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## LETTERS

### IN MEMORY OF BEAVER

Dear Editor:

Beaver Perkins died about a year ago now (Feb. 25, 1988). I speak for her friends when I say that since that awful time we have been unable to fill the void which her death left in our lives. We have tried! Sometimes we have been desperate and we have despaired. Other times, remembering her calm and her love for us, we have felt even closer to her than

when she was here. In those times we have found comfort. Often, members of the Houghton community have felt our distress and consoled us with their pity and sympathy. We thank you for that.

I speak for her friends, also, when I say that Beaver's life is a greater influence upon us than her death. Her persistent attempts to make us more honest and more caring did not end at her funeral. She knows how much farther we have yet to go, however, and we often imagine her urging us on. It helps!

I speak for myself when I say that a vein of sorrow runs throughout everything in my life since her death. As I feel her loss in more areas the sorrow increases - yet I live, I love, I enjoy most everything I enjoyed before. I have found some "integration" through the events surrounding her death. That is, while many occasions in life used to be sweet, and many others used to be bitter; nearly all of them are now *bitter-sweet*. That is integration of a sort. I can live this way, and as long as I do, Beaver will live on as well.

I am still ambivalent though, I recall some lines from a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay:

"Down,  
Down,  
Down,  
Into the grave,  
I know,  
But I do not approve."

And then also I remember a conversation I had with Rich Perkins when we were talking about praying to God. Rich posed the question (without rancor), "You mean pray to the One who didn't heal Beav although I asked constantly? Pray to that One? That's the One?" As we sat there weeping, I heard myself say, "Yes, that's the One." I have come to believe those words, and my lost confidence in life has been replaced with hope.

And so, Beaver's death continues to reverberate through our lives. We have had no trouble at all realizing that, "The Lord giveth; and the Lord taketh." By His grace, and by the luminous example of Beaver's life, we are finding the ability to say as well, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Brian Sayers (F)

### CASTING THE FIRST DEAD CAT?

Dear Editor:

Had a group of American students and faculty in a foreign nation engaged in anything like the type of supercilious put-down of their host nation indulged in by your Canadian respondents ("Houghton's Canadian Connection, *Milieu*, January, 1989), I am sure that those "Ugly Americans" would have been buried in the dead cats thrown at them.

But Canadian's seem immune to such censure: "American students treat college as an experience. Canadians are here for an education." "Americans are notoriously ignorant." "Americans are superficially more friendly than Canadians." "Canada's academic standards are higher than those in the U.S." Indeed.

While I won't impose upon your limited space to deal with these assertions, I might inquire, as an erstwhile professor of history in the Ontario system of higher education (the universities of Waterloo and Guelph, as well as Niagara Christian College), what Canadian university even equals, say, M.I.T.,

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## Whatever happened to "Atoms for Peace?"

by Brenda Hartman Brown

**N**UCLEAR POWER is not a new issue—nor is the issue of its waste. But the ongoing arguments and debates about radioactive waste came charging into Allegany County on December 20, 1988, when New York State's Low-Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission announced Houghton College's home turf as one of ten areas in New York being considered for a "low-level radioactive waste facility."

Five possible locations for the plant in Allegany County are the townships of Allen, Granger, Ward, West Almond, and the eastern side of Caneadea—all within an estimated 25 miles from Houghton, the latter within four miles.

The whole siting process stems from

the federal government's mandate in 1985 that each state must either build a storage plant for its own waste, or cooperate with another state in constructing a common site. New York opted for its own waste facility. The state faces a 1993 federal deadline to have the plant opened and accepting waste currently shipped to Barnwell, S.C. In 1987, Governor Cuomo appointed five members as the "Siting Commission," responsible for screening and selecting one or more sites for the waste facility. According to the Siting Commission's report, this process involves these four steps:

1. Statewide screening to eliminate large areas prohibited by law or regulation for low-level radioactive waste

disposal. Such areas include federal and state protected lands, Indian reservations, areas with primary aquifers, and areas with a population density of more than 1,000 persons per square mile.

2. Screening of the remaining areas to identify ten candidate areas with the greatest potential to host the waste facility. Some factors considered were ground movement, depth of geologic unit, surface water quality and extent, precipitation, low population densities, and proximity to waste generators.

3. Detailed screening of the candidate areas including on-site observation to narrow the ten sites to eight.

4. Limited on-site studies of remaining potential sites to eliminate any that have



apparent "fatal flaws." Four sites from the eight will be selected.

As of last December, the Commission has completed steps one and two. The ten candidate areas, which collectively encompass 1,125 square miles (2 percent of State's area), are the counties of Allegany, Cayuga, North and South Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Montgomery, Orange/Ulster, Oswego, and Washington. The facility itself requires one square mile.

Now the Siting Commission has held public meetings in all ten of the candidate areas in which the Commission presented their intentions and received questions from concerned citizens. This summer, the Commission will select the eight potential sites and announce conceptual designs for the method of disposal. In the fall, they will choose four communities with the final decision of one site expected by July of 1990. The final design and acquisition of the land are due the first eight months of 1991, and construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1992.

On Thursday, January 26, 1989, the people of Allegany County spoke out at a public meeting held by the Siting Commission at Belfast, NY, Central School. An estimated 5,000 people attended. The commissioners called it the largest and best mannered crowd they had seen. (Angry and unruly crowds greeted the commission at the Cayuga and Cortland meetings.)

Among the many prepared statements of opposition to siting the dump in Allegany County which the commission heard that night, was one prepared by physics professor Dr. Fred Trexler, which outlined Houghton College's reasons for opposing the siting here:

- the college recognizes a commitment to the preservation and care of the people and land of Allegany County,

- there is a demonstrated inability of the authorities to ensure against environmental threat,

- a waste facility in the county could jeopardize the willingness of faculty, staff, parents of students, and students themselves to locate in this area,

- there is concern that the selection may be based on the inability of a lightly-populated, economically-disadvantaged area to coordinate effective resistance.

The statement resolved that "the administration of Houghton College urges its faculty, staff, and students to resist, at every turn, any and all efforts by the State of New York to locate said radioactive waste facility within the boundaries of Allegany County."

Since the announcement of the potential waste sites, popular opposition has been organized and articulate. One argument against the waste site has been that if the waste were distributed proportionately according to production (Orange County produces 68 percent of the state's radioactivity) Allegany County would receive none; too, Allegany County's distance from the producer sites increases the risks of accidents in the communities through which the waste is transported. Again, this area relies heavily on dollars from recreation and hunting. A waste site could damage this economic plus. Allegany County is filled with marked and unmarked oil and gas wells which, if leakage were to occur, could channel the

waste into the environment. A recently surfaced concern is that the Siting Commission neglected to acknowledge the Genesee River as a high-yield groundwater aquifer in its consideration of the ten potential sites.

Despite these concerns, the Siting Commission designated Allegany County as a good choice to host the radioactive waste facility. It concluded that the geologic conditions in the area (discussed in step 2) are highly favorable for above-ground/below-ground disposal methods, although it acknowledged that this area is hilly and presents some potential for erosion, and also that there are a number of reforestation lands. Both factors will be considered as on-site screening begins and the selection process narrows.

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## A nation bent on self-destruction

by Bernard J. Piersma

*"The World is too much with us; late and soon, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers: Little we see in nature that is ours; we have given our hearts away, a sordid boon."*

—William Wordsworth

**A**MERICA appears to be a nation bent on self-destruction. We have turned our backs on God, relinquished stewardship of His creation and lusted after mammon. We have become the world's greatest debtor nation with a national debt that has almost tripled in the last eight years.

One thing this generation has accomplished is to guarantee that our grandchildren will sacrifice to pay for our debts. In the 20th century while the U.S. population has tripled, our energy use has increased by a factor of ten. Thus six percent of the world's population consumes about 40 percent of the world's energy output.

Wonder why we are a debtor nation? About 93 percent of that energy is supplied by non-renewable hydrocarbon fuels (i.e. oil, coal and natural gas). In the

last ten years, worldwide, as much oil has been taken from the ground as had been in the previous 120 years. Of the known U.S. oil deposits that can be recovered, 80 percent have already been used up. We are mortgaging the future of our children's children to satisfy our appetite for electrical energy that doubles every ten years.

In addition to exhausting this precious resource, there are other unavoidable consequences: smog, acid rain, the greenhouse effect. . . In its *State of the World 1989*, the Worldwatch Institute reports, "The deterioration of the Earth's physical condition that we have documented in past volumes is now accelerating. And there is nothing in prospect that will reverse it in the foreseeable future. We are now in a race to stop en-



## Three Months of Dump Thoughts

*"Why condemn pristine lands to eternal radioactive contamination?"*

by Irmgard K. Howard



Dr. Howard

IN EARLY JANUARY, someone—I've forgotten who—told me that Allegany County was a candidate area for New York State's new Low-Level Radioactive Waste Site. While I did not like the words "New York State's new. . . Radioactive Waste Site," I was somewhat pacified by the term "Low-Level." (After all, hadn't I worked with low-level radioisotopes in

graduate school?) I was even more relieved to learn that the specific designated townships were across the Genesee River from Houghton. My relief had a very short half-life.

When I saw a bulletin in the bank about a meeting of "concerned citizens," I went. The meeting was held in the Fillmore Fire Hall, and the air was thick with cigarette

smoke. (Irony, I thought.) The chairman, Eugene Hennard, of the Fillmore Mill, read to the audience from Siting Commission documents. Next day I got my own copies of the documents. I was horrified. The proposed dump was worse—far worse—than anyone else seemed to recognize. (Dear Lord, let me act responsibly!)

Here seemed to be the perfect recipe for biological disaster. First, choose a nice, clean cauldron with a one-square-mile base. Into this container put all the radioactive medical waste from hospitals. (It took only a few phone calls to find out that such medical waste is not routinely sterilized and thus may contain all the pathogens that made patients sick in the first place.)

Second, mix in DNA-altering chemicals with and without radioactivity, biochemicals from molecular biology labs, radiopharmaceutical leftovers, dead animals, hazardous chemicals (and ones

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environmental deterioration before it becomes unmanageable, before it leads to economic decline and social disruption. Unless the threats of climate change, ozone depletion, soil erosion, deforestation and population growth are brought under control soon, economic decline is inevitable. Time is not on our side."

What about the nuclear alternative? Splitting atoms under controlled conditions in nuclear reactors promised clean and relatively-cheap energy. Didn't it? Perhaps we should have sensed a problem in the 1950s when insurance companies refused to insure nuclear power

plants and Congress passed the Price-Anderson Act assuming primary responsibility for nuclear liability, i.e., for us the taxpayers.

In the early 1970s the brief energy crisis, generated by a drastic cut in foreign oil made available to the U.S., stimulated electric utilities to enthusiastically endorse nuclear power and to move ahead with large numbers of nuclear projects. Between 1970 and 1985, almost 100 nuclear power plants were put into operation, although plans called for 220 plants to be constructed.

