillus, NY. Dr. Willett's late father was the first graduate of the college's advanced department.

During the convocation Willett will receive an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree.

U.S. Congressman Amory Houghton, whose district includes Houghton College, will be grand marshal for the Saturday Homecoming parade.

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Houghton Academy News



Major Gift

Headmaster Philip G. Stockin is pleased to announce a major gift pledged towards completion of "Double the Vision" funding for the academy's \$2.1 million plant expansion.

Dr. Thomas and Joan Phillippe of Indianapolis, Indiana, recently committed \$500,000 to this project. Stockin said, "Once again the Lord has shown his faithfulness to the academy, this time through the generous gift of his servants, the Phillippes." Their gift will help challenge others to give a remaining \$300,000 needed to complete paying for the project.

New Theater

The new Tysinger Theater has met all expectations. Between the college and academy there are few unscheduled hours. This past year the theater hosted three major dramas, one opera workshop, a readers' theater, several choir concerts, a piano concert and numerous other gatherings.

Over the summer the community theater's musical production, "Brigadoon," was hosted there. Enjoyment of the arts has been wonderfully enhanced by this joint college/academy venture.

Development Position Opens

The academy's director of development position is now open. Anyone interested in this opportunity should contact Headmaster Philip Stockin at 9790 Thayer St., Houghton, NY, 14744, or call (716) 567-8500.

Fall Enrollment

Last year enrollment at the academy reached an all-time high of 145. We anticipate equal or better enrollment this fall.

Summer Institute Explores Technology's Impact

For three weeks in the summer, Christian scholars from eight academic institutions gathered at Houghton to examine technology's impact on American culture—how it affects daily life, defines culture and shapes the nation. This inaugural Institute for Integrated Studies featured Dr. Randall Balmer, religion professor at Columbia University's Barnard College, and author and PBS documentary writer.

In preparation for the Institute, the scholars did advance reading and participated in on-line Internet discussion. Eleven academic disciplines were represented at the institute. Participants will, by year's end, submit results of study from their professional perspective for publication as a collection of essays. Before college opened at the end of August, Houghton faculty participants shared their institute experiences and findings, and fielded questions during the college's annual faculty retreat. ♦

Home Improvements

Most visible of the capital projects completed over the summer was a new hipped roof for Shenawana men's residence and another four-unit townhouse. Several new or resurfaced sidewalks, blacktopping of townhouse parking lots and additional landscaping add further enhancement. Refurbishing occurred in East Hall and Hazlett House residences, and the college completed site work for six building lots adjacent to the newest townhouses. Additional insulation and re-roofing will improve the front section of the Stevens Art Studios in September.

Not obvious to a passing visitor, but vital in helping Houghton students and personnel use technology to enhance education, was wiring of Shenawana and Lambein residences for computer access, connection of the library and campus center, laboratory upgrades, and installation of new servers and links which will increase local and Internet traffic-handling capacity by 25 times and permit graphical connection to people's homes. ♦



Houghton Church Names New Pastors

The Rev. Mr. Wesley D. Oden has accepted the call of Houghton Wesleyan Church to be its senior pastor. "I'm excited for the opportunity to minister to Houghton faculty, staff, and students, to be a part of influencing the world."

In other aspects of his service to the church, the Rev. Oden desires that the church be a strong influence on the lives it touches and looks forward to meeting Houghton alumni as they return. "It's a great privilege and a tremendous responsibility. Please pray for me and my staff."

Oden, a second-generation Wesleyan minister, has a B.A. in Christian ministries from George Fox College (Oregon), and an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary. He had pastored at Rice Lake, Wis., since 1987. Oden has held a variety of district administrative posts and is active in continuing education. He and Mrs. Oden have two sons.

Named youth pastor at the church is '96 Houghton graduate and religion major Leonard Luchetti. Luchetti concurrently pastors the nearby Belleville Wesleyan Church where he has served for a year. ♦



Rev. Oden

Vogan '32 Inducted Into Athletic Hall of Honor

The locker of a young Paul Vogan would have shown an array of athletic jerseys. Purple and gold, they would have been a symbol of a young man's devotion to sport. Basketball. Track and field. Baseball. Tennis. On July 18, 1996, a somewhat older, though still physically fit, Paul Vogan '32 returned to his *alma mater* to be inducted into Houghton's Athletic Hall of Honor.

During the campus luncheon for Vogan and 120 other Golden Agers, Athletic Director Skip Lord observed that the 1932 Houghton yearbook, *The Boulder*, had editorialized, "Paul Vogan... certainly deserves a place in Houghton's Athletic Hall of Fame." After 64 years, Lord said, it was time for that assertion to become fact.

Lord told how Vogan had played Gold basketball, class basketball, track and field and baseball for four years, varsity basketball for three years, and tennis for two years. Paul was also freshman basketball captain, and at various times served as varsity captain, Gold captain and athletic association president.

Vogan's personal athletic wins record is exemplary. As a sophomore Paul won the 100-yard dash, and set a school record in the 220-yard dash, the pole vault, and the broad jump. As a junior, Vogan again won the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, broad jump, and relay. He set another school record in the pole vault. As a senior Vogan copied earlier wins, this time adding to his distinguished list of wins a school record in the broad jump.

Leaving sports behind to earn a living and raise a family, Vogan had a 38-year career in education, all of it at Mooers, NY. In 1970 he retired after 26 years as principal. Active in community service, he headed 10 educational groups and was first president of the New York State Council of School District Administrators. ♦

Athletic Schedule 1996-97

(Opposing colleges are located in New York unless noted.)

Men's Soccer

Coach: Dwight Hornibrook

October

- 5 Univ. of Mobile, Ala., 2 pm (Homecoming) H
- 11 Teikyo Post Univ., Ct., 3:30 pm A
- 12 Castleton State College, Vt., TBA A
- 17 St. John Fisher College, TBA A
- 19 Roberts Wesleyan College, 2 pm H
- 23 Univ. Of Pittsburgh @ Bradford, PA., 4 pm H

November

- 2 Elmira College, 2 pm H
- 9-10 KECC Playoffs, TBA
- 16-17 NAIA Northeast Regional Tournament, TBA
- 25-30 NAIA National Championship, TBA

Women's Soccer

Coach: Dave Lewis

October

- 1 Roberts Wesleyan College, 4 pm A
- 4 Nyack College, 4 pm H
- 5 Tiffin Univ., Ohio, 12 pm (Homecoming) H
- 12 Walsh Univ., Ohio, 12 pm H
- 19 Dominican College, 1 pm A
- 23 St. John Fisher College, 4 pm A

November

- 1 St. Vincent College, PA., 3 pm H
- 2 Seton Hill College, PA., 12 pm H
- 9 KECC Playoffs, TBA
- 16 Northeast Regional Tournament, TBA
- 25-30 NAIA National Championship, TBA

Women's Volleyball

Coach: Nancy Cole '90

October

- 4 Westminster College, PA., 7 pm H
- 5 Geneva College, PA., 1 pm (Homecoming) H
- 8 Roberts Wesleyan College, 7 pm A
- 11 Seton Hill College, PA., 7 pm H
- 12 Tournament: St. Vincent, PA. vs. D'Youville, 11 am Houghton vs. St. Vincent, PA., 1 pm Houghton vs. D'Youville, 3 pm
- 18 Westminster College, PA., 7 pm A
- 19 Point Park College, PA., 1 pm A
- 25 Point Park College, PA., 7 pm H
- 26 Carlow College, PA., 1 pm H

- 18 Westminster College, PA., 7 pm A
- 19 Point Park College, PA., 1 pm A
- 25 Point Park College, PA., 7 pm H
- 26 Carlow College, PA., 1 pm H

November

- 1 St. Vincent College, PA., 7 pm A

- 2 Seton Hill College, PA., 1 pm A
- 6 Univ. of Pitts. @ Bradford, PA., 7 pm A
- 12, 15-16 KECC Playoffs
- 22-23 Northeast Regional Tour., TBA

December

- 4-7 NAIA National Championship, TBA

Women's Field Hockey

Coach: Donna Hornibrook

October

- 1 Brockport State, 4 pm A
- 5 Alumni Game, 12 pm (Homecoming) H
- 8 Slippery Rock Univ., PA., 4 pm A
- 12 SUNY @ Oswego, 1 pm A
- 15 Guelph College, 5:30 pm A
- 17 Hamilton College, 4:30 pm A
- 18 Nazareth College, 4 pm A
- 26 Indiana Univ. of PA, 1 pm H
- 30 Mansfield Univ., PA., 3:30 pm A
- TBA Houghton vs. Western Ontario, Canada

Women's Basketball

Coach: Skip Lord '80

November

- 15 St. Thomas Aquinas College, 6 pm A
- 16 Nyack College, TBA A

December

- 4 Univ. of Pitts. @ Bradford, PA., 6 pm A
- 7 Roberts Wesleyan College, 6 pm H
- 12 Roch. Institute of Tech., 6 pm A
- 14 Cazenovia College, 6 pm H

Men's Basketball

Coach: Greg Berry

November

- 15 St. Thomas Aquinas College, 8 pm A
- 16 Nyack College, TBA A
- 22 Houghton College Tourn., 6 & 8 pm H
- 23 Houghton College Tourn., 6 & 8 pm H
- 26 Tiffin Univ., Ohio, 8 pm H
- 29 Malone College Tourn., Ohio, TBA A
- 30 Malone College Tourn., TBA A

December

- 4 Univ. of Pitts. @ Bradford, PA., 8 pm A
- 7 Roberts Wesleyan College, 8 pm H
- 12 Roch. Inst. of Technology, 8 pm A
- 14 Cazenovia College, 8 pm H

Cross Country

Coach: Bob Smalley '78

October

- 5 Homecoming / Meet H
- 12 Geneseo State A
- 26 NCCAA A

November

- 2 NAIA Keystone Conference A
- 16 NAIA Nationals A



Who Framed the President?

by Dr. Douglas Gaerte

The medals have been distributed, the Coca-Cola and McDonalds' advertisements have aired, and the Olympic flame has been extinguished. But just when you thought the media hype was over, a new spectacle looms ahead. The fall election campaign has arrived.

