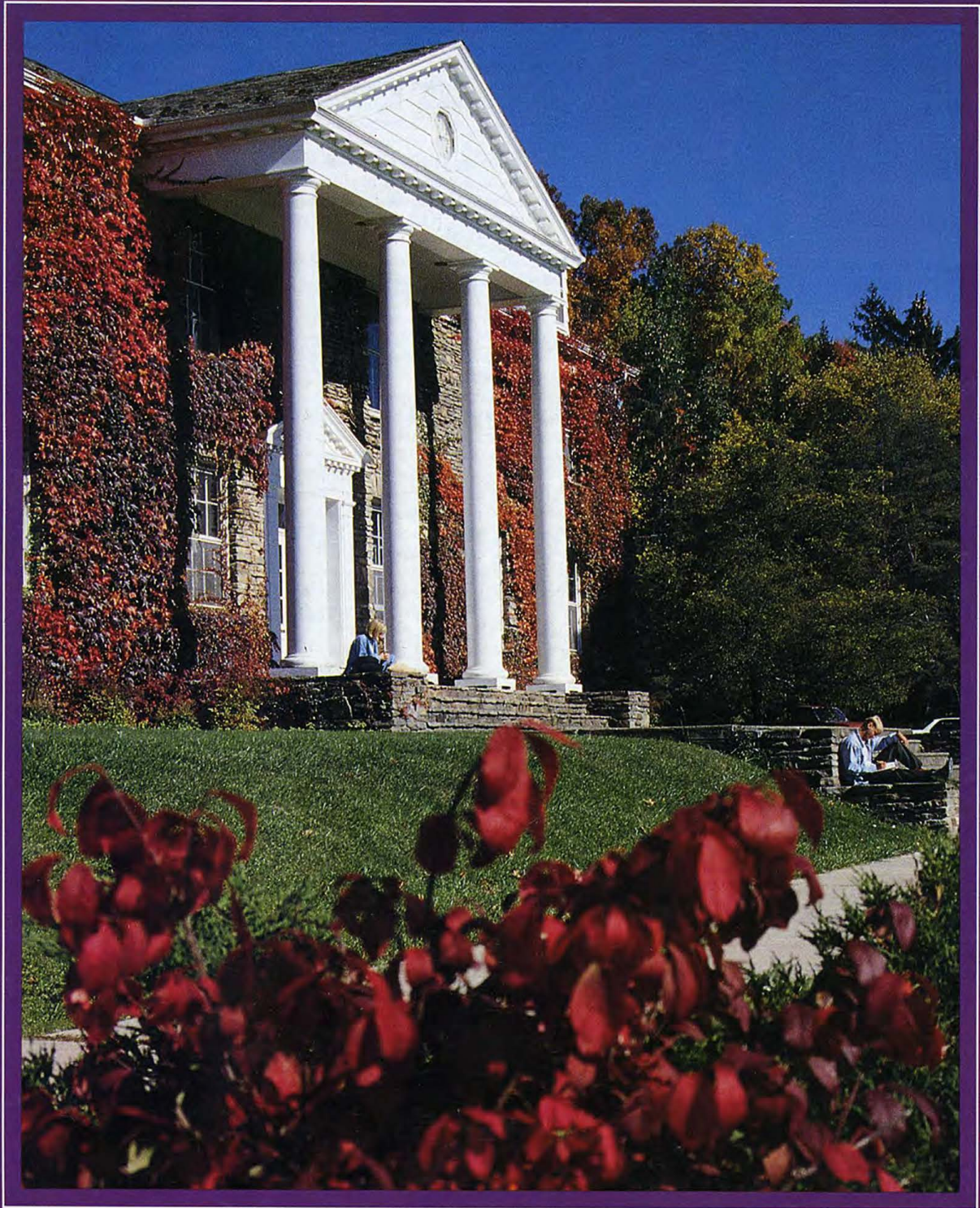


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## Christians and the Public Schools

Dear Editor:

One of the greatest tragedies of public education is how it has cut off students from history. The beliefs of the founders and the reasons for the drafting and ratification of the Constitution and Bill of Rights are consistently unknown or misrepresented. Unfortunately the article on public schools in the September 1994 *Milieu* is a victim. It adopts assumptions which too many Christians have accepted without question, and which cannot be supported by history or Biblical Christianity.