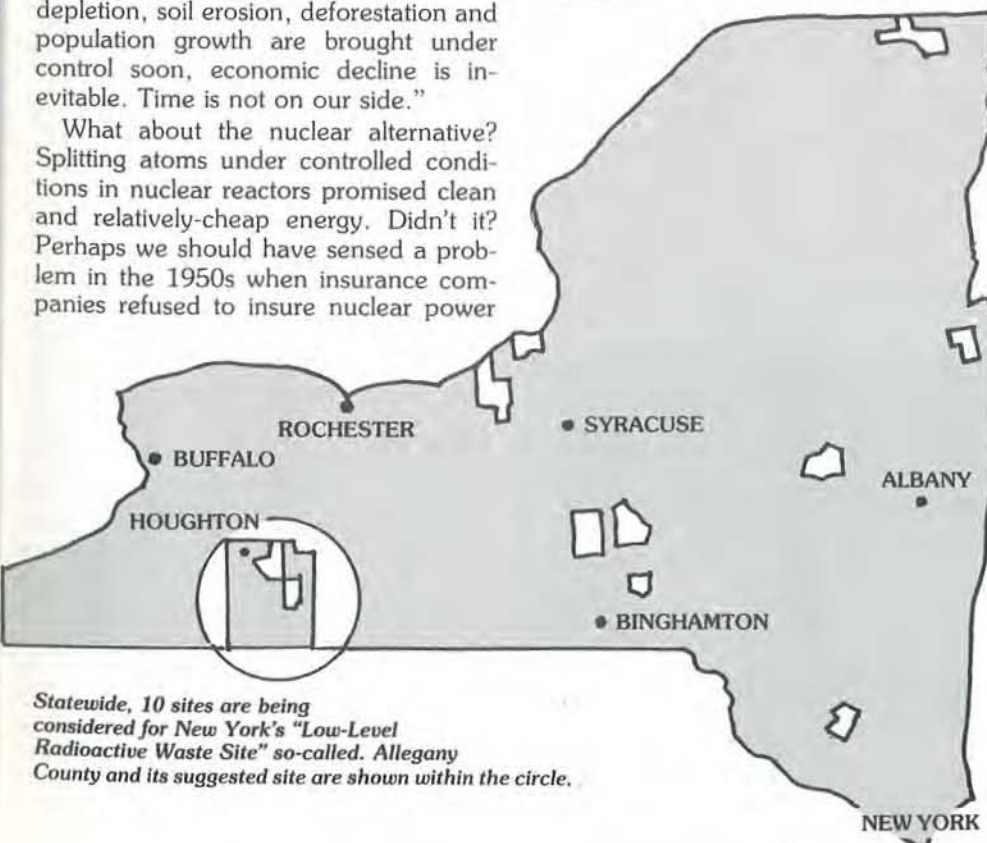
*"But when a choice has to be made, it is almost invariably made in a way that brings a quick return on somebody's investment, and a permanent disaster for everyone else."*

—Thomas Merton

Why hasn't the promise of "Atoms for Peace" materialized? Could the partial melt down at Three Mile Island in 1979 have anything to do with it? There is now almost unanimous agreement that nuclear fission is potentially the most hazardous of all sources of energy and

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Statewide, 10 sites are being considered for New York's "Low-Level Radioactive Waste Site" so-called. Allegany County and its suggested site are shown within the circle.





### Three Months of . . .

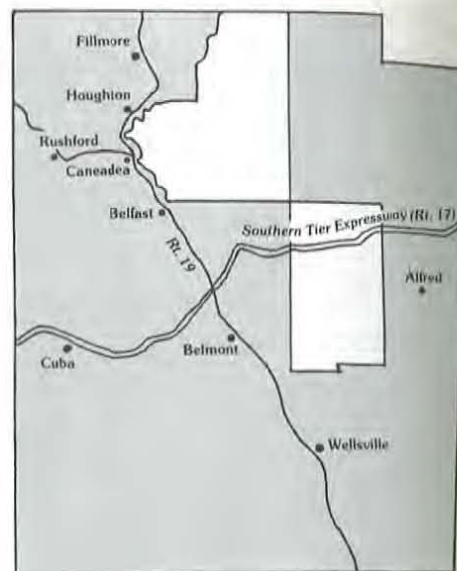
which would be toxic even without radioactivity). Then in the center of this mishmash, place nuclear power plant residues—just about everything but the fuel rods. (How could anyone call this stuff “low-level”?) What an insane mixture! What an incredible amount—30 years of at least 85,000 cubic-feet-per-year of tightly-compacted trash or incinerated ash.

I wanted to scream—No! No! No! Not in anybody's back yard! Why transport materials like that across New York state day after day? (The Siting Commission answer, I learned later, was that we were already transporting them much farther right now—to other states. In the Commission's view, hauling the waste just within New York state would be a distinct improvement.) Why successively condemn pristine lands to eternal radioactive contamination? (The Siting Commission talks about “isolation for 500 years.” But some of the to-be-stored isotopes have half-lives in the millions of years.

Why use a single dump site to concentrate isotopes such as iodine-129, a thyroid toxin with a half-life of 16 million years?)

To me, the all-purpose dump site concept made no long-term sense. It was a quick fix, out-of-sight-out-of-mind, but we've-always-done-it-that-way answer. (Yes, I know the hyphen is being over-worked.) The proposed dump would be dangerous even without radioactivity! How could I exercise my Christian commitment to stewardship in the dump-site issue?

I decided to act in every way possible to oppose the dangers of the proposed dump—writing to the Siting Commission directly; joining with Dr. Frederick Trexler, Houghton College professor of physics, a technical committee to express scientifically to the Siting Commission the problems with their dump; giving talks to the public about the “irreversible and irretrievable” (Department of Environmental Conservation terms) commitment of resources; speaking on the dangers of



Dump site tracts proposed for Allegany County. Upper center tract borders the Genesee River directly across from Houghton College campus.

### A nation bent. . .

must be operated with no technological or human failures. Surely a Chernobyl incident could not happen in the U.S., could it?

And then there is the matter of cost. Electricity produced by a nuclear power plant now costs about three times that produced by a coal-burning plant.

Finally, we have the question of nuclear waste. Apparently, that has not been considered a major problem until now, when no one wants radioactive waste in his or her backyard. Perhaps West Valley has been an important lesson. “Based on experience, en-

vironmentalists generally agree that there is no such thing as a secure landfill. Landfills slow down the introduction of waste into the environment but do not reduce the ultimate quantity of wastes flowing into the environment.” (from *Living Without Landfills*, M. Risnikoff, p. 42, 1987). Some of the nuclear waste must be stored with absolute safety for much longer than the entire history of man on this planet.

Do I want to see “low-level radioactive waste” stored in Allegany County, waste that is not low in quantity, low in radioactivity or low in hazard? Do I have any choice? That choice is being made or has

already been made without my consent. In *The Wild Places*, Thomas Merton writes, “But when a choice has to be made, it is almost invariably made in the way that brings a quick return on somebody's investment and a permanent disaster for everyone else.” The nuclear power plants who generate (directly or indirectly) 99 percent of the radioactive waste stand to benefit from the investment. Guess who will live with the permanent disaster?

Are there any alternatives? Well, no and yes. In the short term, say 20-25 years, there is no other energy source that can replace hydrocarbon fuels. We will have to live with the resulting acid rain and smog and the growing threat of greenhouse effects. Perhaps the strange weather patterns of the last year are the beginning signs of greenhouse problems to become more pronounced in the future.

Nuclear power presently supplies only five percent of our energy needs and it is likely that this will not increase. Should we then be concerned about disposal of nuclear waste? As a matter of fact, even more so since the decommissioning of a single nuclear plant could increase the nuclear waste by a factor of 100. In the short term, conservation and curbing our energy usage is the only answer, but not

Speaking for radio listeners to the health department meeting at Houghton, professor Trexler asks how local authorities would be trained to handle an accident.





storing radiobiochemicals—with radioactivity too low to be detected by a Geiger Counter—which can easily enter living organisms and alter their DNA; pointing out the dangers of perpetually poisoning the one-square-mile with herbicides to prevent plants from breaking through the concrete cauldron.

And I've warned everyone about the Allegany County Cluster Fly. (Do you remember those nuisances from your Houghton College experience?) Here is the perfect biological vector to take radiation, microorganisms, and toxic chemicals out of any Allegany County dump. Unlike the common housefly, these insects do not breed in sewage or garbage. Instead they are parasitic in earthworms. Where there is a large earthworm population, as in Allegany County, there is a large cluster fly population. Eggs, larvae, and pupae are in the soil. If these were contaminated, the larvae would carry the contamination into earth-

a very popular answer.

In the long haul, there are reasonable alternatives to burning hydrocarbon fuels and nuclear energy, but they are not cheap and will require development. If the warning signs that were given 20 years ago were taken seriously, we could be in a much happier situation today.

If we continue, as a nation and as individuals, in our worship of mammon and disregard of God's mandate of responsible stewardship, I must conclude: O Lord, how great is your patience? How long will you abide this wicked and perverse generation?

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worms and from there into a food chain. Because the sole mission of the cluster fly seems to be challenging the integrity of manmade structures by crawling through the smallest possible cracks, it is quite likely that cluster flies would pose a serious threat to containment.

And now, it's March. Representatives of the State Health Department came last night to tell us how to live with the dump. I asked them how the transportation and concentration of all the proposed wastes would promote the health of the citizens. They didn't really answer. I challenged

## Rural life and nuclear energy

TEN TOMBSTONES planted on the quad in front of Wesley Chapel, each named for a county included among the Low Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission's list of potential dump locations, greeted the 700 county residents and media representatives from as far as Rochester who attended a state health department information meeting March 9 in Wesley Chapel. The state team was on campus to discuss health implications of a proposed radioactive waste dump in Allegany County and answer questions, the audience concentrated on getting answers, the better to fight local siting.

Aware that 5,000 had showed up for the Siting Commission's session in Belfast some weeks earlier, the college campus was prepared for a similar turnout, with careful traffic control plans in place, video connections to several remote sites, and gavel to gavel coverage on station WJSL. But despite the lower turnout, this health commission hearing had the best attendance of any to that point in the series of 10 meetings statewide.

After a brief presentation by the panelists, county residents made statements and raised questions for nearly five hours. Concerns expressed ranged from how an accident would be handled and whether site integrity could be maintained, to testimonials about the potential for radiation and bio-medical hazards. In style, comments ranged from the scholarly to the emotional. A couple from nearby Alfred brought their severely handicapped 20-year-old daughter—brain damaged by radiation treatments for cancer in early childhood.

In the chapel lobby concerned citizens

them to think through carefully the consequences of an all-purpose dump and to persuade New York State to do better. I pray that they listened.

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sold "Bump the Dump" buttons and a young man in "radioactive" green shoes slyly explained the virtues of his "Adopt a Drum" plan, whereby citizens could sign up for their own waste container and care for it as they saw fit.

Executive director of college relations Wayne MacBeth welcomed the health panel and the audience and outlined a course, "Rural life and nuclear energy: a heritage at risk?", which the college will offer area high school students this spring. (Detailed story on page 21).

Locally Houghton College hosted the session as a public service and as a platform to publicize its own opposition to the potential for local siting. Beyond Allegany County, the extensive coverage in this *Milieu* is intended to foster examination of the wider issues of producing radioactive waste and the inadequacy of storage and containment technology; and to alert readers to the magnitude of the nation's present and potential waste problems, particularly the half of the college's alumni resident in New York State where the threat is imminent.