Just as Olympic fans criticized the commercialization of the Atlanta Games and complained when their favorite sport aired at 1:00 a.m., voters in the months ahead will likely bemoan the decline of political discourse in American politics. Voter dissatisfaction can be seen in the continuing calls for alternatives to the two major parties and in the declining rate of voter turnout. While nearly 63 percent of Americans voted in 1960, only about half of those who were eligible to vote did so in 1988. If the trend of recent campaigns continues, less than 40 percent of Americans will watch any of the Democratic and Republican conventions in August.

Why do so many Americans seem unhappy with the political status quo? Although there may be many reasons, one theme frequently appears in discussions of this issue: despite the almost constant flow of messages during an ever-lengthening campaign, many citizens believe they no longer have the information they need to make a rational decision in the voting booth. Two important factors have encouraged the perception that current political discourse prevents us from dealing with real problems: the shift from a word-based to a visually-based approach to creating meaning, and the framing of candidates and issues in an attempt to shape public perception.

I recently asked a group of 30 adults what they remembered about the 1988 campaign between George Bush and Michael Dukakis. While few could recall any specific issues that were important in the campaign, many remembered pictures of Michael Dukakis riding in a tank, Willie Horton's menacing mug shot, and the American flags that were used to provide a backdrop for nearly every public appearance by the candidates. Striking visual images have become increasingly important as a way to cut through the clutter of messages competing for our attention.

Television news editors routinely select stories based on their visual appeal, something that campaign managers use to shape the images that we see of a candidate. In 1984, for example, Reagan's handlers scheduled a presidential visit to a new housing addition under construction in Texas. The visual images of Reagan chatting with construction workers in a

framed-out house vividly communicated that housing starts were up. Without the visuals, the message about housing would have received little attention.

While pictures may complement the words that accompany them, the visual images may also contradict the text so that the original intent of the language is lost. In 1988, for example, audiences remembered the glowering face of Willie Horton despite information that the Bush ads greatly distorted the facts about the Massachusetts parole program.

Even as reporters discussed the false impressions created by the ad, audiences saw again the menacing face of violence when Horton's face appeared in the story. The power of the picture reinforced the association between Dukakis and crime. When questions were raised about Reagan's age and mental fitness in 1984, pictures of the president playing football on the beach, lifting weights, and chopping wood at his California ranch undermined criticism that the president was forgetful and confused.

Such visual images make it difficult to make an informed voting decision. When ideas are communicated using words, we can analyze the structure, reasoning, and evidence of the message. Pictures are harder to analyze in the same way.

For example, voters can evaluate a candidate's views toward the elderly following a speech advocating cutbacks in social security, but pictures of the candidate mixing with the residents of a nursing home create an image that is hard to critique unless one has additional information about the politician's record on the elderly. As Americans increasingly rely on television news for information about candidates, they are usually less likely to have the specific knowledge they need to evaluate the implied messages being communicated in the pictures.

Besides the growing reliance on visual images to communicate, political handlers are increasingly concerned with how the public interprets the actions and words of a candidate. Central to this concern is the notion of "framing."

Framing refers to the way in which listeners assign meaning to or create a context for the messages that they receive. For example, imagine that you are stressed by an approaching deadline at work. If someone offers to help you, you may interpret the message, or frame it, as a genuine offer of assistance. If the offer comes from an office rival, however, you may frame the message as a subtle put-down in which the speaker is implying that you are not capable of handling the job. In either case, you have created the meaning of the message by deciding how to frame it.

How issues are "framed" in the public sphere is perhaps the primary concern for a candidate and his or her advisors. In media jargon this attempt to frame messages is often called "putting a spin" on a story.

For the Clinton campaign, for example, how the public regards the various controversies surrounding the White House has important implications. Was the apparent misuse of confidential FBI files a purposeful violation of privacy and a willful abuse of the power of the president's office, or was it just another example of young, inexperienced staffers making foolish mistakes?

Ironically, charges of drug use among White House staffers, questions surrounding misplaced Whitewater files, and the bungled management of the White House travel office may help Clinton and his advisors cast the FBI file case as a harmless and inadvertent error by bungling functionaries. The claim that no one can even remember who initially hired certain staffers further creates the perception of a lack of administrative control in the White House. Against a backdrop of almost continual improprieties, it is easy for the public to

conclude that the White House is being carelessly managed.

While this view of the Clinton administration is not particularly positive, it does not hurt the President like it would if the media and/or the public framed these controversies as purposeful and malicious violations of the law. As a result, the president does not appear to be suffering in the polls.

To attack Clinton, the Dole campaign will likely attempt to reframe these controversies so that the public begins to interpret them as signs of deeper problems in the administration. The continual struggle to put the proper "spin" on the issues makes it difficult for the public to sort out the meaning of events and put them in their proper context.

The difficulty of choosing a candidate based on contrived visual images and highly-managed messages has led to calls for change. For example, one critic has suggested that candidates be given television time to discuss important issues face to face, free from the intervention of journalists and the imposition of restrictive time limits that encourage candidates to speak in sound bites.

While such a step might improve the quality of our political discourse, most political advisors would likely oppose such a format because the messages of their candidate could not be properly controlled. Ultimately, it remains our responsibility to seek out a variety of sources to gather the information we need to make a responsible choice when the voting booth curtain closes behind us. ♦

Dr. Gaerte is an associate professor of communication at Houghton, where he has completed his eighth year. Besides his interests in history, politics, and media, Gaerte frequently performs as a dramatic reader for various campus and community groups. He and his wife, Phyllis, are active at the Houghton Wesleyan Church and enjoy having college students into their home during the school year.

Living in a Political World

Outside the voting booths and long before this year's political campaign began, Houghton alumni and college personnel have been impacting our nation in other significant ways as well. Some serve on their local governing boards; some serve in Washington. Jon Balson '68, Sheila DiTullio '77, and Kenneth Nielsen, Houghton's vice president for finance, agreed to talk to Milieu.

A Good Man is Hard to Find

Jon Balson '68 has a long and distinguished title: executive policy analyst for the governor's policy office and the policy office of the Department of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

How did he get the job? Jon explains, "Although my assistance was not conditioned upon an expectation of some post-election reward, contributing toward the campaign of the then-gubernatorial candidate, Tom Ridge, played some role in my securing a staff position.

"Besides assisting with grassroots political efforts," Balson added, "I had opportunities to identify and 'flesh out' critical business and economic issues with the cam-

paign policy director (who, three weeks after the election, called to express interest in my joining the Governor's policy staff)."

Jon also told *Milieu* that it helped even more to have a reputation for integrity, an evident interest in public service, and solid research, analytical and communication skills. "This aspect was related to me after background checks were made with a variety of government affairs persons, a county political leader who is a fellow believer, and business leaders," Jon added.

His recent activities suggest the wide spectrum of policy work in which he engages. The work ranged from preparing a detailed proposal to help labor and industry executives begin to implement a performance-based budgeting system and privatize operations in a manner which is rational and equitable, to discussing, at length, with his boss, who is an Orthodox Jew, the biblical basis for workers' compensation (see Exodus 21).

Jon notes, "Clearly, my policy work has benefitted from graduate-degree work in public policy, experience as a government affairs representative for a trade association, and regulatory compliance work which I did for an industrial firm."

Jon credits Houghton College for helping him to develop analytical frameworks, to ask intelligent questions, to avidly pursue truth, to value historical perspective, and to learn that Christian faith must move from the knowing to the doing. "I acquired [these skills] from the patient instruction and examples of my professors."

Here Comes the Judge

Elected an Erie County (NY) Court Judge last November, Sheila DiTullio '77 won a post for which



Judge Sheila DiTullio '77

she has planned throughout her 15-year law career.

Daughter of an Italian immigrant, Sheila recalls as a young child seeing her father, his relatives and friends humiliated because of their unfamiliarity with American culture, their Italian accents, and their "unsophisticated" approach to the business world. "I knew then that someday I would represent people who were disadvantaged," she recalls.

"From the beginning of my legal career I've been involved politically because I thought it was important, not only to practice law on a public service level, but to also be involved



in the many issues that face us in society," Sheila added.

Why go Democrat? "Because of my strong belief that the Democratic Party represents all people and does not hesitate to help all people Although I was the endorsed Democratic and Independent [candidate], I won the conservative primary and came close to winning the Republican primary. I campaigned daily for eight months and quickly learned

society as a whole and they should work their way 'from the bottom up,' including trial work." Expecting no less from herself, prior to her election as judge, Sheila worked in the public defender's office, was an assistant district attorney and eventually became a department head of the D.A.'s sex-crime unit, Attorney General's environmental crimes unit and the D.A.'s grand-jury bureau.



Houghton's chief business officer, Kenneth Nielsen

that a political campaign is grueling; it's a science unto itself. I also learned that the people whom I'd attempted to help along the way came back to help me years later in my campaign, assisting me in 'getting out the vote' for my judicial race."

Early on Sheila realized that many judges within the criminal justice system lacked the background and experience for the positions they held. "I felt strongly that judges made significant decisions that affect

Judge DiTullio, who graduated from Western New England School of Law (Mass.), says her Houghton education "taught me to be prepared, to be well researched, and to be articulate and organized in presenting my beliefs, my case, or my cause... As an Erie County Court Judge... I can render decisions that are fair, effective and meaningful. Proportionately, there are few women judges on the bench, and I feel that with my experience and background, and with my perspective as a woman, that I add depth and fairness to the bench in a system where it is desperately needed."

Surely her ability to be fair has been enhanced by her faith. "I learned [at Houghton] what it is to be a Christian... I entered college with a strong Catholic background, but had never studied scripture or learned about my religion and faith in-depth. Houghton taught me that Christianity involves a strong faith, knowledge of scripture and a commitment to living and doing for Christ on a daily basis."