Whence derives the assertion "the State has a responsibility to ensure that children are prepared to be good and productive citizens"? It is not found in the Bible or the Constitution. In relatively recent times the State, which seems bent on destroying both goodness and productivity, has usurped parental responsibility for training children, with the acquiescence of most parents, who have abandoned the Biblical model.

The writings of the founders, as well as Supreme Court decisions written before the last 60 years, identify the United States as a Christian nation, not secular or pluralistic. The establishment clause of the First Amendment, as understood in its historical context and by the courts before their recent decimation of the Constitution, sought only to prevent an official national denomination such as the Church of England in Great Britain. Recent confusion about the First Amendment results from historically-illiterate or intellectually-dishonest jurists defining law as merely the reflection of the felt needs of society. We Christians should know that government is ordained by God to restrain evil and preserve order. Government that seeks to indoctrinate our children with whatever philosophy is currently favored (or at least tolerated) by the majority departs from its legitimate role.

Christians must be careful to examine popular beliefs in the light of Biblical and historical truth.

Yours very truly,  
David C. Brautigam '72  
Houghton, New York

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the thought-provoking piece "Christians and the Public Schools" in the September 1994 *Milieu*. While I would heartily disagree with some of its content, I have a keen interest in my fellow Houghton graduates' perspective on my life's work and ministry. I am a Christian elementary school administrator. . . .

Under the guise of "multicultural pluralism," oftentimes our young students

are being taught that moral relativism and sinful lifestyles are perfectly acceptable—and even desirable. And despite the fact that our entire legal system and Constitution are built upon Judeo-Christian values (embodied in the Ten Commandments), youngsters are continually inundated with a broad cross-section of cultures, religions, and immorality—while traditional American values are totally excluded. It is not acceptable, in my opinion, to shrug our shoulders and mindlessly send our children into an environment so hostile to Biblical truth. So I would take issue with the statement that "some children will thrive in the public schools and maintain their strong Christian faith." By whose measure will they thrive? And how would one know how much *more* the same child might grow and develop in a Christ-centered educational environment?

I guess what troubles me most about this article is the general sense in which these authors seem to be taking a defensive position—on the side of public education. To me, it is ridiculous to "be realistic about the fact that the schools are secular," then support them in making sure their secular biases form our Christian children's world views. In many cases, it is simply not enough for Christian parents to try to monitor the situation and keep on top of things.

Certainly I would agree with the suggestion that the educator's role is assisting the parent in the education of the child. Teachers of students at any age benefit from strong role models. I am reminded of several Houghton professors whose lives and personal walks with the Lord impacted me immeasurably. Come to think of it, could it be that we should consider Christian education for our children at the K-12 levels for the very same reasons we chose to attend Houghton College?

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Chiapperino '79  
Administrator, Valley Christian  
Academy, Aurora, Ohio

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the timely and thought-provoking article entitled "Christians and the Public Schools" (September 1994). Given the importance of education in general, and the current issues of debate in particular, I was glad to see this area addressed.

I wish to comment on the authors' stated purpose, "to provide a brief historical perspective" on education in America, and the contradiction there seems to be in the following two statements: "Founders of our nation who wrote the

Constitution sought to create a democracy rather than a church state. They believed, however, that civic virtues rested in large part on religion and specifically the values inherent in Christianity" and "the United States is a secular, democratic, and pluralistic nation. It has been since its founding." Perhaps it is a matter of semantics (i.e. in defining "secular" and "church state"), but I believe a careful study of primary sources will reveal that the founding fathers did not seek to establish a secular democratic nation, but very conscientiously sought to establish a republic built on Biblical principles, governed by godly leaders, and enjoyed by a citizenry educated in Christian doctrine and virtue. Regardless of what America has become, I feel it is important to acknowledge the facts surrounding what she was.