*Profs. Leax and Wolfe to teach course on nuclear energy.*



# Houghton's Canadian Connections

In the January issue, *Milieu* profiled Houghton's present Canadian students and faculty, eliciting candid comments of their perceptions of the United States and its citizens. We also made a mail survey of alumni and other Canadian friends—parents of our students among them—asking them why they'd chosen Houghton, and to describe something of their lives and opinions since school.

Because of space restrictions and the on-going flow of responses, this third feature was deferred until now. The accompanying compilation of questionnaire responses has been further augmented from letters triggered by the January articles.

For those who inquired about the Canadian foundation the college is creating to help underwrite scholarships for Canadian students, we note that this is a work in progress with no further details available now. Watch future issues for an update.

No Canadians protested, only an alert campus editor challenged our incorrect use of expatriot for expatriate in the earlier articles. We weren't speaking of Canadians as traitors, just as persons living outside their homeland. —Editor



ONE THING I DISCOVERED about US/Canadian relations is that the two nationalities are able to intermarry and do so quite successfully. I would highly recommend the practice," says Peter Rigby '72 of Kingston, ON. At Houghton he met and married Cindy Hall '73.

Sharon (Simons '68) Stewart, who enrolled here from nearby Dalton, NY, roomed with Canadian Judith Thompson, then was part of Judith's wedding party where she met the groom's friend, Brian Stewart. Years after their marriage, and having lived in Canada with the designation of "landed immigrant," Sharon took Canadian citizenship, but also managed to retain her U.S. citizenship. "I am proud and honored to belong to both countries," she says; then adds, "I would like my three children to attend Houghton if we can afford it." Sharon is a library assistant at Central Newfoundland Community College in Grand Falls.

Donald Warren '64, who married American classmate Barbara (Wilson), now has two sons at Houghton. Don remembers his greatest academic challenge here as "being forced to take American History, a very different version, especially regarding the War of 1812." [He took the course twice to overcome "attitude" problems]. Today Don practices naturapatic medicine in Manotick, ON.

Janyce (Dale '79) Smithley, a counseling

psychologist and foreign student advisor at Carleton University in Ottawa, says that having been "a foreign student myself, I am able to bring personal experiences into my role [here]."

Barbara (Larson '61) Sterritt says that though she's been back in Ontario teaching since 1962, her Houghton degree was not fully recognized until 1988. This forced her to accept 27 years of sub-standard pay. Now she says, "Free trade, here we come!"

Extrapolating from survey responses, one may infer that nearly half of Houghton's Canadian alumni came to the college from Ontario—where the Wesleyan Church is strongest. Numerically, New Brunswick and Quebec follow, with a scattering from other provinces.

More than half of the sample learned of Houghton through their Wesleyan backgrounds, the rest primarily through other evangelical churches, via contact with Houghton alumni, or through visits. A few learned of the college while attending other schools in the United States. Motivation for choosing Houghton varied from denominational loyalty or the lack of Christian liberal arts colleges in Canada, to sheer wanderlust.

We asked respondents if they were criticized at home for choosing an American college. Most were not. Some said their high school teachers warned about the difficulty of transferring American degrees back to Canada, but the majority modified their stands after they learned about students' desire for a Christian college. One or two questioned Houghton's academic standards or the importance of liberal arts. For students of the past 20 years, the main question was, "Why spend so much money for an education you could get here at a fraction of the cost?" Only a few older alumni recalled the days when their Canadian dollars gave them an advantage here, but one of them observed that area banks had been reluctant to pay them the exchange premium.

Asked what challenges or surprises a Canadian found at Houghton, some identified differences in language, spelling or culture. Several said they were previously unfamiliar with objective testing. Brian Richardson '72, Forest, ON, felt he was at a disadvantage when taking standardized entrance tests because of the the U.S. orientation of history and political questions. Another alumnus said his greatest difficulty was learning that his Christian faith was essentially a Canadian sub-culture which "identified Christianity with its own cultural mores." It took him two years to build a new understanding of the Christian faith.



Canadians agreed in identifying two troublesome items—U.S. ignorance of or indifference to the most rudimentary aspects of Canadian geography, culture or politics, and Houghton's high cost to Canadians. Perhaps half took American ethnocentricity in good humor, but others found it shocking at the least, offensive at worst. The cost factor had several causes—the fact that Canadians in the U.S. lose scholarships, while being limited in seeking compensating work in the U.S., and the present dollar exchange differential.

A number of alumni noted that acceptance of Canadian grade 13 courses for college credit at Houghton markedly reduced their first year costs—Brian Richardson was allowed 25 credits. Others said the pattern of acceptance was inconsistent. But, contrary to the impression given in the January *Milieu*, grade 13 is not universal in Canadian secondary education. It is only offered in Ontario.

While many respondents said they could no longer recommend Houghton to Canadian young people because of the cost, others felt any sacrifice was worthwhile. Jack Bradley '76, who said he was the youngest of 20 children in his family, explained: "I always recommend Houghton to students and have gone to great lengths to get students there. My wife and I even set up a trust fund for one student." Jack is completing a M.Ed. at Ottawa University. Janyce Smithly adds, "I encourage Canadian young people to contact admissions and financial aid at Houghton before they give up because of cost. Houghton has always been good to Canadians financially."

Alumni were evenly split as to whether there was academic or social advantage to having studied in the U.S. Some, like Barbara Sterritt, have faced discrimination. Others say it has not mattered. Several, like Gary Berner '61, a businessman living in Connecticut, said his high school compatriots envied his going to an American college. He adds, "At this time, even with a Canadian dollar disadvantage, I feel one would get a much better overall education at Houghton or some other U.S. college."

Canadian alumni generally have very practical attitudes toward expatriates living and working in the U.S. Said one, "We've not had patriotism drummed into us the way they do in the states." Gerald Orr '70, sent a list of his own "leap-frog experiences," which includes schooling and pastorates on both sides of the border. Currently he directs pastoral care at St. Mary's General Hospital in Timmins, ON.

Gary Berner notes, "I am one who escaped

Canada and its high taxes. In my business New York is the place to be, and I can still do business in Canada." New Brunswick native, Dr. Shirley Mullen '76, teaches history at Westmont College in California. She says, "Sometimes I think we want the best of both worlds. I still prefer Canadian culture, but appreciate the greater economic opportunity in the U.S."

"Just keep your Canadian citizenship," says an '87 alumnus, while Joy (Cowan '50) McCullough of Scarborough observes, "This is so common that I don't think it matters to most people."

"Expatriates make a significant contribution to American life," opines Merrill Reside, '50.

Norm Patton '74, who owns and operates two businesses in Truro, N.S., adds, "Expatriates living in the U.S. are OK by me. I certainly recognize that the U.S. is probably the greatest country on earth, and I was impressed and attracted by much of what the country offers while I was a student there. But greatness is no excuse for ignorance. That will make a country weaker, rather than stronger."

Peter Rigby gets the tongue-in-cheek last word on expatriates. "I recommend they be shot," he says, "but on the other hand, let me know if you have any openings. I am working on a D.Min. from Fuller and have pastored for 13 years."

Variety marked the alumni's concluding thoughts. Many were enthusiastic about the prospects of free trade, others were apprehensive, with one cautioning, "Don't mention that I voted against free trade."

Ernest '39 and Thelma (Harding '42) Swart-hout, now of Grimshaw, Alberta, Jerry Orr and Susan (Cooper '79) Hutton were among those dismayed by the hassle Canadians receive from immigration personnel on both sides of the border.

Susan said *Milieu* hadn't asked what she didn't like at home in Canada, then enumerated her gripes: "Someone is always on strike—postal workers, the nurses, the teachers, garbage men." From the perspective of a southern Ontario resident she also cited high prices for housing, and concluded, "I also think of Canada as being rather pagan . . . it's a real mission field—there is more challenge to being a Christian."

But speaking favorably of Canada's comprehensive health care, which she says no government there would dare touch, Sue said that her American physician husband, Tim, feels there is more government control [in medicine] in the U.S. than in Canada.

Finally, the Canadians were unhappy about American apathy concerning the environment—acid rain and other industrial pollutants carried across the border from the

states. Glen McKnight in Trenton, ON, wondered when the U.S. public would show more foresight. Tim and Colleen (Kotchaw '82) Edwards '82 of Ajax, ON, suggested "a joint commission of Canadian and American Houghton alumni to resolve the issues of acid rain, free trade and the cleaning up of the Great Lakes!"

Murray McKnight '58, a one-time Houghton trustee, urged that the college encourage Canadian students to seek a corporate identity, observing, "[at Houghton] Canadians often feel they are in a 'no-man's land,' not Americans, yet not regarded as foreign students." He also encouraged that Canadian student and alumni viewpoints be considered a special resource for improvement. Several alumni hoped for greater consideration as alumni, others offered their services as recruiters.







## A Slice of Frosh

*Some answers to "Who's out there in that freshmen POW section?"  
by a pedagogue also of teaching methods, aviation history,  
punmanship, and magazine editing.*

*by Richard L. Wing*

IT'S TEN A.M. on Thursday, and I'm standing behind a large black science-class teaching desk in the most remote fourth-floor classroom on campus. This locale, perhaps novel for an English class, has been dictated by space turbulence during the construction of our classroom building. Facing me, in random array among the room's 40-odd chairs, sit twenty-four freshmen, a bit stony of visage and apprehensive of demeanor. Each and all are new to this: we are about to share our first session as section D of POW (Principle of Writing, or, for these, Prisoners of Wing).

As the first task of the day, I ask them to complete this: "The thing that bugs me most about writing class is. . ." They swiftly respond:

- not knowing what to expect.
- the amount of time the class will take.
- that in order to write creatively one must think.
- writing about subjects I have absolutely no interest in.
- trying to produce a creative masterpiece in a short time.
- having to share essays with the class without being forewarned.
- having to write, rewrite, and rewrite again.
- thinking of a good interesting topic to write about.
- meeting deadlines.
- very structured topics and formats.
- trying to type my paper with few mistakes.

—trying to get a computer and then getting it to work.

—that my mind always goes blank.

By now, the expressions are changing a trifle, and on both sides of the barrier perches the question: "What have we here?"

With the item of prime curiosity thus identified—and after forty minutes of administering anesthetic through their ears—I lay on the first assignment: "In a letter to me (double-space, of course), introduce yourself. Tell me about your family, your major, your plans for ten years from now, and what else you'd care to share. See you tomorrow."

Being good freshmen, they arise, bow slightly, chorus "Yes, O Sagacious One," rearrange the room, and exit in column



of twos for chapel. (A modicum of jocose inaccuracy? Of course.) Then I follow, perhaps in a foreshadowing of the entire course.

Speaking of the course, let me digress a tad in benefit of those not immediately familiar with Houghton's modern POW. It is a four-credit freshman course, meeting four days a week for the semester, and it is one of the few courses specifically required of all students. This year, five POW sections in the fall and six in the spring will serve about 275 of the 320 freshmen, with the balance either presenting an equivalent course from elsewhere, testing out through CLEP, or using the exceptional-SAT provision to pass over the course and move directly into advanced composition.