Judge DiTullio, who maintains her Catholic faith because she is comfortable with the worship style, says Houghton added great depth to her understanding. "Houghton also

provided me with a perspective and a base that will carry me through life."

On the Dime

Kenneth Nielsen, Houghton's chief business officer, is charged with keeping Houghton's \$23,000,000 annual operation in the black on a dime-wide margin. On the side, he volunteers several hours in regional economic development work. He is an advocate of programs for youth at risk and has a long history of working with youth in camping. Doesn't Mr. Nielsen have enough to worry about without going into politics?

As a concerned citizen and a Christian, Kenneth Nielsen doesn't think so. An employee of Houghton for 35 years, Ken has built a network of associates in government.

Seven years ago he ran for a seat on the Allegany County Legislature. Ken ran a modest campaign and won a four-year term. He lost a race for a second term in 1993 (too modest a campaign, he says), then campaigned more aggressively in 1995 and won another term. What motivates him? "I see opportunity to serve the people of Allegany County."

What about the notion that politics is a tainted and tainting business? Not so, Ken feels, at least at his level of government. "While I don't always share the ideologies of my associates," he explains, "none of the legislators I've worked with is in it for personal gain. All seriously desire to better their communities and the county."

Ken concluded, "If you treat people fairly, carefully evaluate each decision, and vote in accordance with the majority of those you represent, you can help better the community and resolve problems, and may reflect credit on the Lord and upon your employer. In recent years I've seen the level of appreciation for Houghton College rise markedly." ♦



Politics, or Subduing Evil?

Alumni Think on These Things



On November 5, Houghton alumni will be among those choosing U.S. leadership for the rest of this millennium. To offer some non-media perspectives in making that choice and suggest guidelines for broader local participation in government, Summer Alumni Weekends had a political focus. Alumni with public service experiences shared insights regarding the history, opportunities and limitations of political activism.

Burnett Thompson '49—profiled on the back cover of this issue—presented perspectives on politics and government service, based on decades of living and working in Washington. Quotes from his seminar, "Do Not Render Unto Caesar That Which is God's," set the stage for the amplifying and complementing seminars by alumni Graham Walker '79 and Bill Wichterman '86.

Said Thompson, "Politics has been elevated to a level that secularizes the church. Caesar is a very jealous taskmaster....In the last 20 years we've begun to depend on the political system for delivery of the gospel.

"[As a voter] you 'own' about 1/450,000th of a typical congressman. Beyond that is ingratiation or intimidation.

"Did Daniel work for Nebuchadnezzar because he agreed with his policies?" To work redemptively in the political system Thompson believes it is constricting and missing larger ministry opportunities to insist upon serving only with people whose views parallel your own.

Illustrating two dangers Christian organizations face when they become identified with political agendas—mixed priorities and being co-opted by power—Thompson related how Senator Mark Hatfield was once removed from

an evangelical organization's "approved speaker list," not because his theology was faulty, but because of his position on the Vietnam War. On another occasion, a Christian periodical scrapped a proposed article on events in Nicaragua because publication would have threatened its Washington access, "their place at the king's table."

Thompson concluded, "The roots of our problems aren't political. They're in the church... '[We're] not called to impose a moral content; we can't build the kingdom through legislation. One

"The roots of our problems aren't political. They're in the church..."

can [work to] subdue evil and to some extent should, but anything that doesn't communicate the reconciling Christ is a negative."

In ministering to politicians, their staffers and young professionals, he is thrilled to see young Christians who want to use government service as their forum for communicating Christ. Typically, he says, "Houghton students have had a spiritual purpose in going into the political realm—to discern that which is good."

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Bi-furcated vision has characterized American politicians and government policy from the beginning according to Dr. Walker, assistant professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. In his seminar, "Presidential Politics and Social Issues," Walker cited an historical tension between the models of commonwealth (the goal

of government is to promote societal good character and virtue), and a "liberal" view (government's role is protection of individual freedom and rights with politics charged to balance bad impulses and good outcomes).

Walker suggested that modern Democrats and Republicans—and many Christians—try to buy into parts of both philosophies. Such tensions preclude politics as a means to lasting solutions, but he warned against expecting too little from politics. Blocking euthanasia and advocating school prayer don't produce conversions to Christ, nor do the waiting periods built into divorce reform produce Christ-centered marriages. Feeding the hungry and health care reform may not save souls or obviate poor habits of health, but working for such causes can forestall character-destroying activities and promote temporal well being.

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Chief of staff to California Congressman Bill Baker, Bill Wichterman may best be remembered to alumni of a decade ago as running for student senate president—while he was on a semester's study exchange at Wheaton. He won the election after presenting his platform in Wesley Chapel—by phone from Illinois.

Bill is the first to say he loves the give and take of politics and believes that Christians have important roles to fill in government. However, in his seminar, "The Relative Insignificance of Politics," Bill urged alumni to infiltrate the fields of journalism, education and entertainment, and to participate in voluntary associations such as Promise Keepers, Love Waits, and PTA. ♦

Alumni Ahead of the Game

None of Houghton's alumni involved with the recent Atlanta centennial Olympic Games competed for gold medals, but they each carried the torch of competence, dedication and service. Alumni known to have had roles in putting on the games ranged from those meeting the medical needs of the athletes or insuring that exotic ailments didn't gain a foothold in America, to persons literally offering cold water in the name of Christ.

As part of its celebration of the Olympic Games, Atlanta-headquartered Coca-Cola commissioned a 15-story-high Centennial Olympic wall mural of notable Georgians. Stephen J. Ortlip '42 was among the 35 people selected to have their portraits adorn the side of Carter Hall at Georgia State University across from Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, a major Olympic venue.

Ortlip, founder/director of the Young Singers of Callanwolde, was one of nine persons Coke selected whose work "has made a difference in the community and inspired others." He founded the group in 1975. The Young Singers of Callanwolde were among the 600 of children featured in the Olympic closing ceremonies finale, *Dream Song*; one of its members was soloist. Ortlip's portrait appears near the mural's center, in company with former President and Mrs. Jimmie Carter, a past Atlanta mayor, educators, immigrants, health care and law enforcement workers, an historian and assorted volunteers, young and old.

Erik Williams '93, youth pastor of the C& MA Church of Tucker, Ga., found his dual citizenship (Norwegian) and knowledge of that language opened doors of witness at the Olympics. He shared with a Norwegian team physician and family and two coaches. As part of a mission

training conference he and other trainees attended, they traveled from Toccoa Falls to Atlanta each afternoon for a practicum in sharing the gospel.

Not just another face in the crowd: Stephen Ortlip '42 (center, wearing glasses, in color photo) was one of only 35 notable Georgians to have his portrait adorn a 15-story-high Centennial Olympic wall mural.

Infolympic Mania

After training last summer, Janelle Powell '96 worked with international media at the equestrian venue. Her official title was liaison officer, which she defined as "PR hostess to the foreign broadcasters."

From her perspective Janelle found "Atlanta '96 seemed more like Infolympics '96. Behind the scenes, the key strategy of the games centered around information technology." She explained her work in terms of "touch screens."

TV Monitors: Each commentary position came equipped with a monitor which showed Atlanta Olympic Broadcasting's picture. The broadcasters actually commentated to this video feed. Unfortunately, the TV monitors became the commentators' only view of the competition during rainy times, when a large blue tarp was pulled over them to protect both equipment, and commentators

CIS: The Commentary Information Systems computer software provided athlete biographies and up-to-the-minute results...when it worked. Of course, the one instance of system failure occurred during the endurance-cross-country phase of the Three-Day-Event. Commentating at a separate site from the stadium arena, the broadcasters also had no access to printed results, which left them with live commentary time and nothing to say. My diplomatic response? "They're working on it..."

Manual: Last but not least was the use of our own hands, feet and mouths for communication. The five liaison officers and our information manager—representing the Netherlands, Finland and four areas of the U.S.—set aside differences and overcame difficulties to work together, using our mutual interest to achieve a common goal. My memories will last a lifetime—or at least until Sydney 2000.

Walkie Talkies: were the communication link between liaison officers at the arena and those monitoring the mixed zone, an area located next to the field of play where athletes could "mix" with the media and the press. Unfortunately, we began using them after the day we most needed them—during the riding and running segments of the Modern Pentathlon event. In the chaos of post-competition, the media didn't abide by the rules of athlete access normally followed in the mixed zone. After I removed several camera crews from secured areas while another liaison officer tried to prevent others from rushing the field, we decided that our security duties required at least walkie-talkies, if not full riot gear!

Commentary Units: enabled broadcasters to do live commentary during the competition and send it back to their studios' own broadcast studios in the International Broadcast Center, to be mixed with the picture provided by Atlanta Olympic Broadcasting. Since these units were central to the job, commentators became very concerned if the units malfunctioned—like the morning the agitated Polish broadcaster waved me down. He couldn't reach his home studio and was supposed to start commentating in two minutes. I called the appropriate technician who finally found and fixed a loose cord.

Erik admits he contracted Olympic fever: from acquiring collector bottles of Coke and special car paint decals to pins and copies of Sports Illustrated Daily magazines sold only in Atlanta. He and his wife also purchased a named courtyard brick for Centennial Park, which they had left just two hours before the bomb blast.

Lynelle Tucker '68 of Atlanta knew six years ago that she'd be in Georgia this summer. In 1990, just days after Billy Payne won Atlanta the right to host the '96 summer games, Lynelle scheduled her vacation to coincide with the games—where she wanted to serve as one of 80,000 volunteers. Lynelle worked near an Aquatic Center en-

trance helping Olympic visitors find transportation to the venues they were seeking, and in free time, represented Jesus Christ to competitors and attendees through the services offered by her home church, North Avenue Presbyterian. Located just three blocks from the Olympic Village, it's one of few churches committed to downtown Atlanta, she says.