Until very recently in our history, there was no question as to America's roots; the questions have arisen because individually and collectively some members of the citizenry have become uncomfortable with Christian doctrine and virtue, and are rejecting them by seeking to eradicate their influence. (The reasons for that are another subject.)

Although America's present resembles her past vaguely, and her future is uncertain, please, let us not falsely rewrite her past.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Brown Irvine '73  
Syracuse, New York

## The Stuff of Nightmares?

Dear Editor:

. . . Enclosed is a check toward the expenses of *Milieu*. You are accomplishing a remarkable job. I especially enjoy your journalistic boldness in discussing topics on which "angels fear to tread"; i.e., the divorce story in the September 1994 issue.

Sincerely,  
Edward Elvejord '50  
Hansville, Washington

Dear Editor:

I applaud your article on divorce. For years I've waited to see my first Christian college alumni magazine list divorces along with births, marriages, and deaths. That forthright article served better to focus on this as a reality we all must live with. Thanks for the wisdom to publish it.

Sincerely,  
Sam Alvord, Faculty  
Oregon Extension Campus

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# Going Into All the World

## Student Summer Missionaries

*by Janelle Powell '95*

**W**hile many of us spent the summer on vacations, visiting relatives, or mowing the lawn at home, Houghton sophomore Ginny Hoskisen passed part of her break in airports—the United States, London, Paris, Niger (West Africa), and southern France.

At the same time, junior Jason Buchanan walked through the Garden of Gethsemane and saw Golgotha in between working in hospitals and schools in Israel, and junior Janelle Chapin and senior Naomi Castellani taught English to university students and business professionals in Shijiazhuang, China.

At least 29 Houghton College students participated in missions trips last summer, serving in 17 countries across six continents, including Japan, Hong Kong,

Australia, Kenya, Austria, Russia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, the United States and Canada.

The student-led World Missions Fellowship, formerly the Foreign Missions Fellowship, helped sponsor most of these students. As well as tracking the names and trips of the summer missionaries, WMF invited anyone involved in summer missions to apply for financial aid. With money raised from faith promise cards and other fund raisers throughout the year, WMF supported 22 students with a total of \$4,700. This fall some of these students spoke in WMF's chapel or in weekly meetings. Some participant trips, experiences and thoughts are explored here.

Janelle Chapin's initial impression of China did not shock her.

She had prepared for the cultural differences by talking with political science professor and Mrs. David Benedict, who lived in China during his duty with the U.S. State Department. Emeriti professors Ken and Kay Lindley, who four years ago spent time in the same city as Janelle and Naomi, provided added information. One of the most visible symbols of extremes for Janelle was the wealth and poverty found side-by-side in the big cities. (Shijiazhuang has almost three million people.)

Within this environment, Janelle and Naomi expected to teach practical English skills to middle-school teachers, but instead found themselves working with university students and business people from the ages of 17 to 31. The women taught

English for three hours every morning (five days per week) and then participated in lessons and cultural lectures in the afternoons.

By the time Janelle left at the end of August, her expectations of a one-time experience to teach and travel in another country had changed. Standing on her balcony one day, looking down at the street, she realized that she had begun to think of the place as home. Someday she would like to go back to China.

Back in the United States, senior Daniel Prouty was part of a Child Evangelism Fellowship team working in New York's Otsego, Delaware, and Chenango counties. They taught "Five-day" clubs in which community members daily opened their homes for an hour to children in the neighborhood. Teams visited three or four houses each day to share Bible and missionary stories, verses, and songs.

Because the kids ranged from five to 12 years of age, team members found it best to surround their message with activities to keep the smaller children occupied while allowing the older ones to help. While Dan got to work on his storytelling, he also discovered that he "really loves to minister to children." After five summers with CEF, will Dan continue in his track? He says "yes," that he plans to train with CEF and become a missionary for an organization that works with kids, either in the U.S. or overseas.