POW students are assigned to fall sections by division chairs who act temporarily as frosh advisors; in the spring, students take a more active role in section choice as they work with their assigned mentors or advisors. (Since the D section is sort of an add-on, I'll never know whether my twenty-four are here as the victims of planning or chance.)

Now it's 10 a.m. on Friday, and not only are all twenty-four back but each has brought the assigned letter. Here is what we have:

- By sex: eight males and sixteen females (ten and fourteen would have approximated the current Houghton ratio.)

- By state: ten are from New York, with two from New Jersey and Ohio, and one each from Maine, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Two have parents on the mission field, in Angola and Indonesia.

- By major: only three say they are truly undecided. Of the rest, eleven mention biology and pre-med, seven education, two math. Singles: Spanish, physics, communication, psychology, social science, business.

- By name: there are no duplications in given names, and only six say they prefer some diminutive or nickname.

- Average family size is 4.9, with the range from 3 to 8.

- Three mention parents as Houghton alumni; at least as many have siblings here or graduated.

- Five are preacher's kids or MKs. One is a faculty dependent. Otherwise, family occupation, if identified, includes such things as teaching, farming, medicine, carpentry, chemistry, and retirement.

- Concerning their plans for a decade from now, eleven see themselves in

*"The thing that bugs me most about writing class is. . ."*

ministry or missions, ten in medicine, and seven as teachers. Three are "undecided and seeking." Other plans mentioned: foreign language, administration, radio, psychology, graphics and printing, and pastor's wife. Concerning the latter topic, three of eight men mention marriage, as do eleven of sixteen women. One might observe that Houghton students are comfortable with traditional roles.



Some voices from the assembly:

"I am not sure what direction I will take."

"I am thankful for my beautiful Christian parents."

"I enjoy my studies more and more."

"I'd like to follow in my [missionary] father's footsteps."

"It's hard for anyone to say where they will be ten years from now."

"I'm not dismissing the possibility of being a missionary."

"My high school didn't emphasize writing."

"I want to be a missionary doctor."

"I just learned that Jeremiah had a horse named Isme; he used to say, 'Woe is me'."

"My parents are in the process of obtaining a divorce."

"I would like to go to China as a tentmaker-witness for Christ."

"I plan to spend a year studying overseas."

"I've always wanted to be a teacher, one of the most rewarding occupations today."

"I suppose you could include my girlfriend in my family."

"One might find me in the Peace Corps."

"I only seek, with God's help, to pursue His will, one day at a time."

Twenty-four freshmen—twenty-four unique individuals whom we must assume are representative of their college year-group—twenty-four entities of clay to be shaped, smoothed, and (we hope) fired by the Houghton experience into wondrously-fine vessels of service. Wouldn't it be interesting to track these two dozen and, through reports at ten-year intervals through their lives, see this slice of frosh in the long view?



*Translating love into action*

## ***Students join Habitat for Humanity***

*by Alicia Beckford*

ON ANY GIVEN SATURDAY morning, a group of 5-15 Houghton students will not be found anywhere on campus from early morning until late at night. Instead of studying among the stacks in the library or chatting in the campus center, they are spending their day removing debris, salvaging old equipment, building shelves, and replacing the caved-in roof of a warehouse in downtown Buffalo. These students are working with Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit Christian organization headquartered in Americus, Georgia.

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Habitat For Humanity is an international service organization whose vision is to eliminate ramshackle housing worldwide. Habitat was founded by Millard Fuller, a former millionaire and independent businessman, who, threatened with the prospect of losing his family because of his preoccupation with business, gave away his money and set out to affect the lives of others in a positive way. He was encouraged by a minister friend who lived on the Koinonia church farming community near Americus to consider finding better housing for the economically disadvantaged families in the area.

Fuller and his friend set up a corporation whose donated capital would supply materials for the building of inexpensive homes. The houses were then sold at their \$6,000 cost. After a small downpayment on the building, buyers paid \$65 a month and agreed to put four hundred hours of sweat equity into their own house and that of at least one neighbor. By 1972, 27 families had new homes with heat, indoor plumbing, and modern kitchens. In 1981, Fuller's work had blossomed into 15 U.S. projects and 11 overseas, including 114 new homes in Zaire. U.S. projects numbered 241 and



overseas projects numbered 50, in 25 countries in 1987.

Today, local groups, organized by churches and private individuals, are forming networks of volunteers motivated by goodwill and what Fuller calls the "theology of the hammer"—living out their Christian faith in real and tangible ways. Besides providing housing, these groups teach the families how to cope with their responsibilities—a holistic approach to nurturing the family.

Mrs. Jeanne Ortiz, director of residence hall life at Houghton, was involved with Habitat in Buffalo before moving here with her family. Working with the campus chapter of Evangelicals for Social Action, she looked into establishing a college chapter for Habitat

that would be supportive of affiliate work (church and local group projects) in Buffalo and Rochester. Student interest was great enough that an official charter for Habitat on Houghton campus was drawn up in October, 1988.

Shannon DeLay, a sophomore social work major, currently serves as president, sharing responsibility with David Hills, vice president, Chris Spears and Marion McNeil, secretaries, George Cuffe, treasurer, and Tim Swauger, fundraiser. Jeanne praises the team for its motivation, vision and enthusiasm. Part of her joy in working with Habitat here on campus, she recalls, has been "watching the group realize that providing a place to live is a real ministry, too, like a medical ministry or a Vacation Bible School





ministry."

Habitat headquarters in Americus recognized the heart for service evidenced by the student leaders, too. They gave Houghton a choice between two project sites in Buffalo: a house on Buffalo's East Side needing carpentry work and general renovation before occupation by a family, and, a warehouse with 8000 sq. ft. of space including a loading dock, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floor apartments, and rooms full of old, semi-salvageable equipment, a property deeded to Habitat for storage of supplies and eventual housing for the homeless.

The choice was a difficult one because the home renovation option would have meant an opportunity to work side-by-side with a family living out the realization

of a dream, while the warehouse restoration is ideal for skilled and unskilled students alike. The Board decided on the warehouse for Houghton's first project. Completion is hoped for during 1990.

The college chapter leaders have a vision that in Houghton's near future, Habitat will also have a ministry in Allegany County. For the immediate future, Jeanne Ortiz envisions inviting different campus groups to have their own special Saturday trips to the warehouse. For example, there would be an East Hall Day, an Administrator's Day, a Freshmen Class Day, an Alumni Day, or a Black Student Outreach Day, to name a few possibilities. This would extend an opportunity to those outside the core of people who go to Buffalo each weekend



*At far left: the Genesee Street warehouse Houghton students have begun cleaning out. Immediately left: one warehouse room partially cleared, another awaits attention. Marion McNiel helps install wiring at an earlier Habitat project. Bill Townsend has donated his time as Habitat's Buffalo chapter V.P. and construction coordinator since the mid '80s. He gained expertise rehabbing apartments on his own. His wife, Pat, often teaches anthropology at Houghton's Buffalo campus.*

to share in the ministry of "the hammer," and meet people very different from themselves who share the same vision.

Meanwhile, student fundraiser and senior Tim Swauger has contracted with the Buffalo Bills to play basketball with the Houghton College faculty on Houghton's home "turf" on Friday evening, April 14. The night's proceeds will go to Habitat. The Bills, who play ball off-season to help various groups with fundraising, will field a team of eight to 10 men.

By actively taking part in the provision of homes for the disadvantaged, Houghton students, along with other Habitat volunteers worldwide, are following Christ's example of ministering to the physical needs of others as a means toward ministering to the needs of the spirit. Opportunities for service come in many forms. Says Jeanne Ortiz, "I'm not a Sunday School teacher, and I'm not a Bible Study leader, but I am a person who likes to see transformation, and working with Habitat For Humanity is my opportunity to live out my Christian faith in a practical way."

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## ALUMNI IN ACTION



John Reist

### 1920s, 30s & 40s

'28 HELEN (KELLOGG) PECK writes that she and her husband, ages 83 and 86, are happy "caring for their home in Vestal, NY, and being near their sons." They moved there in 1980. Their life together has included living in Addison, Almond, and Manchester (all in New York), and in Elk Lake, PA. They have been active in local churches.

'36 HARRIET (SARTWELL) NORTON received the fourth Morton E. Spillinger award for distinguished service in classics October 21, 1988, from the Classical Association of the Empire State, in recognition of her "lifelong promotion of Latin through teaching and involvement in professional organizations." She lives in Albany, NY.



The Daytons

'38 WILBER DAYTON and his wife, Donna, celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary on December 24, 1988. Some 75 guests attended a reception, hosted by their four children, in the Dayton's honor at the Wesleyan Seminary Foundation building in Wilmore, KY. Since 1987 they have lived in Georgia and still write, speak, teach Bible, and correspond with friends and former students around the world "as the Lord leads."

'47 JIM PINNEO and his wife, Lois, left for Niger in January where Jim filled an urgent need for a doctor at Sudan Interior Mission hospital in West Africa. They will be there until the end of April. Jim is practicing in the general out-patient clinic "under primitive conditions."

### 1950s

'50 RUDY RABE and his wife, Eleanor, served in India for 36 years with OMS. Now at headquarters, Rudy is assistant editor of OMS Outreach. In the November-December 1988 issue, he wrote an article titled, "Who'll Replace the Missionaries in India?" He answers that question in the article, and concludes, "Foreign missionaries are replaced by Indian missionaries. That's the way it was planned, the way it should be, and the way it is. To God be the glory!"

'51 DORIS (LARSEN) HAYES will retire from teaching this summer. She is a special reading teacher in the Falmouth Elementary School (ME). Her husband, CALVIN '48, anticipates retiring

from the pastorate in 1990.

'52 EDNA PRINSELL was recognized for 29 years of missionary service and was awarded a certificate and an Okinawa lacquerware plate at a rally there. She helped start seven churches in Japan since she began service in 1953.

'53 CARL SCHULTZ has been made a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International. (Harris was Rotary's founder.) The designation results from monetary and service contributions to Rotary and its community projects. Carl's service included spearheading Rotary's Polio Plus Drive in Allegany County last December, which raised over \$40,000 toward the Rotary goal of inoculating the world's children against polio. On the Houghton College faculty since 1965, Carl chairs the religion and philosophy division and is dean for the Buffalo campus.

'54 LOU KNOWLTON and his wife, MARY (MILLER '56), had their home in Brazil robbed December 23. When the Knowltons arrived home that evening, the three armed men jumped out of hiding places and forced the Knowltons inside. They write, "We spent the next two hours looking down the barrel of a gun while they helped themselves to our possessions. They threatened to kill us if they did not find what they wanted... They finally left us, gagged and tied to a bedframe, locked in a bedroom. After they made their getaway in our car, we managed to get ourselves untied..." The Knowltons lost \$130 and more than three thousand dollars worth of valuables from a computer to wedding rings. About two-thirds of the loss was equipment needed for their work. They held little hope of recovering stolen items.

'58 JOHN REIST has been named one of the 10 best professors ever to teach at North Central College (IL) in its 125-year history. (Reist is now academic vice president at Hillsdale College (MI).) The selection was based on recommendations from former students. Reist was a tenured professor in the English department at North Central, a Methodist Church affiliated college, from 1967-77. In 1969 he was the first recipient of the Sang Distinguished Teacher Award, and in 1972, the senior class chose him as their commencement



Edna Prinsell

ment speaker. From 1974-76 he was part-time chaplain at the college. A former student characterized him as "patient, helpful, and incredibly humorous." She appreciated his exciting lectures on *The Inferno*, and noted that his background in the ministry gave him a unique perspective on literature.