The church's "Oasis of Discovery," directly on the route of both marathons, supplied cold water to the runners and offered free water and restrooms to other visitors. Inside, visitors could hear Moody-sponsored Sermons from Science daily, or make self-guided tours of the sanctuary's Tiffany stained glass windows—using a printed

description and gospel message in 11 languages, as translated by Wycliffe personnel. She observed that attendance at these offerings—initially, lighter than anticipated—picked up considerably after the Centennial Park bombing.

Lynelle's mother, Margaret (Smith) Tucker '39, who also lives in the Atlanta area, was among many Christians who opened their homes to families of athletes from abroad as part of the Host Atlanta Project.



First-year Houghton student Heather Dungey of Auburn, NY, accompanies the torchbearer through her hometown.

When he learned that Savannah would be the yachting venue for the '96 Olympics, former professor of German at Houghton Victor Carpenter '63, now teaching French and German at Savannah State University, applied to be a language agent.

"I accompanied a French athlete, chosen at random, to the 'doping control' station," Vic recalls.

"The team doctor also came along. They spoke no English. I accompanied the same doctor to an international meeting on sports medicine. Of 15 countries represented, only the Russian, Japanese, and French reps needed interpreters."

Vic said the language-service staff also had to translate written appeals concerning things which happened during the races. "These requests were then sent to the 'jury' for decision-making," he added.

On another occasion, Vic recalls an urgent hurricane warning prior to the start of the yacht races. "I had to quickly type up a page of 'Storm Preparations' in German, which told what to do with each of the eight classes of boats until the 'all clear.'"

Heather Dungey of Auburn, NY, is a first-year student at Houghton. "The only thing that really compared with learning of my acceptance into Houghton's first-year honors program was being the escort runner to the Olympic torchbearer on June 12 [when the torch came through Auburn]," she said.

Heather, who ran cross-country

in high school and will participate in the sport at Houghton this year, actually ran two segments of the course. Had the torchbearer stumbled, it would have been her job to keep the torch on schedule. Along with her running ability, Heather was selected because of an essay she wrote on academics and community service. ♦



Vic Carpenter '63 poses in front of the Olympic yachting venue where he served as a language agent.

Matters of the Heart

Health Care Symposium Addresses
Contemporary Medical Issues

Have you ever had to explain to the parents of a terminally ill child how a loving God could allow their baby to suffer, to die? Have you ever watched life literally drain out of an AIDS patient? Have you ever had responsibility for deciding if a loved one should be disconnected from life-support systems?

These issues and more face today's physicians and their patients. Houghton College alumni in the medical profession are not exempt. Many of these professionals expressed a desire to meet with alumni colleagues to discuss, from a Christian perspective, ethical and clinical aspects of practicing medicine. Thus, in an effort to provide an important educational experience for alumni and by alumni, the Health Care Symposium was born. Some 45 alumni and friend medical professionals, joined by several Houghton alumni medical students, faculty and undergraduate pre-meds, attended the August conference. Medical professionals attending were able to earn AMA category 1 and AAFP continuing medical-education credits.

A distinguished panel of experts included John Stewart '56, M.D., chief of the clinical virology section at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Jeffrey Prinsell '75, D.M.D. and M.D. from Atlanta's School of Sleep Medicine, Diane Komp '61, M.D., professor of pediatric hematology-oncology at Yale University School of Medicine, David Topazian '52, M.D., director of Project MedSend, Peter Lee '61, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Robert Orr '62, M.D., director of clinical ethics and professor of family medicine at

Loma Linda University.

Dr. Stewart provided much of the program's clinical emphasis, looking at recent developments



Diane Komp '61 autographs her new book during her August visit to campus.

and projections regarding HIV and the re-emergence of TB as a major health concern—a revival tied in part to its increasing association with HIV. Stewart also reviewed the threat of ebola and hantaviruses, maladies which have received considerable media attention (especially ebola). He outlined the 1995 ebola outbreak in Kitwit, Zaire, and the 1993 hantavirus outbreak in the southwestern U.S. While the latter has been traced to rodents, the host for ebola has yet to be identified. Dr. Stewart offered CDC-developed guidelines for reducing hantavirus threat in potentially rodent-occupied areas.

Fellow Georgian Dr. Prinsell, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, lectured on snoring and obstructive sleep apnea. Using slides, he dis-

cussed the relative prevalence of these conditions, describing symptoms, diagnostic techniques and treatment, including surgery and therapeutic devices.

Dr. Topazian talked about the integration of business and ministry in medical practice. While he stressed preventing disease, caring for the poor and healing the body, mind and spirit, Dr. Topazian also noted the importance of involvement in the business aspect of practice. He said that proper business planning creates more time for patients, and financial independence brings the freedom to pursue avenues of ministry. These he described in a later session.

Prominent author Diane Komp offered perspectives and insights helpful in working with the most seriously ill patients and their families. She related examples from her own practice and suggested personal lessons medical professionals may learn from their work with the terminally ill. The campus store held a book signing for her new book *Breakfast for the Heart: Meditations to Nourish Your Soul* and the Baker Book House release of *Life and Death Decisions*, co-authored by Dr. Orr.

Dr. Lee spoke about the impact changing family structure has on health. He asserted that risk-taking behavior is "the greatest risk to health in society today since, particularly for those younger than 40 years, the primary causes of sickness and death (violence, accidents, AIDS) are consequences of behavior." Additionally, Lee gave an ethics seminar on sexual behavior.

Dr. Orr joined Lee on the ethics panel, discussing decision-making in clinical ethics, ethics at the end of life and ethical issues in managed care. Orr believes making ethical decisions today is more difficult because of technology, changing doctor-patient relationships, and cost-containment measures.

Participants offered several ideas for improving the program but overall gave it high marks. The Alumni Office will soon begin to look at The Houghton Health Care Symposium of 1998. ♦

The Perpetual Teacher and Other Short Stories...

This concludes the series of updates on Houghton's emeriti faculty of the '70s and '80s.

At home or on campus, **Robert Cummings '50**, former German professor for 26 years, spends 20-25 hours weekly tutoring Houghton Academy and college international students. His association with the academy began when he volunteered to teach German there in the '70s. He's since grown into the role of mentor and tutor to dozens of

(Thornton '47) birthplace and ancestral home. When Herr Cummings is not tutoring or traveling, he writes 150- to 250-page western-themed novels for his grandchildren (aged from grad school to pre-school).

He continues to build a videotape collection, now nearing 1,000 shows. All are computer cross-referenced by title, topic and actors. He and Marion enjoy them, and share them with student visitors "as an alternative to some of the junk available in the video stores." What's next? "Maybe a trip to see missionary friends in Bonn, Germany, and another visit to Normandy, this time with a decent camera."



The perpetual teacher: even in retirement, Robert Cummings '50 tutors dozens of international academy students.

Oriental students, and helps with their medical and holiday travel to nearby cities. Word of mouth keeps new generations of students coming—as does their finding a home always open to them with wisdom, understanding, fellowship, food and love freely dispensed. It's expensive in terms of time and inconvenience, but rewarding in lives made productive—and in parental gratitude. A surprise three-week visit to Japan in 1991 was the unsought "thank-you" of one such family. Now the Cummings have an invitation to Korea.

Since they quit full-time teaching, the Cummings have visited Denmark and Sweden, sailed the Baltic and the canals of Germany and Belgium, spent family time in California, Colorado and Virginia, visited Barbados—Marion's

Lives of Service

Robert and Jeanette Mattke grew up in Wisconsin, meeting in their church youth group, attending the same school. They married while he was in the U.S. Air Force during WWII.

In the late '60s when Robert taught at Miltonvale College in Kansas (while he was on furlough from Kingsley Bible College in Australia), Houghton's President Stephen Paine called to invite the Rev. Mattke to teach Bible and theology at the then-new Buffalo Suburban Campus. They accepted and both worked there until retiring in 1988. Jeanette was secretary to several administrators, then devoted her time to working in the library and ordering text books. In 1980 the couple returned to Australia for his sabbatical leave.

Since retiring in 1988, the Mattkes have continued to live in Orchard Park, NY. They see their five grandchildren regularly. He has penned a chapter for an anthology, *Reformers and Revivalists*, and several times taught a church history course to collegians in the process of ordination. The Rev. Mattke has also served several interim pastorates.

No Strings Attached

Since his retirement 18 years ago, **Eldon Basney**, who taught piano or strings for 27 years, has maintained a low profile, while enjoying activities ranging from violin repair to oil painting. His first painting effort was done with Rustoleum and an ordinary utility paintbrush. After a long hiatus he resumed painting in the '90s, oils this time. Largely self taught, he says he seldom spends more than an hour on a canvas and may still augment brush strokes with his fingers. But his landscapes have recently won novice and intermediate awards in area competitions.

Professor Emeritus Basney has guest conducted various other orchestras and had his compositions performed at Lincoln Center and the Composers Forum Recital in New York.

He no longer plays violin or piano, but a half dozen times each year he gives private lessons or coaches, often for children of former students, occasionally for visiting professionals. Recently he resumed composing for the first time since 1969. At age 83 he's pleased to be able to trot up the hill from campus to his home without becoming winded. Professor and Mrs. (Beulah) Basney's lives have been intertwined for more than six decades. Their three grown children are widely scattered across the country. They have three grandchildren, one of whom sought and received a violin "summer camp" experience with her grandfather.



Marjorie Stockin: still painting? Of course.

Picture Perfect

In phone conversations her daughters regularly inquire, "Are you painting?" Indeed, **Marjorie Ortlip Stockin** is. During the interview for this profile, she showed a commissioned work in progress: a painting featuring lilacs against the backdrop of her old Ft. Lee, New Jersey, home.

During her 35 years teaching art, Marjorie met and married Gordon Stockin—one of Houghton's legendary professors—raised a family of four, and worked tirelessly to see the discipline she loved become the thriving major it is today. While circumstances conspired to delay the major's birth until a year after her retirement, President Chamberlain has observed that "[Marjorie's] vision, vigor and constancy over four decades were seminal to the art major's realization."