While Dan stayed close to home, sophomore Ginny Hoskisen traveled widely. Last spring, she applied and was accepted to work with the Gospel Missionary Union on a barge in southern France for the month of July. After commencement Ginny stayed an extra week at Houghton to work and learned of an opportunity to go on Houghton's art trip to Europe — three days later!

With May and July covered, she had to figure out what to do in June. From Europe, she called a

missionary friend stationed in West Africa to see if she would like some physical support. Obtaining her visa in two days, Ginny left from Paris headed for Zarma in Niger. There she helped at a mission school and observed missionary life. Since her friend works with youth, Ginny was able to talk with many teenage girls and share God through her actions, conversations, language practice, and numerous games of UNO!

Continuing on to Buzet, France, she met Bill and Mary Adams. Ten years ago they bought a barge and turned it into a home and a chapel. Each summer, a team of workers comes aboard and they sail down the Garonne Lateral Canal. Docking at four ports for one week each, the team

***... American attitudes can seem shallow and closed to other cultures.***

then bikes into nearby villages to pass out tracts and invitations to programs on the barge. Bible expositions are held daily, as well as activities like videos, choirs, skits and Bible studies. Although French nationals' reaction to their ministry was limited, some Arab teenagers who hung out at the barge in Buzet talked with Ginny and asked the right questions for her to share her testimony and the plan of salvation.

Besides the fine art of international airport etiquette, what did Ginny learn about herself and the world through her experiences? Returning to the U.S., she found that American attitudes can seem shallow and closed to other cultures. She added that it was the "little things that hit you," that she couldn't help growing closer to God. Seeing first-hand how the Lord works in different settings, Ginny is now considering missions

as a career.

Some Houghton summer missionaries focused less on evangelism than on physical relief for the people of other cultures. Junior Jason Buchanan joined a 25-member Youth ForChrist team for the first U.S. teen missions trip to Israel. During a two-week stay at the Jewish International Agricultural School between Nes-ziona and Bet-oned, the students worked at five different sites, including a psychiatric hospital, a school for children of broken homes, an elementary school, a hospital for mentally handicapped children, and at their place of residence.

Team members gardened, worked with patients in open wards, and took responsibility for caring for and playing with mentally-handicapped children for a whole day. One major problem, reflected Jason, was the language barrier, but while the students couldn't help the professionals that much, the children were as excited about attention from the Americans as they were about Israelis who came to play with them.

Team members had to be cautious about customs and not witness, relying instead on indirect results of their physical testimony. This experience of not knowing or seeing, however, taught Jason to let go and quit depending on his own ideas of God's will for his life. Without questioning how, he had to allow God to work in His own way.

Visiting the Garden of Gethsemane supported this realization as Jason recognized the decision Christ made to give up His will. At Golgotha in an ornate Catholic church, Jason had to crawl beneath a table to touch the holes of the crosses. The irony of humility in the midst of modern material glitz struck him; pilgrims must get on their knees to experience the truth of what happened there. During this trip Jason heard God's call to missions and/or medical service.



Medicine also played a role in the trips of Elisabeth Bellamy, Jennifer Nelson, and Karyn Davidson. They joined Karyn's father, Robert Davidson '65, a general surgeon, on a summer missions project with Medical Group Missions, a part of the Christian Medical and Dental Society.

Upon their arrival in Ecuador, the girls took statistics and aided the doctors at local clinics in Jipijapa and Puerto Lopez before joining a surgery team to assist with instruments, preparation, post-operation procedures, and stitching. Because most people there have little concept of health

or care of their bodies, part of the 30-member team—drawn from all over the world—got involved in education. Teaching the children created difficulties, said Elisabeth. While they could learn about

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sanitation of food, water, and the like, they couldn't relay information to their mothers out of respect

for traditional lifestyles.

These experiences reinforced what she had just learned during a May practicum with Dr. Donald Brautigam '70 in Westfield, NY. Elisabeth says she is more sure about medical school, although "it made me think twice about medical missions as a career; there are an awful lot of sacrifices that they have to make." She may be making some herself in the next few years as her home church sponsors a missions hospital in Pakistan with a great need for medical help. At the prospect of serving there Elisabeth reflects, "My mind is there, but my heart isn't yet." ■



## Combining Missions and Linguistics in Nepal

"God has broken my heart for the Christians here."