'58 EDWARD SAVOLAINEN has been promoted to the position of professor of radiology at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo.

### 1960s

'62 PAULINE (SCHWEINFORTH) FOX invited several music alumni to perform in her February 4 recital, part of her M.A. degree studies at Marywood College (PA). In addition to Pauline's piano solos, she accompanied ensembles with JACQUELINE (GARMS '75) FORBES, JOHN and DENISE (BROWN '84) ROSETI '84, and NORMAN FOX '62, all of whom live in the Stroudsburg, PA, area and participate in local musical events. The special feature of the evening was the *Classic Concerto for Piano and Chamber Orchestra*, written for the occasion by Houghton's composer-in-residence Dr. William Allen. Among those attending were Dr. Allen, his wife, JANE (McMAHON '61), their daughter Becky, and GARY FORBES '76.

'62 CAROLYN (MULLER) YOUNG and her husband, with their two boys, are serving in the work of Bible translation, administering and editing, in Peru, South America, under the auspices of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

'63 DAVID CLEMENS is the author of a published three-volume, six-book Bible curriculum, titled, "Steps to Maturity." The volumes have been translated into eight different languages.

'63 SUE ELLEN PORTER is an interim pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Santa Cruz, CA. Her husband works at NASA.

'65 ROBERT CARR became assistant vice president of data services with the Law School Admission Services of Newtown, PA. Before changing jobs at the beginning of the year, Bob had been employed by the Michigan Department of Education for 13 years. His wife, JESSIE (BIRCHARD '65), and their two sons, will remain in Michigan to arrange for the sale of their home. Then they will join Bob in Pennsylvania.

After serving in various stateside ministries for 20 years, WILLIAM and VIRGINIA (CARVILL '67) PERRY '65 are establishing Bible training centers in South East Asia under the auspices of World Outreach. They live in Baguio City, Philippines, with their two children, ministering at Life School of Ministry. Bill is international director.

After 21 years of not touching a string bass, RICHARD KOCH '66 bought one last year. Last summer he joined the 80-member Guilderland Town Band (NY). They played three public concerts at the performing arts center located in the town park. An internal auditor at New York



## *Daisy Guldenschuh Hepburn— motivating women to take leadership roles*

ONE by five-eighths of an inch—Daisy Guldenschuh Hepburn's likeness smiles up from page 92 of the 1950 Boulder. That's it: her sole picture or mention in the book! The college registrar's slim file lists the courses she took her one year at Houghton. No one depending on those sources could have predicted what Daisy would achieve in the ensuing 40 years, or that a continent away, she would receive a Distinguished Alumni award from alumni director Richard Alderman during the February 11 San Francisco chapter meeting, but that's what happened.

In 1896 a group of Salvation Army officers sailed from England for missionary outreach to America. Among them were Daisy's grandparents and the grandparents of her future husband. A generation later, three hours from Houghton along the Susquehanna River in Towanda, Pennsylvania, Daisy was born into a Salvationist family. By 1941 her family was living in Syracuse, New York, she had become friends with the extended Shea family, and her older sister was a Houghton frosh.

By 1949 the Guldenschuhs had moved to Mt. Vernon, NY. Daisy graduated from high school, and had fallen in love with David Hepburn. But that fall, at Houghton, Daisy was among the first women to live in Maplecrest—a recently rehabilitated, three-story barn.

"There were lots of mice," Daisy recalled, but bonds of friendship formed that year, endure to the present. Beyond the friendships, Daisy remembers professor Ray Hazlett's English class and beginning Spanish with Dr. Alice Pool. Still, neither friends nor academic stimulation overcame her loneliness for David Hepburn. So she left Houghton in 1950, returned to Mt. Vernon and married him the next year. David was promptly drafted and sent to Germany as a military policeman—without her. (During Daisy's year at Houghton, David was seriously injured

in a car accident. The eventual insurance settlement enabled her to join him in Bamberg during 1952.)

There she taught Sunday School for military dependents and led seminars for the Protestant women of the chapel, foreshadowing a ministry to come. When David completed military service in 1953, they moved to California. He became CE director for the Salvation Army's Lytton Home and School in Sonoma County, which served some 130 neglected children. Daisy worked as secretary. Four years later David resumed his education. After completing a degree he joined the staff of Evangelical Covenant Church in the city.

A year later they moved east for Salvation Army officer's training and a three-week crash course in Spanish before being assigned to the Academia William Booth in Puerto Rico. David taught grammar school while Daisy conducted Sunday Schools in Spanish, directed CE, worked among women and visited barrios. In 1967 they were re-

assigned to 18 months service with the Citadel in Norwich, CT.

Leaving the Salvation Army, they returned to First Covenant Church in San Francisco for a year before moving to Minneapolis, where, for the next decade, David served on the faculty of a Christian academy and organized music and youth groups. There they raised their two children and Daisy directed Covenant Bible Camps. During this time she also began to develop printed materials and other resources for ministry among women.

By 1973 her Life With Spice Bible Study materials had passed the testing stage with neighborhood coffee groups. A core of seven Bible Study series resulted. Scripture Press and Gospel Light published her materials, and Daisy began to be in demand for workshops and speaking engagements. Hepburns returned to California in 1979, living first in Mission Springs, then at Mt. Hermon, and for the past half-decade, in San Francisco, where David is president of Ridgemont Christian School.

As founder-director of The Hope of Our Heritage Conferences, Daisy crisscrosses the nation as a conference and retreat speaker, motivating women to take leadership roles in church and community work—to the glory of God. Her 1988 book, *Glorious Living*, is billed as "an ordinary woman's guide to becoming God's ideal."

In presenting her the award, alumni director Alderman cited Daisy for "the extraordinary service to our Lord you've personally given and encouraged in others by example and precept . . . highlighting anew that God doesn't rely on the evidence of yearbooks or official records, but on the willingness of a surrendered heart."



*David and Daisy Hepburn*



Telephone, Rich gave a 90-minute presentation, "Integrating Fraud Awareness Into the Corporate Culture," at a national conference on business fraud in Orlando, FL, last September.

'69 **SANDRA SHADDOCK** has moved to Alberta, Canada, from England, where she "attended limitless musical concerts and functions." While there she wrote for the London Bridge magazine and was editor for the past one-and-a-half years. She earned a diploma of journalism from the London School of Journalism. She conducted a women's choral group and gave several recitals as vocal artist or accompanist. Currently Sandra is studying at the University of Alberta.



For three or four years now, a blue Chevy Suburban, sporting the unusual license pictured above, has been seen almost daily in the parking lot at Wheaton Christian High School in Illinois. The vehicle belongs to **DR. RICHARD DOMINGUEZ '63**, and is used to ferry Dominguez children to the school from their home in Glen Ellyn. Explains Rich, "We're surrounded by 'Wheaties' and I have to get in my advertising."

## 1970s

**CORRECTION: '74 DAVID K. CLARK** teaches philosophy of religion and systematic theology at Bethel Theological Seminary, not Bethel College, as stated in the December 1988 *Millieu*. His wife, **SANDY (BERNLEHR '74)**, teaches writing part-time at Bethel College.

'71 **LYNDA (BASNEY) MICKAS** was appointed chairman of the department of natural science and mathematics at Holy Family College of Philadelphia, PA, on January 1.

'74 **LINDA KAY SWARTZ** received an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction, with an emphasis in teaching of reading, from the University of Maryland in December (1988). She is president of the Cumberland Valley (PA) Reading Council until the end of the 1989 school year, and is guest reviewer for *The Reading Teacher*, a publication of the International Reading Association. Linda spoke at the last four annual conferences of Penn-

sylvania's Keystone State Reading Association and has had two articles published.

After completing a two-year program of French studies in Paris, **RONALD BEABOUT '77** and his wife, **CAROL (BEVERIDGE '77)**, arrived in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa, to begin leadership training and church development ministries under CBFMS. While working there with a church-planting team, Ron also serves on a committee to develop curricula and write materials for the mission's theological college and seminary. Carol works in editing and translation, and teaches Sunday School.

'77 **LINDA BROWN** works for Texas American Bancshares, Inc., as vice president and controller over seven banks in the Dallas region. She is working on an MBA in accounting at the University of Texas at Dallas. Additionally, she sat for the CPA exam in November.

'78 **KATHLEEN (CONFER) BOONE** has had her book published by the State University of New York Press. It is called *The Bible Tells Them So: The Discourse of Protestant Fundamentalism*. **RICHARD MOUW '61**, of Fuller Theological Seminary, has said of the book, "I would certainly include (this) study on a list of the most important half dozen or so scholarly works on American fundamentalism." Kathleen is a counselor in the consortium of the Niagara Frontier college program at the Attica (NY) Correctional Facility.

'78 **MARK CERBONE** is working as an assistant to Duffy Robbins in the youth ministry department at Eastern College (PA). He has begun his fifth semester as a member of its dean of students office, serving as an assistant residence hall director. Last summer he attended his class's 10th reunion at Houghton and writes, "It was a moving experience to be re-united with so many friends who shared a crucial part of my life."

'78 **JOAN (KOEHLER) LLOYD** and her husband Daniel are full-time master's degree students at Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Mission, respectively. They are studying teaching English as a foreign language and intercultural studies, respectively. They graduate in June.

In May **ROBERT MILLS '78** received his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and has accepted the pastorate on Big Creek Presbyterian Church (MO). His wife, **MARGE (PLATTS '78)**, is applying for graduate studies in psychology.

In 1987 **BRENDA (KELLER) NEWLAND** had a play published by Lillenas, titled, "He Touches the Heart."

'79 **CAROL (SNODGRASS) BLESSING** is working on a Ph.D. in English at the University of California, specializing in renaissance drama. She and her husband George are youth leaders in their church.

## Future Alumni

Greg & Joanna (Dotts '74) Askins	2-19-88
Ronald & Carol (Beveridge '77) Beabout	7-28-88
Jeffrey & Robin (Greenwood '76) Bedell	7- 7-88
* David & Kimberly Bonar '67	8-18-88
Richard & Maryann (Preston '86) Bowman	12-27-88
Philip & Carol (Swanson '73) Christensen	7-10-87
Mark & Natalie (Giles '83) Churchman '81	2- 4-89
Richard & Lola (Brander '79) DeRouchie	4-14-87
Bill & Joan Dinse '83	2-17-88
David & Rebecca (Reed '81) Garcia	1-31-87
John & Holly (Willett '77) Gillette '76	11- 1-88
David & Molly (Turner '81) Golando	1- 6-89
Boyd & Dorothy (Marchese '81) Goodell	9- 7-88
Joseph & Elizabeth (Tryon '81) Hupp '79	8-27-87
David & Dale (Polizzi '84) Jack '81	2- 5-88
Norman & Carol (Young '77) Jones '78	2- 5-88
Wayne & Julie Myles '80	12-30-88
Duane & Robin (Strein '80) Orton '80	12-17-88
Christopher & Gail (Thompson '79) Peck '81	11- 8-88
David & Raye (Snyder '76) Potts	8-18-88
Terry & Lori (Rice '83) Ruhl '84	5-22-88
Joel & Stephanie (Bowers '83) Sims	8-11-87
Bill & Polly (Rosio '70) Smith	8- 1-88
Tim & Laurie (Palmer '84) Virkus	1-26-89
David & Christine (Ward '82) Weber	6- 6-88
Robert & Kim (Ruhl '81) Wilson '81	1- 9-89
	1- 9-89
	6- 8-88
	11-30-88

\* Correction from January



'79 **DAVID HIGLE** has been teaching New Testament at Bethany Bible College in Sussex, NB, Canada, since 1984. He has been accepted into the New Testament program at Princeton Theological Seminary and plans to enroll in the fall.