Before cancer took her husband's life in 1993, the Stockins enjoyed an early '80s trip to Haiti where Marjorie painted extensively. They regularly journeyed to see their children and grandchildren in

the midwest. Each July since the mid '70s when she and her sister invented it, Marjorie has been active in the week-long, on-campus opportunity for area and alumni artists to paint together.

In 1994 the college conferred upon her an honorary degree. Last spring Mrs. Stockin decided to write 80 former students to update herself on their lives. Some 40 percent of them have responded—alumni from 1941 to 1980. She delights in the prominence several have achieved and in their recollections of Houghton art classes. In July, a dozen of them attended a reunion for former students of

Ortlip family members.

A Man for All Time

Family members told the young **George Wells** he wasn't college material. But with personal initiative and the encouragement of his Houghton alumnus high-school guidance counselor, Wells matriculated at Houghton, did three years of college, volunteered for U.S. Navy duty during WWII, then returned to complete his B.A. in 1947. Impressed by his work as an assistant coach, the college asked him to return as physical education instructor that fall. Renewing that contract became a 41-year

ritual. In 1991 he became the first inductee of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Four years after he began working at Houghton, Coach was drawn closer to the Lord during the 1951 revival and was inspired to begin Youth in One Accord (YOA), a ministry of music and student witness. YOA continues with ministry in many eastern states and abroad—approaching a million miles worth. Whereas Coach once addressed rallies standing and without notes, today he sits (arthritis) and uses many notes ("I have time to prepare properly"). He says YOA will continue while he has the energy, students want to participate, and there are requests for ministry.

Retired since 1988, Coach and his college sweetheart, Doris (Driscoll '42), continue elements of those working years. Since Dr. Wells recovered from by-pass surgery he has led two YOA summer teams overseas, the last in 1991. More than half of the weekends he travels with a team of six to area churches. The Wells' five grandchildren include the Houghton Academy '96 valedictorian. Last summer at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, the Wellses received from their children money toward two trips—leisurely rambles to his roots on Long Island and some joyfully-remembered New England locales. ♦



Coach Wells gets around just fine in spite of an arthritic condition.



Lt. Cols. Marilyn ('65) and William ('66) Burroughs received Alumni of the Year Awards from President Chamberlain.

More Than Bins and Bells

The Salvation Army. Images of volunteers ringing bells outside department stores at Christmas-time and large red, metal bins for casting off unused garments, usually spring to mind. Thanks to the good work of two Houghton alumni, The Salvation Army is known for much more than bins and bells. Career Salvation Army officers Lt. Col. William '66 and Lt. Col. Marilyn (Burroughs '65) Francis received matching 1996 Houghton College Alumnus of the Year Awards—the fourth alumni couple to be so honored in the award's 31-year history—at the closing banquet of Summer Alumni Weekend II, July 20.

Since 1992 Bill has been training principal for the School for Officers' Training for the Eastern Division in Suffern, NY. Marilyn has administrative and teaching duties. Under their leadership, the school has become the largest of six Salvation Army schools in North America, 50 worldwide. At Suffern they've launched a strategic expansion plan, initiated a \$40-million endowment campaign, promoted a

Spanish-language curriculum, pursued degree-granting powers from New York State, and inaugurated a board of advisors.

Bill and Marilyn met at Houghton as music majors. As a senior Marilyn was one of 10 finalists in the Metropolitan Opera tryouts and a guest soloist for a two-week East Coast crusade. Both Francis sang in college choir and the oratorio society, played in the band and were in music educators' club and intramural sports. Marilyn also sang in chamber singers, and a women's trio. As a senior Bill was yearbook photography editor—perhaps a foreshadowing of his 1993 pictorial book on Israel, *The Stones Cry Out*. She graduated in 1965.

Bill spent that summer studying at Free University of Amsterdam, Holland, then returned for his senior year at Houghton. Marilyn taught music in nearby Dansville. When he graduated they married and he entered Asbury Theological Seminary, while she taught music at Asbury College (Ky.). In 1969, Bill, a sec-

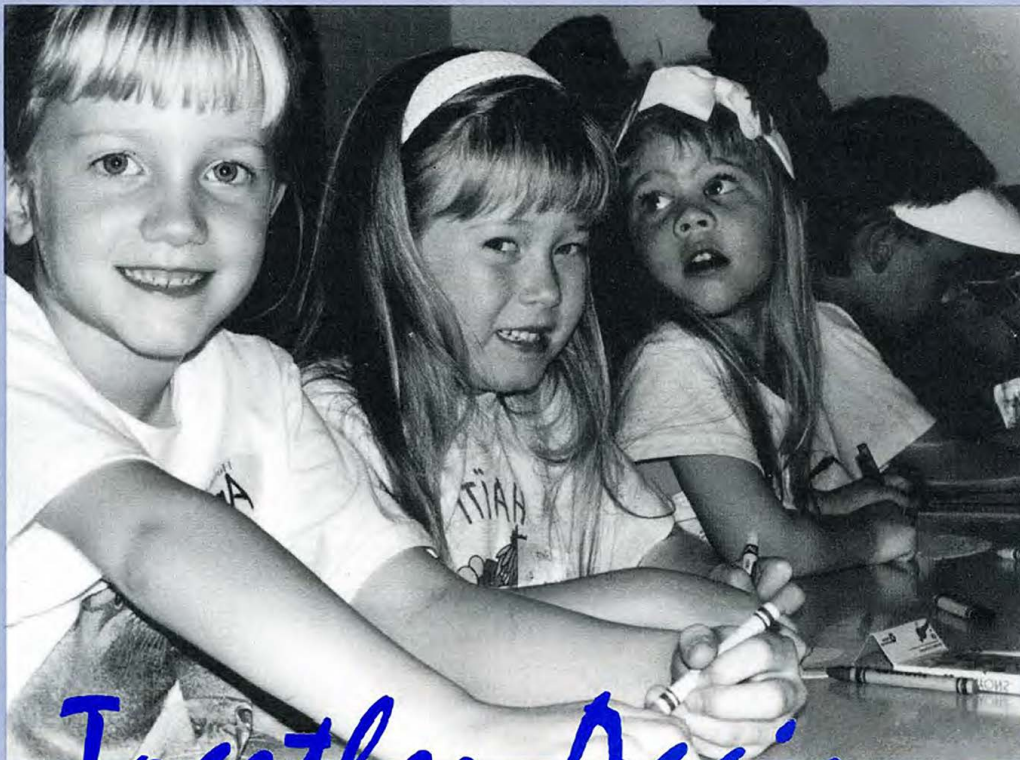
ond-generation Salvationist, became a Salvation Army field representative in New Jersey.

After officers' training in New York City, the Francis' first assignment was the Danbury, Connecticut, Corps. In 1977 they had reorganized and revitalized that corps and reached out to the community in a service ministry. Marilyn organized a women's auxiliary which first met in the home of singer Marian Anderson, who later served as honorary chair for a building campaign. A new corps center was the result.

During the next 17 years the Francis had regional assignments in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Maine with responsibilities for operations in several states and abroad. He's made a world tour with the Salvation Army's New York Staff Band, playing E-flat bass and she has led young people to the Interterritorial Corps Cadet Congress in Scotland.

Beyond the scope of their present tasks at Suffern, the Francis engage in summer teaching and music ministry at the Brengle Memorial Institute in Chicago, at camp meetings in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and at Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Over the years they've led a dozen tours of the Holy Land. Sales of Marilyn's vocal and keyboard audio cassettes help underwrite vocal scholarships to the Salvation Army's Star Lake Music Camp. Together, they've conducted retreats and youth Bible camps as far away as Hong Kong and Australia.

Noting that both Francis children are Houghton alumni, President Daniel Chamberlain, who made the presentation, added, "As a member of the college's President's Advisory Council on Excellence, Bill is faithful in attendance, thoughtful in his comments, creative in helping us reach out to other communities." He told the Francis that the award recognizes "your strong, consistent Christian witness and outstanding service with The Salvation Army, reflecting well on your *alma mater* and advancing its purposes." ♦



Children of alumni enjoyed Summer Alumni Weekend as much as their parents.

Together Again...

Summer passersby may have thought the college was hosting a mini-van extravaganza. Onlookers might even have thought that the college had turned into a day-care facility. In truth, the vans were the preferred mode of travel for some 644 guests (145 of them children younger than 10 and another 62 teenagers) to attend Summer Alumni Weekend (SAW) I in June. Another 456 alumni and their spouses returned to campus in July for SAW II.

Highlights of the June weekend included a Saturday noon picnic with current and emeriti faculty and seminars by Houghton professors Douglas Gaerte (political communication), J. Michael Walters '86 (personality and spiritual formation), and Dan Woolsey '77 (children's literature). Teens experienced a trip to Letchworth and a pool/pizza party while

younger kids enjoyed sports clinics, a science fair, scavenger hunt, music, games, and a popular children's entertainer. Evidence suggests that an increasing number of alumni are returning each year, considering Summer Alumni Weekend to be a relaxing and reasonably priced family vacation.

Immediately prior to the second (July) weekend, the college hosted its largest ever Golden Ages fellowship (alumni who have graduated more than 50 years ago). More than 150 senior alums gathered for a day of good food, conversation, and reminiscing. Schedule highlights included the induction of Paul Vogan '32 into the college's Athletic Hall of Honor (*story on page 7*) and music by Bea (Bush '38) Bixler, who played and sang many of her compositions.

As the Golden Ages' program concluded, July SAW began, bringing with it another 300 plus alumni. Visitors were treated to a series of seminars on political themes, music, worship and devotional services, a

variety of class-reunion activities, the annual banquet, and Alumni on Parade talent show. In a specialized reunion activity, Marjorie (Ortlip) Stockin and Aileen (Ortlip) Shea hosted a reunion of alumni who had studied art with them and/or their artist parents, H. Willard and Aimee Ortlip. A dozen alums, among them professional artists, hailing from as far away as California and North Carolina, returned for this event and presented their own walk-in art show for the alumni weekend crowd.

Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Summer Alumni Weekends. The weekend for reunions featuring the classes of '72, '77, '82, '87, and '92 will be **June 27-29, 1997**. The Golden Ages Fellowship will take place on **July 10 and 11, 1997**, with another SAW from **July 11-13**. The Alumni Office will be mailing information over the next several months.

SAW Snaps



Clockwise from top left: Ken Bates, Brad Mellon, Tom Coffan and Dick Halberg, all from the class of 1971. J. Whitney Shea and his wife Phoebe are in the background. "Then" photo was taken in 1971 and the "Now" photo was taken in July 1996.



Twenty-nine members of the Class of '46 turned out for this reunion photo in July.

Class Notes

35 Willard and Mae (Young '33) Smith celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, at Houghton on July 13. Four of their six children were present for the event; one traveled from Haiti, another from Saudi Arabia. The Smiths spent June and July on campus, offering volunteer service in several offices and in campus beautification. Last December they moved from Florida to High Point, NC.

45 Ben Armstrong and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 11, 1996, at their Morristown, NJ, home, together with their three children. For 23 years before his 1989 retirement, Dr. Armstrong was executive director of National Religious Broadcasters. He is now a member of the Newton Presbytery, Dover, NJ.

46 Daniel (Honorary D.D. '75) and Geraldine (Elrod '47) Heinz live in Clinton, NC, where they retired three years ago to be near their son Dan '81. Dr. Heinz's ill health prevented them from attending his 50th Houghton reunion. He also reported that their daughter, Barbara, a nurse engaged in a doctoral program, died March 19 after a five-year battle against Eosinophilic Myalgia Syndrome.

50 Wendell Caley has been accepted by Mission to the World (Presbyterian Church in America) as a short-term missionary to the Ukraine. He will be involved in teaching public school teachers how to teach the Bible and moral principles to their students, holding neighborhood Bible studies, showing the JESUS film, and holding VBS for children during the summer.

Gustave Prinsell (Honorary S.D. '93), retired missionary and Houghton physician, was honored at the June Wesleyan Festival of Missions held in Indianapolis, IN, for his and wife, Louise's, 16 years of service directing the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship. While Louise's faithful editing of a quarterly newsletter helped build an international subscription list of 700, Dr. Prinsell led the membership in building a record of medical professional assistance overseas, and the underwriting of projects valued in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The organization also tracks, encourages and recruits collegians in health-care fields and those in graduate schools. The members presented the Prinsells a parting money gift. In August, the couple celebrated the 50th anniversary with friends, sons and other family members in Houghton.

55 Richard and Betty Jane (Goodwin '56) Pocock—retired from teaching careers at Houghton College and Friendship High School, respectively—left August 8th for a year's teaching at the American Cooperative School in Paramaribo, Surinam. The school

has 100 first- to 12th-grade students, half of them children of five cooperating mission boards, the rest drawn from the international business and diplomatic community. Pococks will join Wycliffe Bible Translators for this assignment because that organization supplies the majority of the teachers. Dick will work with students doing correspondence study with the University of Nebraska and otherwise enrich the math curriculum. Betty Jane will teach second grade, including her grandson. Pococks' son, Steve '79, and his wife, Audrey (Smith '79), are Wesleyan missionaries in Surinam.

56 Lee John Betts has just completed his 10th year as president of Frederick Community College during which time enrollment has increased approximately 45 percent while \$27,000,000 in capital construction has renewed all older buildings and added four new buildings including a library, fine arts, and student center. He also received a recognition award for providing leadership for the development of Buckingham's Choice, a \$60,000,000 continuing care retirement community which will provide a continuum of care for approximately 350 citizens in Frederick County. Additionally, Lee has served as chair of the Frederick Interfaith Retirement Council since 1991, the organization which originated the project and obtained its sponsorship.

58 John M Andrews Jr. has been invited to join the Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Alfred, NY, as visiting scientist. Dr. Andrews will be working with Dr. Xing-Wu Wang in the Electrical Engineering

Department on advanced superconducting devices. Dr. Andrews is also Adjunct Professor of Physics at Houghton College and is a member of the Allegany County Economic Development Zone Administrative Board.

60 Ayo (Joy Bodunrin) Udo, who received a Distinguished Alumna Award at Houghton in 1990, is a member of the Goodnews Community in Abak, Nigeria. Having retired from Nigerian public school administration, she has been heading a nursery-primary school of 900 students for several years and is dean of a Bible college. She anticipates moving full time to Bible-college administration. Joy was commissioned an evangelist in 1993 and is a trustee of the Virtuous Women's Services Foundation. She is also now a proud grandmother.

66 David Hulley is the principal and founder of Hulley & Associates. He has over 20 years of experience in general business and financial management. David has performed operations and data analysis in a variety of settings, and he has written and marketed business software. He served as CFO of a rapidly growing homecare agency and as regional director for a homecare software company.

67 Ann (Boyer) Le Pere had an oil portrait accepted in a juried traveling exhibit of portraits created by members of Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA). The show will tour from fall 1996 through 1998. She considers it an honor to be exhibiting alongside her dear Houghton art teacher Marjorie Ortlip Stockin, also a CIVA member. Ann has had two oil paintings of children and umbrellas published in

Future Alumni

Jerry '80 & Karen (Holt '82) Bevens
Bill & Lynae (Lennon '87) Blair

Dave '93 & Joyce (Lambert '94) Dlugose
David '91 & Diane Fairley
Bruce '88 & Carol (Chaffee '91) Fielding
Jonathan '85 & Nancy (James '88) Gates
Joseph '88 & Rebecca (Jones '88) Harvey
Tim '90 & Barbara (Lamos '90) Hegarty
Shawn '89 & Karen (McKnight '92) Hotchkiss
Sean '93 & Melody (Clendaniel '93) McMaster
Francisco '87 & Christy (Souzis '87) Negron
Kirk '91 & Beth (Brown '93) Nelson
Brian & Nancy (Drews '82) Otto
Ed '95 & Becki (Watkins '95) Schuurman
Kevin Seaman '90 & Diane Alderman '89
Timothy '88 & Takako (Suzuki '88) Terino
Marshall & Linda (Fleth '88) Thompson
Matt (staff) & Betsy Webb

Emily Grace
William Charles III 6-5-94
Austin James 11-26-95
Adam David 4-22-96
Aspen Rose 2-8-96
Caitlin Evelina 9-2-95
David Jonathan 12-12-95
Isabelle Hannah 8-7-96
Rebecca Ashley 12-20-95
Ella Jane 6-23-96
Kenneth Andrew 6-29-96
Alexander Javier 10-10-95
Linnea Elizabeth 5-5-96
Alyssa Nell 7-6-96
Elizabeth Marie 5-11-96
Brady Smith 5-17-96
Beatrice Akari 6-27-96
Moriah Grace 2-2-96
Bjorn Tyler 4-12-96

The Best of Oil by Rockport Publishers of Mass. A commissioned pastel portrait of a child has also been chosen to be included in *The Best of Pastel* by Rockport Publishers.

68 James Luckey was promoted to the office of vice president of First Virginia Bank in Falls Church. Jim has been employed there since December 1977.

69 H. David Loughery completed six years as a district superintendent in the eastern Pennsylvania conference for the United Methodist Church. He is now a church consultant affiliated with Bill Easum and 21st Century Strategies and lives in Lancaster, Pa.

Darwin Overholt has accepted the position of executive director/pastor of the Downtown Rescue Mission in Huntsville, Ala. The Downtown Rescue Mission is a Christian organization dedicated to providing shelter, food, clothing and spiritual guidance to the homeless and destitute in the Huntsville area. Darwin is a former director of the Buffalo (NY) City Mission.

72 Terry Lee has accepted the position of probation director for Seneca County (NY) after 10 years as a consultant with the New York State director of probation and probation director for Ontario County (NY) before that. Terry and his wife, Joyce, live in Canandaigua, NY. Ethan, one of their four children, is a sophomore at Houghton.

73 Barbara (Barnett) Daake is the behavioral coordinator (psychiatric nurse) at St. Mary's Home Health Center in Ill. She and her husband, Don, have a nine-year-old daughter, Michelle.

74 Tina D. Blenden was honored with a "Golden Apple" and "The Exemplary Teacher of the Year" awards at Ft. Myers Christian School last year. This honor, which is presented by the teachers, was Tina's third receipt in seven years. She has taught kindergarten at Ft. Myers Christian for 17 of her 21 years in teaching.

75 Frank Billman led a 10-person volunteer mission team from eastern PA to Kathmandu, Nepal, in May. The team led a youth conference for the teenagers of missionaries during the annual conference of the United Mission to Nepal. Dr. Billman is pastor of Somerton United Methodist Church in northeast Philadelphia. Coordinating the youth conference from Nepal were Steve '76 and Becky (Locke '76) Thorson who have served as missionaries to Nepal for the past 12 years.

Larry Bennett owns and operates two McDonald's restaurants on the New York State Thruway (Ramapo and Modena).

A Vital Tribute



During the past year, many Houghton College alumni and friends chose to make gifts to the college in tribute to a family member, a cherished professor, or a friend. Designations of these gifts are as varied as the individuals in whose honor they were given. Gifts ranged in size from a few dollars to several thousand. A named gift allows the donor(s) to accomplish two goals: 1) to assure the ever-increasing quality of a Houghton education and 2) to honor a special person or organization by providing for a specific aspect of the college program.

Several donors—a reunion class, for example—can combine their gifts toward one named project. Thus, even a small gift can stand as a lasting tribute to a person, a program, or an ideal. Most often, named gifts come to the college in support of student financial aid. An initial gift of \$10,000 is required to establish such a fund, which then generates annual income to be awarded per the donor's specifications.

For example, Edward and Barbara Danks, both members of Houghton's Class of 1953, established an endowed scholarship in memory of their son, Thomas. This scholarship now provides much-needed financial aid to a Houghton student each year. The Danks receive a report each year from the college finance office listing the market value, the book value, the income earned, and the recipient's name, major, and home town. They also receive a personal thank you note from the recipient along with a photo.

For more information about named gift opportunities, contact the Houghton College Development Office at 800-777-2556.