A vision that began over a year ago came true for junior Denise Delp when she left from New York on October 9 to fly to Kathmandu, Nepal. Denise is spending the rest of October and most of November in that country working with Elim Fellowship's Adult Missions Project.

Besides helping at an orphanage in Kathmandu, the capital city, the team will do construction, distribute clothes and conduct women's Bible study in some of the villages. They will cooperate with Bethany Christian Fellowship for the first few weeks, but Denise will stay on after the team leaves in order to complete a requirement for her international studies major and linguistics minor.

Along with the missions emphasis this academic pursuit will involve living with a national Christian family in a 300-person

village 60 miles outside the capital. With this opportunity to be a cultural observer and participant, Denise will teach English to high school students once or twice per week as well as possibly telling Bible stories to children. At the same

time, she will study the Nepali language as an independent linguistics study.

Halfway through her stay, Denise faxed some impressions from Kathmandu. "Christians in villages are persecuted more than those in cities. . . . The November elections will tell much of the future openness of Nepal. . . . I love it here and don't look forward to going home. God has broken my heart for the Christians here."

Denise lives in Souderton, Pennsylvania. Her previous missions projects included trips to Haiti, Peru, Kenya, and Guatemala, where she lived with a native family and worked with a church for three to four months. After graduating Denise hopes to continue in missions work, possibly with Wycliffe Bible Translators.



Denise Delp



# Big Music in a Small Town

by Ruth (Fancher '43) Hutton and Ruth (Brooks '45) Luckey



**H**oughton Friday nights in the '30s and '40s were date nights and Artist Series nights were the **really big** occasions. Women wore long evening dresses (with sleeves) and gentlemen, suited in their best, presented their dates with corsages and escorted them to "the chapel," up the steps into what is now called Woolsey Auditorium in Fancher Hall.

Dr. Alton Cronk, former music professor and long-time chairman of the music department (1931-48), established the Artist Series. When he and his wife, Wenona (Ware '34), last visited Houghton, just after Fancher Building was moved in 1987, he says he visited the auditorium and "just stood there for several minutes wondering at the audacity of attempting such a thing as the Houghton Artist Series. After all, [Houghton] was not on the beaten track and had such a small auditorium, but I didn't know any better.

"It seems ridiculous," he continued, "but the first series cost \$1,100. The plan had to go to the faculty for approval, and \$1,100 was a half-year's salary for some of them. They liked the idea, but who was going to pay for it. After a long discussion it was decided that we would try it for a year.

Then, if there was a deficit, I would make it up personally! Remember this was the depth of the Depression. I was young and rash. My salary was about \$1,500. They let me go ahead.

"We cleared \$100 that first year and I was so elated that we went overboard the next year and lost \$600. By then the faculty saw the benefits of the series and they would make up the deficit providing that in the succeeding year I would whittle away at it . . . When I left Houghton in 1948 the series was entirely in the black."

The list of performers, several of whom returned to this small town two and three times, is





## The Program Builder

During 17 years at Houghton (1931-48) Alton Cronk launched the Artist Series, began the orchestra in its present form and gained the music program its first state accreditation.

Next he taught at Central Conservatory of Music in Chicago and opened a studio in nearby Oak Park. He also taught at Ft. Wayne Bible Institute and Chicago Evangelistic Institute. Cronk then went on to a distinguished career at Wheaton College (1951-76). There he taught, launched Wheaton's artist series, led its orchestra and oratorio society, and headed the conservatory of music's history and literature department.

How did a Short Tract, NY, native come to found *two* Christian college artist series and be so pivotal in their music departmental development? While Alton was attending Houghton Seminary (Academy) in the '20s, he studied piano with music department head Ella Hillpot, and gave his first piano recital. His fascination with orchestral music led his parents, who operated a general store here, frequently to take him to concerts at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester—often during bitter winter weather—in their open touring car. Upon graduating from Houghton College in 1930, Cronk earned a B.Mus. degree at Ithaca College and an M.A. at New York University, where he also studied for his Ph.D.