'79 **MARK HUMPHREY** is assistant general manager and chief engineer for Temple University's (PA) jazz radio station, WRTI.

'79 **RUTH (ENTY) MESSICK** has been named director of development at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. She was assisting the Central State University's development office in preparation for its first capital campaign. Ruth and her husband, **MICHAEL '85**, recently moved to Eldorado, OH, where he is pastoring the Eldorado United Methodist Church. He is a second-year student at United Theological Seminary, pursuing a master of divinity and master of arts in theological studies degrees.

'79 **RUTH (CAMPBELL) PHINNEY**, director of WXXI Reachart Radio (Rochester, NY), has been named to the board of directors of the National Association of Radio Reading Services. As director she has hosted a series of radio interview programs which are being distributed to radio reading services nationwide. She also serves as vice president of the Rochester Downtown Lions Club and was one of the first 300 women admitted to a club in New York. Her husband, **MARK '79**, continues working in retail and serves as substitute organist for a number of area churches.

'79 **DAVID TIDEMAN** is attorney for State Farm Insurance Company (NJ), acting as legal consultant to management in New York, New Jersey and New England. Recently he passed the New Jersey bar exam and is licensed to practice law in New York and New Jersey.

In October **ROBERT WIDLICKA '79** completed a Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. He is a member of the technical staff in the data switching architecture group at AT&T Bell Laboratories in Columbus, OH.

## 1980s

'80 **WAYNE MYLES** and his wife own their own business, Video Data Services of Northwest Ohio. They built a passive solar house four years ago on five acres of old farm land. Also, Wayne does some substitute teaching and accompanies (on the piano) the local public high school choir.

'80 **JOYCE STOFFERS** became the new director of American Clock and Watch Museum in Bristol, CT, on December 1. She and her husband had lived in Binghamton, NY, but moved to the New England area because "I liked the job...it deals with American history and I like [this field] and thought it would be so new to me." Stoffers has a master's degree in English and American literature from State University of New York and has worked at New York museums. Founded in 1952, the American Clock and Watch Museum is devoted to the history of American horology,

preserving and displaying examples of American clocks and watches, memorabilia of their makers, and recording, preserving and disseminating horological history. The Museum is open April through October and a small admission fee is charged. Groups are welcome. For more information, contact Joyce at the American Clock and Watch Museum, 100 Maple St., Bristol, CT 06010-5092.

'81 **MOLLY (TURNER) GOLANDO** completed her master of music degree with a French horn emphasis, in January 1988, from Fredonia State University College of New York.

'82 **CHRISTINE (WARD) WEBER** has resigned her position as math and computer teacher at Owego (NY) Apalachin Central School, to be a full-time mother to her first child. She will continue to give private piano lessons to her 20 plus students. Her husband, **DAVID '81**, completed course work for a master's degree in school psychology at Syracuse University last summer. He is a psychologist at Trumansburg (NY) Central School. He also coaches their football team and is youth pastor and deacon at Allen Memorial Baptist Church.

Last June **RICK DANIELSON '83** was ordained an elder into the United Methodist denomination. The service was in Houghton's Wesley Chapel. Since last July he has been pastoring the Little Valley (NY) United Methodist Church full-time. His wife teaches music to emotionally disturbed children at the Randolph Children's Home School in Randolph, NY.

'85 **DEBRA FINK** began law school at Campbell University (NC) in the fall.

'85 **MARY PUTNEY** is still a Year of Service volunteer at New Life Wesleyan Church in Chesterton, IN, where she is youth and music director. She conducts the choir, plays piano for services and teaches private piano lessons.

'85 **HAROLD WORTHINGTON** is employed by Affiliated Foods of Lexington, KY. He verifies credit requests from Foodtown and Shopwise Supermarket chains in northern and central Kentucky, who have received mis-ordered or damaged merchandise from the warehouse. He plans to return to the University of Kentucky for his B.A. in architecture later. His wife, **SANDRA (GONZALEZ '87)**, is a staff assistant for Congressman Larry J. Hopkins, (R) Kentucky, in the House of Representatives. She will be returning to Eastern Kentucky University in May to complete her master's degree in speech pathology.

'88 **JINKI KIM** works for Korea Convention Services Ltd., which deals with any international convention or exhibition, and also is the Korea market representative to Hudson's Bay New York, Inc., one of the largest companies in the fur business.

## Down the Aisle

Kurt & Brenda (Hartman '89) Brown '89  
Bruce & Joy Elizabeth (Roe '87) O'Byrne '87  
Keith & Kim (Lilly '86) Russell '87



Above: The Houghton College Choir under Dr. John Jost sang a Sunday evening concert at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo on February 26. They premiered a Haitian mass and were accompanied by nine string players from the Houghton Philharmonia.

Two weeks later the choir was among 30 select groups to perform at the eastern division of the Music Educators' National Conference held in Boston. On that trip they also sang at Boston's St. John the Evangelist Church, and in joint concert at Eastern Nazarene College with ENC's choir. PBS station WGBH recorded the church concert for local play and for consideration by the PBS network. Joining the choir at the church concert was Holy Trinity School Boychoir of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Dr. Jost taught at this school for four years, and still devotes his summers to teaching there. Eight Haitian string players, his former students, augmented the Houghton players in Boston.

The College Choir's spring tour, March 18-26, returned them to New England. The Chapel Choir, under Dr. Bruce Brown, toured March 21-26 in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Washington, DC.



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Dr. Timothy Weber, is a licensed clinical psychologist in private practice at the Colorado Center for Psychology in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He also is an ordained Lutheran minister and serves as a part-time Assistant Pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs.

In his clinical practice, he works with children, adolescents, and adults; administers psychological assessments; and specializes in marital and family therapy. He also is active in the training and supervision of mental health providers. Dr. Weber has consulted with schools, businesses, churches, social service agencies, and clergy consultation groups. He is on clinical staff of Cedar Springs Psychiatric Hospital.

**SPEAKER**

(Letters continued)

Harvard, the University of Chicago, or Caltech? But it is gratifying to learn that at least "Houghton's demands are somewhat closer to [Canada's] own."

I don't know which is worse, American ignorance or Canadian discourtesy. Perhaps you should have entitled your article "The Ugly Canadian."

Sincerely,

Stanley Sandler '60

Command Historian, USAJFKSWCS, Ft. Bragg, NC

*Millieu* invited Houghton's Canadian students and faculty to be candid in their comments. It's hard to see their "discourtesy" in responding to an invitation at face value. At any rate, our Canadian alumni have many good things to say about experiences at their *alma mater*, and elsewhere in the U.S. See pages 8-9.

Dear Editor:

As a Canadian alumnus, now living in the states, I read your article on "Houghton's Canadian Connections" with great interest. I would like to correct one small point. All Canadian provinces do not have grade 13. My home province of New Brunswick has neither public kindergarten nor grade 13.

Thanks for the attention drawn to my "home & native land."

Sincerely,

Diane (Cummings '76) Kofahl

## RESCUE "PERSPECTIVES" PRO...

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to see Tina Webber's article on Operation Rescue in the January '89 *Houghton Millieu*. It was in October of '88 that Operation Rescue finally came to Massachusetts, where I now live.

I did not decide to be a part of Operation Rescue on a radical whim. I know that many believers feel it is wrong to break trespass laws, and that rescuing can be a divisive issue among God's people. For me, not to rescue would be wrong. Proverbs 24:11-12 tells us: "Rescue those who are being dragged to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold them back." Before that verse ten warns "if you remain indifferent in time of adversity your strength will depart from you."

Tina Webber pointed out in her article concern she had that there are legal means we ought to be pursuing to end abortion in our country. There are, and we ought to be doing all we can in these areas. I would like to challenge Houghton alumni to become active after examining these options.

Write often to your elected officials local, state, and federal, to let them know abortion is wrong. Write letters to the editor in your local papers, or submit guest editorials, about abortion. I don't mean once a year, I mean every week. Consider doing peaceful, legal picketing at abortion mills, or the consistent distribution of educational materials in your communities.



There is a desperate need for sidewalk counselors at every abortion mill in our country. You might consider providing a sidewalk counselor you know with literature. Many who do sidewalk counseling pay for their own materials, and the costs mount up. You can purchase good pro-life books for public, school, and church libraries, and donate them to these institutions.

Find out what is being taught in your local schools in sex education.

If you are a doctor, nurse, midwife, or lawyer you can volunteer some of your time and energies to help those women who face crisis pregnancies, and who, without medical or legal assistance would choose abortion first. Lawyers, judges, there is so much you can do.

Alumni, you can volunteer time at a crisis pregnancy center. You may also be able to give such needed items as maternity clothes, baby clothes, cribs, car seats, and so forth. Some young girls need shepherding homes in which to stay before, and sometimes after, the birth of their children. Can you open your home to a desperate young woman? Are you willing to adopt an "unwanted" child, rather than see that child die in an abortion chamber?

Are you politically active? Work to elect pro-life politicians. Consider running for office yourself. Find out about local, county, and Block Grant monies that may be going to fund abortions in your area.

Find out where abortions are done in your area. Find out if they are violating local ordinances for waste disposal. (In other words, what do they do with their dead babies?) Above all else, pray, —without ceasing, specifically.

Last fall a large number of us in Massachusetts hiked and drove all over the state collecting in each voting district the required number of signatures of registered voters in order to place a referendum question concerning abortion (life, actually) on the November '88 ballot. Our well organized and totally legal work was given, as required by Massachusetts law, to the State Attorney General. He refused to allow the question on the ballot. (I believe it is being appealed to a higher court.)

I have been involved in pro-life activities for about 10 years now. It has been a depressing and lonely struggle at times. I've done most of the legal things I can think of. When my legal recourses are thwarted, or removed, and when the media purposes to hush an issue like abortion, I must do all I can, by the grace of God, to end this heinous crime. If in Hitler's time people, like those in Operation Rescue today, had peacefully and prayerfully blocked the entrances to Auschwitz and Dachau, they would be now hailed as heroes and martyrs. I see no difference in blocking abortion mills. Trespassing to save lives has always been allowed in our country before. Abortion is murder; we must act accordingly.

Fellow alumni, I would like to hear what you are doing, or would like to do to help end abortion in our country. I would also like to know what those of you across the country are doing so that I

can add to my resource files, and better direct those who may be interested in helping end abortion. I'd especially like to hear from New England or New Jersey alumni interested in rescuing.