Jud and Jan (Jordan '75) Lamos are planning to go to Germany in 1997 with MTW missions to work among the Kurds. Jud has also accepted the position of regional director of MTW for a large, unreached area of the world (including Central Asia).

77 Samuel Cheung works at the New York City Board of Education as an educational analyst, recruiting teachers for the school system. (Those interested may contact him at (800) TEACH-NY for information.) Besides being a board member of the Lutheran Medical Center Sunset Park Health Council and the Kings County District Attorney Advisory Board, he is also active in the Episcopal Church, holding the offices of the clerk of the vestry of the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, secretary of the National Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry, and deputy to the Provincial Synod representing the Episcopal Diocese of New York. His setting of the Mass, *Missa "Noster Salvatore"*, received its world premiere in February 1996 at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. Last summer Sam studied English medieval history and English renaissance music at Cambridge

University; in December he accompanied Metropolitan Opera artist Yun Deng in recital on the piano. In July he became a U.S. citizen.

78 Steve Felts has been working on a software project called TUXEDO® for the last 13 years and it has been sold to a new start-up company, BEA Systems Inc. Steve was promoted to software manager in the BEA Eastern R&D Center, located in Liberty Corners, NJ.

Douglas M. Strong co-authored a book now published called *Readings in Christian Ethics: A Historical Sourcebook*. This book presents the most consequential ethical writings from the earliest days of Christianity through the late 20th century and provides a comprehensive view of the richness and diversity of the Christian ethical traditions. Douglas is associate professor of history of Christianity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

81 Steve and Ruth (Woolsey '81) Strand, associate pastors at Houghton Wesleyan Church for the past seven years, together with their three children have embarked on a missionary career in Central America. In August

E-mail Reminders From the E-ditor



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they began a year of language school in Costa Rica toward the goal of participating in a church-planting ministry in Honduras in the summer of 1997.

83 Ron and Marsha Navamanie are returning to Nairobi to take up a new assignment as special assistants to the vice chancellor (president) of Daystar University after three years in the Daystar U.S. office. Their work will be in development and public relations.

84 Deb (Skinner) Fischer accepted the position of director of Christian education for the First United Methodist Church of Warner Robins, Ga. She is responsible for all educational programming for church, spiritual development, and fellowship possibilities.

86 Gary Raduns, a Manchester College assistant professor of mathematical sciences, has been accepted in NExT-IN, the Indiana component of Project NExT. Project NExT is a program designed to introduce new or recent Ph.D.s in the mathematical sciences to the broad range of roles that face new faculty members. Gary completed his Ph.D. and his master's degree at the State University of New York.

88 Paul Cornell has been granted tenure at Lowville and looks forward to completing the master's program at Potsdam, NY. He and his wife, Dawn (Dean '88), are the parents of three girls under the age of five.

Ruth (Holt) Good became a mother of quintuplets in January of 1995—all were born extremely healthy. Prior to Ruth's pregnancy, she taught elementary music for six years in Maryland and received her master's degree in music education from Towson State, Md. Ruth and her husband, Dave, live in Southern York, Pa., where Ruth is busy being a homemaker and mom.

Pete Hise is the pastor of outreach at First Alliance Church in Lexington. His wife, Jacki (Corey '88), is director of Birthright of Lexington, KY, a crisis-pregnancy center.

Kimberly Kadziolka lives in Buffalo where she is the program coordinator/case manager for three community residences at People, Inc. Kim plans to pursue a master's degree in counseling in the near future.

Michael Lightner finished his M.S. degree in educational technology at Barry University in Miami, Fla. He will be moving with his wife, Sonya '88, and their daughter to Willoughby, OH, where Michael will be director of technology at The Andrews School.

Kathy (Fisher) Meloon lives in Batavia, NY, with her husband, Paul, and their daughter. Kathy is a full-time mom and remains active in the Cerace Baptist Church.

Patty (Hewes) O'Keefe is a large-group insurance underwriter with The Prudential. She and her husband, Mike, are enjoying their son and have also purchased a home in East Hanover, NJ.

Brad and Amy (Gafner '88) Runfola live in Camden, NY, where Amy teaches third grade. Brad works as a paralegal for Petrone and Petrone, Esq., in Utica, NY.

89 Bill McLeod was promoted to program assistant at the National Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., where he works on revitalizing America's historic downtowns. He is now in charge of the Great American Main Street Award, which awards five towns annually for their outstanding revitalization efforts. Bill also volunteers for Filmfest DC, Washington's international film festival, where he is head volunteer, organizer, and ticket coordinator for over 26,000 patrons.

90 Jim Bolich has completed his first year as the associate pastor at the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Franklin, Pa. He is responsible for the children, youth, music, worship, and drama ministries as well as some preaching. Jim has received his local conference license and continues to pursue the master of divinity degree.

Edward Kennett, previously serving with the Lancaster County (Pa.) district

attorney's office, has joined the law firm of Sprague and Lewis in Lancaster.

91 Don and Sue (Lamont '88) Dutton just purchased their first home in Cuba, NY. Don is working for the Head Start program in Belmont, NY, and Sue is substitute teaching while attending classes toward a master's degree.

David Fairley has been named program director for Sea & Summit, a division of YWAM (Youth with a Mission) in Santa Barbara, Calif. David will become the overall base director in the fall.

Margaret (Lyon) Smith received her master's degree in vocal performance from Binghamton University this past May. She will return to her teaching position in Greene, NY, this September. Margaret directs the choir at she and her husband's home church, Union Center Christian in Endicott, NY. She can be reached on-line at: msmith7696@aol.com.



Edward Kennett '90

Class Notes

92 Greg and Charlene (Kliwer '92) Hitchcock have moved from Vermont to the base of the San Bernardino Mountains in Southern California. Charlene will be teaching bilingual third grade in the Riverside Public School District and Greg will be teaching high-school English to "at-risk" students at the private/emotional-growth school called CEDU, as well as leading occasional wilderness trips. Both are beginning graduate work.

Keith and Amaris (Orleman '94) Lynip are living in the Philippines where they teach in an international school in what once was the U.S. naval base at Subic Bay, but now is an international business zone. Keith teaches secondary English and history classes while Amaris teaches a sixth-grade English class, works in the library, and assists in the ESL program.

93 Eric and Alice (Putney '89) Carpenter are living in Springfield, Ga., where both are working in the public school system. Alice teaches high-school Spanish, and Eric is a school psychologist in three elementary schools after having earned his M.A. and certificate of advanced studies in school psychology from Alfred University. They are living near Eric's parents, Victor '63 and Charlotte (Woodard '63) Carpenter.

Matthew D. Pickering graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary during the institution's 73rd commencement service. He was one of 139 students who earned a master of divinity degree, a program designed primarily for students preparing for parish ministry. Matthew plans to move to Pennsylvania and pastor the Lincoln Falls and Millview Wesleyan churches in the Penn-Jersey District of The Wesleyan Church.

94 Mike Gaffney was promoted in January to assistant controller of Process Technologies headquartered in Boulder, Colo. He manages accounting functions for IRI International (specializing in the manufacturing of surface mount printed circuit board solder cream stencils with divisions in NY, Calif., and Ill.); and Cencorp (the leader in depaneling systems that route individual printed circuit boards from assembled master panels, Boulder, Colo.). Mike's wife, Tammy (Marshall '93), continues to work full time as an administrative assistant at DOVatron Manufacturing Colorado, a sister company to Cencorp and IRI International.

Bryan and Kim (Roberts '93) Lynip spent their first year of marriage in Queens where Bryan had been teaching language arts in a Christian school. Kim joined him at the school and worked as the lunchroom supervisor, after-school teacher, and assistant to the guidance counselor. They are now living in North Carolina where Bryan will be teaching ESL and Kim will be teaching in a learning center in Charlotte.

In Memoriam

'55 Dr. David N. Birtwistle died Sunday, March 10, 1996, at the age of 63. He did his doctoral studies at Pensicola Christian College, received his master's degree from Temple University and was the head master at Bensalem Baptist school for 26 years. David was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Bensalem Baptist Church and the Gideons International. He spent 15 years in public education (music) and five years as office manager for Community Care Center—an in-home health care program. David is survived by his wife, Mildred (Ivins '61); three daughters; a son; and four grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to the Bensalem Baptist Church and School, 3351 Richlieu Rd., Bensalem, PA 19020.

'92 Steven J. Crandall died unexpectedly June 15, 1996, at Memorial Hospital of Burlington County in Mt. Holly, NJ. Steven attended Asbury Theological Seminary (Ky.), receiving his master of divinity degree in 1995. He was finishing his first year of service as pastor of the First Wesleyan Church in Florence, NJ, at the time of his death. He was in the process of applying to Ph.D. programs, hoping one day to return to academia as a religion professor. He was ordained in The Wesleyan Church and an active member of the local ministerial association.

As a Houghton student, Steven volunteered his technical expertise at college radio station WJSL. His Houghton professors remember Steven for his intensity in the classroom and his willingness to ask the tough questions in the pursuit of understanding. Steven and art major Shelly Gendell '92 met at Houghton and Married two days before graduation. They moved later that summer to Asbury to begin seminary. Shelly notes, "Many seminary students and pastors make the mistake of devoting so much time to studies and church work that they neglect their families. That was never the case with Steve." Despite working two jobs and the heavy demands of seminary coursework, Steven always made time for her and their infant daughter, Eryn (born February 1995.)

Besides his wife, Steven is survived by an infant daughter; parents Rev. Edward '60 and Lois (s) Crandall (Elmira, NY); two sisters; and a brother. Memorial gifts to help Shelly and Eryn can be sent to Shelly at her new address: 16 Cliff St., Auburn, ME 04210.