Now in declining health, Dr. Cronk and his wife, Wenona (Ware '34), live in DeLand FL. They hope to celebrate their 60th anniversary on December 22. He cherishes the honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree Houghton gave him in 1969.

surprising considering the limited facilities they encountered the first time. The Don Cossacks, the Westminster Choir, Vienna Boys' Choir, Robert Shaw Chorale and the Von Trapp Family Singers were among the choral groups the tiny stage accommodated.

Dr. Cronk managed to procure several "Triple-A leaguer" violinists—Mischa Elman, Efram Zimbalist and Albert Spaulding. Isaac Stern played here on his first tour for \$100! (Later he would charge \$25,000.)

There were vocalists: Maggie Teyte, perhaps the greatest French art song singer of her day, who just before she went on stage drank a raw egg in brandy and with a twinkle in her eye said to Cronk, "Let this be our little secret!" Lawrence Tibbett, star at the Metropolitan Opera and in movies, "an excellent recitalist," provided a delightful evening. On her final tour, Marian Anderson

## Isaac Stern played here on his first tour for \$100!

also sang here in Wesley Chapel—a packed house with nearly 200 seated on stage behind her!

According to Dr. Cronk, probably the most famous pianist to appear in the little auditorium was Joseph Hoffman on his final tour; also Josef and Rosina Lhevinne, duo-pianists, and among the most prestigious performers and teachers of piano in the world. (She later taught Van Cliburn.) Percy Grainger, Egon Petri, and many others played here on the college's modest five-foot Chickering piano. A story about Percy Grainger related that when he began his concert, the piano wasn't tuned to suit him, so he proceeded to tune it himself.

Today the music department still brings top quality artists to campus, but Houghton has changed. While it isn't Carnegie Hall, we have an auditorium with a stage adequate to seat orchestras or accommodate dramatic performances. Incidentally, when the Vienna Choir Boys first visited, they were not allowed to perform their little operetta at Houghton.

In the '60s drama was introduced, notably with the New York Pro Musica's "Play of Daniel." In March of 1976 the Goldovsky Opera Theater performed *The Barber of Seville*. It was, according to then-music department chair Don Bailey, a night to remember since it was Houghton's first full opera production by a professional company. One who attended remembers that when the lights went out because of an ice storm, Boris Goldovsky charmed the audience as a conversationalist, revealing himself as a genuine, warm person, and by playing several piano solos in the dark, until power was restored and the opera continued. (This year's Artist Series audience will enjoy a performance of *The Nutcracker* by the Buffalo City Ballet.)

Another change is the increasing informality of the audience. Pullovers and jeans now co-exist with dressier clothes, but one rarely sees formal attire except on the stage. Today's audience consists of music lovers, young and old, local and from out of town. After a recent performance the Contiguglia Brothers, duo-pianists, commented that Houghton is one of the few places they perform where the audience is not obviously "graying."

One thing has not changed. Each program begins with prayer. As Dr. Cronk puts it: "Houghton has been exposed to some great culture. After all, didn't God create music just perhaps as another way to worship Him?" ■





# Pop Tarts, Kitty Litter and Door Frames

## "Walter Mitty's" first 125,000 miles

by James A. Finney '60

**F**eb. 15, 1994: I have a 3 pm appointment to pick up a pre-loaded trailer of pet food in Joplin, MO, and a 7 am appointment the next day for delivery in Pueblo, CO—15 hours with a time change to do 625 miles—no big problem. Even with no interstate highways on the route I could have a couple hours for a nap, then sleep the next day while my log book catches up.

At 2 pm I ease my Werner Enterprises 18-wheeler into the loading area.

"Werner, drop your trailer in dock 22," says the shipping and receiving agent.

"Okay, where's my new load?" I respond.

"We'll get you loaded in three or four hours."