In Christ,

Fran V. Carl (Hutton '79)

[Edited for space  
by the editor]

402 Thacher St. #3  
Attleboro, MA 02703

Dear Editor:

I would like to encourage all Houghton alumni to participate in Operation Rescue events as they are held, especially when held in their home areas. I met one recent alumna during Operation Rescue events in New York City and others in Philadelphia last summer. I presume there were alumni among the several hundred Christians in the recent Buffalo rescue, but I didn't happen to meet any.

People willing to be involved are those you find in any evangelical or Catholic church; white, black, Asian, young, old (two women in their 80s were arrested with us in Buffalo), blind, crippled, poor, wealthy, educated and uneducated—people who love the Lord and his creation dearly.

I was arrested eight times last summer and spent four days in jail in Tallahassee, FL, because the killing of innocent human beings, the most defenseless, tears my heart out. When will the murder of over 20 million babies stir those of us who name the name of Christ to rise up and say "No More!"? For information about Operation Rescue, write Box 1180, Binghamton, NY 13902.

Wendell Caley, Jr. '50  
Quincy, MA.

#### ... AND CON

Dear Editor:

In your January issue, Tina Webber characterized the civil disobedience actions of Operation Rescue as "totally non-violent." Although I have no basis for challenging her portrayal of events in Atlanta, I wish to express my view that similar protesters in the Buffalo area have behaved in a strident, aggressive, and, to my mind, un-Christian manner.

Their obstruction of access to hospitals and clinics is verbally and physically intimidating toward prospective patients and non-patients alike. In at least one instance, there has been direct physical contact with a prospective patient; police at the scene arrested a protester who, they report, attempted to physically restrain a woman from entering a clinic. Another woman, six months pregnant and leaving an area hospital, fell on an ice-covered slope which she traversed because demonstrators were blocking sidewalk access.

Unwilling to confine their demonstrations to public buildings, members of Project Rescue have picketed the private homes of pro-choice physicians and counselors. Their disruption of a Jewish physician's Chanukah celebration with his family ended in violence, the physician being charged with assaulting a protester with a baseball bat. While I do not excuse the physician's con-

duct, I do believe this incident illustrates the provocative nature of Project Rescue's tactics, as well as its dearth of respect for the religious beliefs and civil rights of others.

Although I would not accuse Tina of condoning outright bullying, I do think her sympathetic article requires challenge on two grounds: that "blocking the entrances of an abortion clinic so that pregnant women could not enter" is acceptable behavior on the part of anti-abortionists, and her implication that Christians are, or should be, united in their opposition to abortion rights. Whatever one's views on this highly-controversial question, harassment and intimidation is not the way of Christ. Nor should one assume, that to be pro-choice is to be non-Christian. I applaud Tina's sensitivity toward the plight of women in crisis pregnancies (a sensitivity so sadly lacking on the part of many calling themselves "pro-lifers"), but I ask her and others like-minded to reconsider their endorsement of both legal and illegal strategies for impeding a woman's right to choose.

On what grounds can anyone claim—a priori—a moral, circumstantial, and spiritual knowledge superior to that of the potential mother herself? None of us holds undisputed claim to the mind and will of God on this difficult matter, generally or specifically. Those who believe abortion is wrong do indeed have a duty to teach and attempt to persuade others. But legislation and harassment are not now and never have been the path of true conversion, Christian or otherwise.

Thank you,  
Kathleen (Confer '78) Boone

## In Memoriam

'57 ARNOLD NICHOLSON, JR. died December 31, 1988, in the Gettysburg (PA) Hospital from a heart attack. He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and the adult choir. A graduate of the Luther Theological Seminary (MN), he was ordained in 1961. He had served parishes in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. Rev. Nicholson formerly served as Eastern District Director for Commitment to Mission in the American Lutheran Church. Since 1987, he has been the director of development and interpretation at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. He is survived by his widow, CAROLYN (METZGER '58); two daughters; a son; and a sister, ALICE NYSTRUM '56; and two nieces.

## Memorial Gifts

GEORGE MORELAND and ROBERT WOODS by Frances W. Carl.

ELIZABETH O'BRIEN by Charles O'Brien.

CLAUDE RIES by Colleen Weekley.

CONSTANTINE LEMCIO by Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Paine.



# highlander sports

by William Greenway



Women's basketball MVP Carlson's parents from Waterloo, Iowa were present to see her cited for reaching 1800 points.

## INDOOR TRACK

Coach Ken Heck's indoor track teams broke several school records and posted several wins despite a lack of depth and many injuries. All six meets were away, held during January and February.

For the men, senior Tom Cutting broke the shot put record with a 12.05-meter toss. He also posted a 35-pound weight throw mark of 10.67 meters. Junior Wade Fiegl broke the field house record at Roberts Wesleyan College with a pole vault of 3.97 meters. (He also held the previous record.) Sophomore Tom Kagoro of Zimbabwe set a long jump record of 6.1 meters and a triple jump mark of 12.24.

For the women, junior Lisa Strand won her 500 meter race at a record-breaking 1.28.3, and set a new Houghton record for the 800 at 2.34 flat. Junior Laura Hayes posted school records for long jump at 4.38 meters, and the triple jump at 9.72 meters.

Coach Heck noted that nearly half of his teams are frosh, and said several good competitors elected to play other sports.

## Roundball women post winning season, go to nationals

The Houghton women's team posted back to back winning seasons for the first time since Title IX and the '75-'76 teams. The team won the NCCAA/District Championship for the second year and qualified again for the National Tournament. Following three losses at Nationals their complete season record is 15-12.

They not only won Districts, but they placed three players on the All District Team: Frosh Stacie Dagwell, Junior Michelle Morris, Senior Jacki Carlson. Jacki also won the Most Valuable Player District Award. The "Carlson era" ends with Jacki's graduation. She added to her honors by once again being named to the All Tournament Team at the National Tournament and then capped her season by being named NCCAA All American for the second time. Jacki finished her career with a grand total of 2012 points. This is not a Houghton record since she played her first two years at Bartlesville. For the season she averaged 18.9 points and 11.2 rebounds per game.

## MEN BOAST 1000 POINTERS FROSH PLAYER OF YEAR

Although the men's team did not finish with a winning record, they did provide some exciting games, especially during the second semester when their defense came together with their offense. Two strong individual performances also provided excitement in this run. Frosh Dave Binkowski scored 41 points against a strong Geneseo State team leading Houghton to a 99-98 win. He also pulled down a game-leading 10 rebounds. A week later Junior Tom Kirschner scored 43 points against District Champion Waynesburg and led Houghton rebounders with 7 in a 94-97 loss.

Frosh Bill Lonero was number one for Houghton and third in the District in assists with a 5.7 average. Senior Brad Starkweather joined the 1000 point club, averaged 12.6 points per game, and had

an exceptional 44.7 mark from 3 point range. Brad and Senior Geoff Stedman will participate in the District Senior game against the Pennsylvania Division III seniors.

The highest individual honors went to Kirshner and Binkowski. Kirshner joins the 1000 point club as a Junior and was elected to the second Team-All District. He was first in Houghton scoring and fourth in the District at 18.4 per game. He was first in free throw percentage at 84.9 percent. Binkowski capped his year by being named District Freshman of the Year. He was second in scoring for Houghton and fifth in the District at 17.9 per game.

## MOST PLAYERS TO RETURN

Both clubs are looking forward to a good recruiting year. The men only graduate two and the women three, so each has an excellent base on which to build for the future. Both squads were almost 50 percent Frosh with several with enough talent to be starters. The future does look promising.



Left: Binkowski is district frosh of the year, Kirschner named to second all-district team.



## CAMPUS NEWS



Roberta Hestenes



Stanley Ditmer

### College president, Salvationist to speak at Commencement

Dr. Roberta Hestenes, president of Eastern College (PA), and Salvation Army commissioner Stanley Ditmer, will be the 1989 Commencement (May 8) and Baccalaureate (May 7) speakers, respectively.

An ordained Presbyterian minister, Hestenes is the first woman president of a four-year, evangelical liberal arts college. She holds advanced religion degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary (CA). Before becoming Eastern's president in 1987, Dr. Hestenes served at Fuller as an associate professor and director of Christian formation and discipleship. Currently she chairs the board of World Vision International, and has written books and articles on topics ranging from *The Ministry of Women in a Changing Church* to "Empowering the Poor" to "Personal Renewal."

Dr. Hestenes is a member of the American Academy of Religion and is a consultant to the evangelism department of the Christian Reformed denomination and works with para-church groups. She is a member of the advisory boards for Evangelicals for Social Action, Presbyterians United for Biblical Concerns, and The Minister's Personal Library. Mrs. Hestenes is married to Dr. John Hestenes, a research scientist, and they have three adult children.

Commissioner Ditmer was appointed territorial commander of the eastern U.S. in 1986. He had been territorial com-

mander for the central territory prior to that appointment. In 1943 Ditmer enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served for three years as a radio school instructor. Next he attended Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, studying theory and composition. He entered the Salvation Army Training College (NY) in 1948. Subsequently he was awarded a B.S. degree from Skidmore College (NY) and did graduate work at New York University and the Psychological Corporation of New York.

Commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in 1949, Ditmer served in corps appointments and on the staff of the training college. He has held various positions: eastern New York divisional commander, territorial secretary for program for the eastern territory, and chief secretary. Commissioner Ditmer has maintained a keen interest in Salvation Army music. Some 30 of his compositions, both instrumental and vocal, have been published, and 10 have been recorded. Perhaps the best known is "I'm In His Hands," written in 1956 during a time of personal trial. This song has been translated into more than 20 languages and used around the world, including Iron

Curtain countries. Commissioner and Mrs. Ditmer have four children.

Both speakers will receive honorary degrees, as will Fisher Price Toys past president and East Aurora, NY, resident, Henry Coords. Some 270 seniors are expected to participate in Commencement activities.

### CALL 1-800-777-2556

There's no clever acronym, it's just a randomly-assigned MCI number, but in its first 70 days of operation, Houghton's admissions and financial aid 800 number has produced inquiries that might not otherwise have been made—well over 100.

The number, which bypasses the college switchboard, is staffed by admissions personnel during normal business hours; open via answering machine 24 hours a day. Prospective students or their parents can get prompt answers to questions or request specific materials simply, and needn't worry about time zones. Admissions director Tim Fuller says the number will make Houghton more competitive, but warns bargain hunters not to try it to call resident students. Transfers to other lines aren't possible.

### College schedules nuclear energy course

Heightened interest in the whole matter of nuclear energy and its wastes brought on by the possibility of a dump site being situated in Allegany County has led Houghton College to offer a two-hour credit course entitled Rural Life and Nuclear Energy: A Heritage at Risk? during April, May, and June.

The course is being offered to high school juniors and seniors of the county to afford them a visible role in the present nuclear waste discussion. Teaching the interdisciplinary course will be English professor and poet-in-residence John

Leax, and Dr. James Wolfe, assistant professor of biology. Both men will donate their time as a community service. Houghton registrar Willis Beardsley, whose ancestors first settled in Allegany County in 1806, conceived the idea.