'31 Rev. Russell W. Frase Sr. died May 2, 1996, at his home. He served as pastor at several Wesleyan churches in PA, VT, and NY in the Champlain and Allegheny Districts over a period of 42 years, retiring in 1975. Russell enjoyed his family, music, woodworking, and he was an avid gardener. Survivors include his wife, Ruth (West '32 Frase); four sons, Rev. James '57, Robert, Russell Jr., and Royal; three daughters, Rachel (Frase '55) Bower, Faith (Frase '60) Hewitt, Evelyn Elliot; one brother; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

(S) Arthur F. Mason, who worked as Houghton custodian from 1970-1980, died April 16, 1996, in Brooksville, FL. He was 76. Arthur served in the Army Air Corp in Africa and Italy during WWII. Upon his return from service, he met Wanda Jensen and they married in 1946. While raising his young family, Art attended the University of Buffalo. In 1962 he became a Christian at a Jack Wyrzten rally in Buffalo. Art enjoyed sports and singing in the church choir. He was active in Boy Scouts and served as a troop leader and district commissioner. In 1990, Art and Wanda retired to Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, FL. Art volunteered in the dining room there and also assisted in the nursing home ministry. Surviving are his wife, Wanda (who worked in Houghton's finance office), son, Paul Mason '71; a daughter, Wendy (Mason '72) Ferns; and three grandchildren.

'52 Charles S. Scott Jr. died April 23, 1996. He received his theological degree at Eastern Baptist Seminary (Philadelphia, PA). Charles served as pastor for the following churches: First Baptist Church of Mount Vision - NY, First Baptist Church of South Hannibal - NY, Riverview Baptist Church of New Eagle - PA, First Baptist Church of Springdale - PA, Mooncrest Baptist Church of Coraopolis - PA, Barnes Memorial Baptist Church of Clarksburg - WV, First Baptist Church of Glenville - WV, and Clavary Baptist Church of Ravenswood - WV. He is survived by widow, Emma Lou Medley Scott; a daughter; a son; two brothers, James '58 and Thomas; and two grandchildren.

'87 Rev. James L. Spencer died June 1, 1996, in his home after 10 years on dialysis and two kidney transplants. He was an assistant pastor at Humboldt Parkway Baptist Church (Buffalo, NY). James was a volunteer for many community organizations and held positions that included office assistant for the Community Action Organi-

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David '86 & Laura (Mercadante '95) Mee
Ed '95 & Becki (Watkins '95) Schuurman
Paul & Margaret (Lyon '91) Smith
Tom & Susan (Howe '90) Spisz
Edward & Lisa (Faw '93) Wolf

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Alumni Authors



Charting a Good Church Trip, by Morris Inch '49, Brentwood Christian Press, Columbus, Ga., 103 pages. Professor emeritus at Wheaton College (Ill.) and former president of the Institute of Holy Land Studies (Jerusalem, Israel), Inch has authored 12 books and co-edited three. This book delves into the reasons people report for leaving church and what can be done about it. A free copy is available for church and school libraries. Requests may be sent to the author at 349 Eagle Rock Circle, Russellville, AR 72801.

zation from 1987-1990, assistant-on-staff of Ministerial Protestant Church Service for the Hamlin Terrace Health Care Center from 1984-1986, and initiator and coordinator of Legitimate Food Shelf at Humboldt Parkway Baptist Church from 1981-1986. He was honored with the Outstanding Young Men of American Award in 1988 and also received the Travenol Artificial Organs Division Recognition Award for Pioneering Efforts during the development of continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis in the last 1980s. Survivors include five sons; his mother; his ex-wife; one brother; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

(S) **Ruth Junia Steese** died May 10, 1996. She received her B.A. degree from the University of Nebraska, and her master's in choral music at the Eastman School of Music (NY) in 1933. She had a long and distinguished career in music. Ruth taught music at Houghton where she met her husband Paul, to whom she was married 65 years. She also taught music in the local school system and was the Director of Music for the Penfield School System. She was a former board member of the Eastman School of Music and was a member of *Who's Who of American Women*. Ruth and Paul moved to Akron (OH) in 1988 where she was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and served on the Board of Elders. She was predeceased by her parents, seven brothers and sisters, and two sons. Survivors include her husband, **Paul '27**, and two granddaughters. Interment was at the Houghton cemetery and memorial gifts may be made to the Paul Steese Scholarship Fund at Houghton College; Bethany Children's Home, Talakag, Phillipines; or the Pioneer Camp, Port Sydney, Ont, Canada P0B 1L0.

'83 **Elizabeth J. White**, who had taught music education and conducted the women's choir at Gorden College, (Wenham, MA) since 1989, died June 21,

1996. She had completed course work for her Ph.D. at Texas Tech University where she had earlier completed her master of music education. Funeral services were conducted at First Congregational Church of Hamilton where Elizabeth had been music and choir director. Gorden College plans a memorial service upon the return of its students and faculty in the fall. Survivors include her parents and three brothers. Memorial gifts may be made to the Massachusetts Music Educators Association.

'32 **George W. Wolfe** died January 13, 1996, at the age of 85. He received a master's degree from the University of Rochester and completed work from Geneseo, University of Buffalo, Cornell, and Columbia for a doctoral degree. Dr. Wolfe taught elementary school, served 18 years as a chief school administrator, and served as superintendent of schools for the Albion Central School District for 13 years (NY). He was very active in community affairs serving as presidents of the Swan Library

Board, the Cobblestone Society, and the Clifton Springs Rotary Club. He was a Rotarian for 55 years, a member of the Renovation Lodge NO. 97 F&AM for 40 years. George was active in Boy Scouts, a member of the executive committee, state committee and the national committee of the YMCA. He was past president of the American Red Cross, United Fund, past Chairman of the Protestant Religious Board of Brockport State College (NY), member of the Advisory Committee to the Education Department of the University of Rochester and Treasurer of the State School Administrators. George was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Albion. He is survived by a daughter; a son; many grandchildren; several nieces; nephews; and cousins. Memorial gifts may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Albion; Hospice of Orleans County, PO Box 489, Albion, NY 14411; Lewiston Trail Council B.S.A., 7121 Rochester Rd., Lockport, NY 14094.

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December 5-9, 1996

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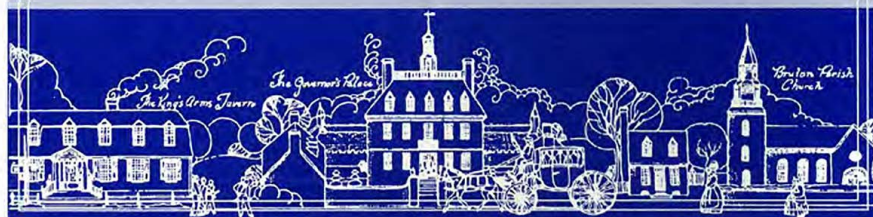
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Calendar

October

- 1-31 Art Exhibit: Ben Frank Moss III, paintings and drawings
- 4-6 Homecoming Weekend
- 4 Founders' Day Convocation, 10 am
- 5 Parade, 11 am; *Artist Series: Amherst Saxophone Quartet, 8 pm
- 11-12 Upperclassmen Parents' Weekend
- 11 Art Lecture/Reception 6:30 pm
- 12 Philharmonia-Choir Concert
- 14 **Encounter Day
- 19-21 October Break
- 25-27 Freshmen Parents' Weekend
- 25 Wind Ensemble Concert
- 28-Nov 1 New Vision Week—Dr. James Pleudemann, S.I.M.

November

- 1 *Artist Series: Buffalo Philharmonic, Houghton Choral Union
- 5 Ken Medema Concert with selected Houghton music students
- 1-30 Art Exhibit: The Florence Portfolio
- 7-9 Drama: *The Glass Menagerie*, Academy, Tysinger Auditorium
(Sat. Matinee at 2 pm)
- 11 **Encounter Day
- 13 Young Performers Series, 8:15 pm
- 16 Jazz Ensemble Concert
- 18 Piano Concert—Sam Rotman
- 20 Flute Ensemble Concert, 8:15 pm
- 22 CAB Concert—Rich Mullins
- 23 Philharmonia Concert
- 27-Dec 1 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 1 Art Exhibit: Alyson Leach
- 5, 6 Madrigal Dinners, 6:30 pm
- 6 Gallery Talk/Reception 7:00 pm
- 13 Wind Ensemble
- 15 Houghton College Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm
- 21-Jan 7 Christmas Break

*Tickets required

**Encounter Days are special Admission days set aside for high-school juniors and seniors to visit Houghton College. If you know a Christian young person who would benefit from seeing the campus, please tell them about these dates or have them call the college at 800-777-2556.

Unless otherwise noted, programs are in Wesley Chapel at 8:00 pm

Upcoming Alumni Chapter Meetings

Denver, CO (noon).....	October 12
Colorado Springs, CO	October 12
Pittsburgh, PA (Carnegie Museum)	October 19
Albany, NY (noon)	November 2
Syracuse, NY	November 2

Burnett Thompson

Whether he's meeting members of Parliament in Cyprus, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey, or serving on the Action Council for Peace in the Balkans, or negotiating between the Russian Orthodox Church and American evangelicals or counseling young professionals in Washington, D.C., the motivation for Burnett Thompson '49 remains the same: to learn to love and serve God.

With this simple yet powerful base he has become a facilitator for discussions among diverse groups,

demonstrating how Jesus Christ can liberate and bring together people of disparate historical and religious traditions.

For Thompson to acquire such status, one might expect to see a carefully orchestrated climb up the professional ladder. Instead, believing that one's gifts are determined by others rather than by self, this Bible major's journey has included a 10-year commitment to church planting, a stint in the business world and a position as administrative assistant for a congressman.

In each role, influences of such Houghton College faculty as Dr. Bert Hall, who challenged him to think systematically in following beliefs and assumptions to conclusions, and Dr. Claude Ries,

who communicated a basic spiritual perspective, have been evident. At Houghton, and with each new experience, Thompson has learned to communicate—never handing down judgments, but listening intently, then asking incisive questions that stimulate clear thinking about issues and motivations.

Burnett Thompson. Centered on Christ. Listener. Facilitator.

We salute him and thousands of Houghton alumni who make a difference in communities around the world.

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