"But my load is supposed to be pre-loaded."

"Sorry, we're running late . . ."

Loading is completed at 8 pm. Now I have a problem. My rest time and all my cushion-time has been used up by the five-hour delay. I scale the load, slide the rear axles to redistribute the weight on all axles within legal limits, then ease out of the gate at 8:20 pm.

I key some data into my on-board computer to show that I'm loaded and enroute. This is trans-

mitted by satellite to Werner headquarters in Omaha. I leave blank the response to "Can you deliver on time?" because it's too close to call. As I head west on US 166 my initial calculations show I'll arrive in Pueblo just at 7 am, my appointed time. The computer doesn't like blanks and asks again, "Can you deliver on time?" I reply that it's too early to be sure, what with virtually no interstates, small towns and stop lights to slow me down, plus uncertain weather. An hour later the computer asks again and I give the same answer.

The weather stays clear and traffic is light. Two coffee stops



and my own determination as a new solo driver keep me on target and I keep figuring distance and time. When at 4 am the computer again asks "Can you deliver on time?" I reply, "Yes."

As I pull into the receiving dock and make the computer entry that I've arrived, its clock shows 6:59. But to do it I've exceeded the 10-hour driving limit by one hour for which the company will later admonish me. (Since Werner and most other company trucks have speed governors set at 65 mph, you can't speed to make up time.)

Feb. 16: 7 am. I drop the trailer of pet food and head across town to a truck stop for fuel, an eight-hour break for sleep, a shower and food. At the end of the afternoon I back up to a load of discount store merchandise going from Pueblo to Rapid City, SD. Late that night I stop to sleep in Gillette, WY.

Feb. 17: It's a very cold day. I drive from Gillette to Rapid City, drop the loaded trailer, hook up an empty and drive to Colony, WY. There I pick up 22 tons of kitty litter and head for Los Angeles. At 3 am I go to sleep in Bitter Creek, WY.

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What compels a grown man, a retiree yet, to run all over the country like this? Was it my two daughters—"Dad, you need a job." Probably it was the challenge and pure adventure of it. Ever since grade school when I read *T Model Tommy*, a 1938 novel about the trucking industry, I've wanted to learn to drive a big truck.

Werner Enterprises, with some 4,000 drivers and 10,000 trailers, sent me to their school in Atlanta for three weeks to learn regulations, backing and shifting, and to get a little road work. Having passed that, I spent 10 weeks with a trainer, driving all over the country delivering freight. We covered 43,000 miles and I drove over half of it. Eight of our school class of 12 then passed a comprehensive road test and were issued our own

tractors last November. (One reason I picked Werner is their blue trucks, the prettiest on the road. Hey, when you're retired, why drive an ugly truck?)

I drive 48 states and Canada in a conventional (long nose) Freightliner tractor with a sleeper and a 53-foot "dry van" (non-refrigerated) trailer, the longest permissible. We drive three to four weeks, then get a day at home for each week we've been on the road. On the road, we spend every night in the sleeper, shower and eat in truck stops. Showers are free with a 50-75 gallon fuel purchase, and I burn more than that every day. Eating elsewhere is seldom possible because of the space needed to maneuver and park a 75-foot rig. If an area is secure, one may "bobtail" (drop the trailer and drive the tractor) to a restaurant, church or shopping center.

### ***This work has given me a fascinating peek at American industries, large and small.***

Typically I'll drive 10-12,000 miles monthly—over 125,000 my first year. Within eight months I'd visited Canada and all the 48 contiguous states except North Dakota (is there really a North Dakota?), Maine and Rhode Island. Drivers keep the same tractors, but change trailers and loads an average of three times weekly.

This work has given me a fascinating peek at American industries, large and small. As I drive a 23-ton load from Brunswick, GA, to Des Moines, IA, I wonder what is to become of those 11 huge rolls of paper behind me. In Des Moines I find that five giant presses run round the clock, seven days a week, stamping out white paper plates. In one eight-hour shift my load is transformed into neat boxes of packaged paper

plates. And this company has six other plants operating nationwide.