Guest speakers will augment the classroom lectures and there will be field trips to such sites as the Genet nuclear power plant near Rochester, West Valley Nuclear Waste Facility, and the proposed Allegany County site. Topics to be considered range from a history of nuclear energy in this country and the politics of energy production, to ethical issues in energy consumption and possible responses to the nuclear dump siting process.

Class projects will include a pro-nuclear energy position paper as a foundation to developing appropriate policy for dealing with it; and an anti-nuclear



Profs. Leax and Wolfe





Rev. and Mrs. Jack, Prof. Laurence Mullen

energy position paper upon which to develop a policy for dealing with existing waste and making the transition to alternative energy technologies.

Too, the class will produce a paperback book, *A Heritage At Risk*, based on interviews with Allegany County farmers who are at least third-generation residents, combined with a photographic essay. Copies of the book will be made available to the Concerned Citizens of Allegany County for sale or distribution. The material will also be available to local newspapers. Advising the project will be a group appointed by the Allegany County School Superintendents, who will help the class coordinate its efforts with those of the larger community.

The class, which will be graded on a pass/fail basis, will meet for seven sessions of two hours each—3:30-5:30 pm. Half of each session will feature a presentation from an expert member of the community involved in the siting process. The rest will be spent dealing with assigned readings and in instruction in research techniques, interviewing skills, and writing. Tuition cost will be \$120.

### COMPETITORS CONVERGING

May 22-25 Houghton College will host an expected 150 members of the National Association of Christian College Admissions Personnel which also includes financial aid people. Attendees will be drawn from NACCAP's 86-member liberal arts and Bible colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Immediate past president of the organization, Houghton's admissions director Tim Fuller, said 18 speakers, both organization members and outside consultants, will offer professional development and skill-enhancing sessions. A special conference package includes discounted airfares and sightseeing in western New York and Ontario before the conference.

Fuller says that hosting a successful conference can pay dividends for Houghton's own recruitment efforts, just because professional colleagues get to know the college better and use its name in their referrals.

## Gerald Jack Named Pastor of the Year

Rev. Gerald Jack, pastor of the largest congregation in the Central New York District of The Wesleyan Church, became the 22nd recipient of the Claude A. Ries Award during Houghton College's annual theological institute on March 7.

As a teenager attending Houghton Camp, Jack felt a call to the pastoral ministry. He attended Houghton for a year before going on to receive a bachelor's degree from Marion (IN) College. In 1982 Rev. Jack became senior pastor of the Painted Post Wesleyan Church near Corning, NY. There he's led the church in continued growth, in relocation and in building a new 700-seat sanctuary and interdenominational Christian school.

His previous pastorates included six years in Puerto Rico at the Dorado Com-

munity Church; 18 years in Baldwinsville, NY (near Syracuse), where he pioneered the Wesleyan church, and three years at Haskinsville (NY) Wesleyan Church. At the district level Pastor Jack has been youth president, assistant superintendent, and on the board of administration. He is a member of the committee on extension and church growth. Rev. Jack has served on the denomination's general board of administration, the Houghton College and Bethany Bible College boards. He has been evangelical chaplain at Syracuse University, president of the Syracuse evangelical ministerial association, and an eastern regional board member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

A Houghton alumnus, teaching at the University of Virginia's School of Medicine, who came out of the Baldwinsville church, says, "I could easily have rejected the church and its rules, but Gerry Jack set a personal example of true spirituality. He was willing to explore approaches to faith beyond strict doctrinal molds. He was energetic, youthful, willing to go out on a limb. He encouraged us to be in youth activities beyond our own church. . . that's how I came to attend Houghton. Over the years he influenced at least 25 others to attend the college, too. I have the utmost respect for Gerry and his wife, Kris, who has given him insight and courage in difficult times." The Jacks have four adult children.

Responding to the award Rev. Jack credited his wife and gave "thanks to God for his call on my life, and for the honor of serving him."

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### TRUE BLUE BEATS BLAHS

Not since its CETA refurbishing in 1978 had Fancher Auditorium seen fresh paint. Over Christmas vacation faculty volunteers of the language and literature division, coordinated by English teacher Bill Greenway, donated time to give the tired-looking two-story combination classroom-theater new life. The college furnished blue paint, brushes and rollers.





## ACADEMY SEEKS MAINTENANCE/ CUSTODIAL SUPERVISOR

Houghton Academy seeks a full-time maintenance/custodial supervisor, also responsible for purchasing and supervising the student work program. For details call or write Philip G. Stockin, Headmaster, 716/567-8115, Houghton, NY 14744.

## TRIVIAL? NOT FOR THOSE WHO DID THE WORK—OR RECEIVED THE SERVICE

Introducing a February 22 chapel program which featured college staff, assistant director of financial aid Troy Martin raised several heads from books and newspapers by citing many of the following items to show the vital functions performed by college staff.

Accounting office personnel processed data from 15,691 student time cards onto the computer last year, resulting in 6,715 student paychecks.

The registrar's office processed 652 course add/drop requests this year. Campus store personnel rang-up 18,324 student charges, as admissions staffers mailed over 180,000 letters to prospective students. While students checked out 29,521 books from Willard J. Houghton Library last year, custodial staff ordered 29,600 rolls of toilet paper for the current school year.

Martin says the \$5.506 million in financial aid Houghton dispensed last year (grants and loans) measured in dollar bills laid end to end would stretch some 521 miles, or from Houghton past Chicago.

Chapel attendees not concentrating on Martin's remarks might have been observing that the six main chapel windows include 270 panes of glass, (540 when cleaned on both sides), that each of the 12 chandeliers has 17 bulbs, one or two of which are always in need of replacement. Or they might have noted that there are 34 adjustable acoustical clouds over the stage, or 22 rows of seats on the main floor, many of which have been recovered since 1959—in a nearly matching fabric.

Nobody knows how many dead flies dot the window sills by mid-winter, or how many holes are in the pegboard wainscoting. Probably none suspect that one or two of the pegboard panels in Presser Hall were hand drilled when the commercial supply was discontinued before the job was finished. Still, each fact cited—other than the fly, cloud and pegboard-hole counting, is the province of a Houghton staff member.

## Keeping our Promise.

Houghton College Phonathon 1989



"Keeping our Promise," theme for the 1989 phonathon for scholarships, refers to Houghton College's 106-year-old commitment to be affordable, according to associate annual fund director and phonathon coordinator, Melinda Trine.

Trine said the college cannot keep that commitment without the help of its alumni and friends, especially when the scholarship goal is a quarter of a million dollars. This year's effort will include nearly 270 volunteers attempting to reach 8,700 friends of the college. For two weeks student volunteers, supervised by development intern Stephen Bariteau '88, will call nightly from Houghton. The second week, attorney David White '79, will coordinate a Buffalo area phonathon. The last two weeks of April main campus volunteers will call.

Ms. Trine called the phonathon a particularly-effective way to augment scholarships, noting that last year's pace-setting \$277,000 yield cost only \$14,000. She noted that this year's needs equal last year's, but planners felt that some donors may not differentiate between capital and scholarship phone appeals, or already be committed to capacity. Phone numbers have been updated since the capital by phone campaign, so if you missed out then, the scholarship phonathon still offers a chance to participate.

## FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The division of fine arts presented "A Performing Arts Festival of Spanish Culture" March 2, 3, and March 9, 10. Part one featured Argentina-born pianist/professor Americo Caramuta of Rutgers University, director of the International Institute of Music of the Foundation Fernando Rielo, which operates in Madrid, Rome, and New York City.

Festival performances featured The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, student soloists, the Philharmonia and readings of Spanish poetry in Spanish.

Concurrent with the festival was an exhibit by ceramist Dennis Maust of Rochester. Mr. Maust is teaching at Messiah College. His varied exhibit includes jars, pots, fragments and intricately executed tile mats featuring unusual interlocking shapes and subtle colors. A Moorish influence was evident.

## CALENDAR

### April

- 2 College Choir Concert, 6:30 pm
- 3-14 Third Annual High School Art Show
- 5 Young Performers' Series
- 7 Junior/Senior Banquet
- 13 Lecture Series: Jack Healy—Amnesty International
- 14 Buffalo Bills/faculty basketball game, 7 pm
- 14-15 Freshmen Orientation Opera Workshop
- 17-26 Art Major Senior Show
- 20 Philharmonia Concert, 8 pm
- 22 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 pm. Scholastic Challenge Private School Computer Contest
- 24 Men's/Women's Choir Concert, 8 pm
- 27 Reading Day
- 30 Gen. Valley Chrs. Concert, 4 pm

### May

- 1 Reading Day
- 3 Last day of classes
- 6 Col. Choir Parents' Concert, 7:30 pm
- 7 Baccalaureate
- 8 Commencement
- 9 Mayterm begins
- 19-20 Freshmen Orientation
- 19-21 Youth Weekend
- 22-25 NACCAP Conference

### June

- 11-17 Elderhostel I
- 18 Elderhostel II
- 25-30 Boys' Basketball Camp



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Counterclockwise from top: Ida may yet add an organist to her carousel. "That black horse is my favorite," she observes. Setting for Ida's toy collections is an eclectic 19th century house—with cathedral ceilings and skylights.

## Her carousel is a legacy, and an object lesson

IDA PATTERSON CASE '66 teaches 29 fifth graders in Angelica (NY). She's twice a mother and grandmother. With fellow Houghton alumnus and teaching colleague Larry Wilson, Ida runs a senior citizen's program which pairs the elderly and students for visits, trips, help with history papers. Periodically the kids prepare special dinners for their senior friends. Little time is left for other things, right?

Wrong! From early 1985 to Christmas of '87 Ida snatched stray evening hours, occasional weekends and scraps of vacation time to carve and construct a 1/12 scale working carousel. Retiree Carroll Burdick, who'd built a 36-horse model himself, helped her with mechanical and electrical work. Ida's carousel features 12 horses, carved from single pieces of pine: "You don't realize how little you know of an animal until you try to carve muscles and leg placements," she notes. Other components include 150 miniature Christmas tree lights, and mechanical parts from such sources as refrigerator shelving for guide rods, gearing from a drill, and sewing machine pulleys.

Why did she build it? Ida says she wanted a special and personal legacy to her children, and grandchildren. She also believes her carousel vividly demonstrates that "if you're sufficiently motivated, you can tackle unfamiliar, difficult goals and achieve them."

She showed off her creation at a regional Carousel Convention held at Sea Breeze near Rochester last June—hers was one of four from New York State arti-

sans. That's also where she taped the authentic music which plays as the carousel turns. Ida used book and magazine research for her design and sketched at the carousel museum in Rochester. Underscoring the importance of authenticity, she told how she'd originally faced the perimeter scalloping along the roof line down. Real carousel scalloping faces up.

The carousel grew out of Ida's desire to recover and restore old toys, born of her concern that her children would never know the sturdy, carefully-crafted, sometimes fanciful toys of earlier times. She began checking out

neighbors' trash as well as auctions to acquire treasures which now include large metal trains, trucks and cars, clockwork ducks, and a baseball game.

She looks too young to be anyone's grandmother, but Ida says that when her son was six months old, she was among Houghton's few married students. The elementary education/Spanish major recalls: "The profs were tremendous . . . interested in my family and understanding of nights up with a baby." She's still in touch with the campus, each week accompanying a busload of students to swim in Houghton's pool.