Another factory near Cleveland is the only one in the nation making the louvered blower wheels in air conditioning units. They ship them worldwide. (A 53-foot trailer load weighed only eight tons!)

Auto manufacturers no longer stockpile components, so we deliver a lot of time-critical loads of components to distribution points from which the parts go to assembly lines on precise schedules.

The role of big trucks in our economy is staggering. I recently hauled 45,000 pounds of strawberry pop tarts from Muncy, PA, to Memphis, TN—only strawberry. Others hauled the blueberry tarts, the apple cinnamon ones and all those other flavors—all just for one city!

For an interesting experience visit a truck stop some evening, especially if the weather is cold or hot. You won't forget the symphony of 200-300 diesel engines idling. At idle they burn only a gallon of fuel each hour. In addition to heating or cooling the cab while the driver sleeps, cold weather idling operates fuel tank heaters that keep diesel fuel from jelling. It's also instructive to see the many different kinds of trucks at the stops, to watch drivers get their huge rigs into small spaces.

Regulations, regulations. I sometimes think we need an attorney riding along. We may drive no more than 10 hours, then must take off at least eight hours before driving again. And in any eight-day period we may not exceed 70 hours of driving and truck-related work (fueling, daily inspection, loading and unloading). We must complete a daily log divided into 15-minute intervals 365 days a year, showing where we were and accounting for activities—driving, on duty but not driving, off-duty, sleeping in the sleeper. The logs must be current to the last change of duty status and must be accurate.



The satellite hook-up which provides a valuable communication link with my dispatcher is also a locator, able to pinpoint the truck within 100 yards anywhere in the country, and it provides a history. So, if on October 5 my log shows me in Iowa City at noon, when the satellite record shows me over an hour away in Grinnell, the company will ask me to reconcile the discrepancy. If the satellite is unplugged, the truck will not run.

Regulations on the truck itself are endless. Weight may not exceed 80,000 pounds gross, but also may not exceed 34,000 pounds on the trailer axles or the drive axles. The trailer axle will slide to redistribute the weight, but only to a point. I've lost my religion trying to slide the rear axles on a heavily-loaded trailer. And several states regulate the number of feet and inches between the rear axles and the fifth wheel (the device which locks the tractor to the trailer), so if you slide the rear axles too far and travel through those states, you risk a big-time ticket.

In addition to federal regulations on all components of the truck, many states add their own regulations. For example, if you bring a 53-foot trailer into Massachusetts without a decal on the front corner of the trailer which says "53 feet," it's a \$500 fine. And most states have their own decals and permits which expire at all different times of the year. With plenty of support from the company, the driver is responsible for complying with this labyrinth, and must personally pay fines for violations.

While most regulations are born of legitimate safety concerns, others serve largely to generate revenue. One of my trainers had to pay a \$40 fine to the State of California for not having the sleeper bed made when an inspector could find no defect in the truck.

Despite these aggravations, I find trucking enormously satisfying. At the end of each day I can



***We must complete a daily log divided into 15-minute intervals 365 days a year, showing where we were and accounting for activities . . .***

see what's been accomplished: I got 11 tons of Kellogg's cereal to the hungry people of Dallas, or, I got 23 tons of powdered limestone to the plant in Indiana that makes caulk, or, I got the steel door frames (overnight) from Long Island to the Cleveland hospital expansion site so they could continue work . . .

Each trip is planned in great detail, and when you deliver early you feel good. You never, never deliver late. The annoyance of flat tires and daily refueling in sub-zero weather is forgotten in the majesty of sunrises and sunsets seen in nearly every state.

I'm still like a tourist. I love to see the changing scenery and to see what the people are doing. I get to attend a different church each Sunday, and I've been able to visit my extended family, friends, former colleagues and classmates with my truck.

One also experiences the

darker sides of life—I meet many less fortunate people, and almost daily confront routine lying about schedules and readiness which fuel frustration. Too, this lifestyle takes a terrible toll on marriages and families. I rarely find over-the-road truckers who are still with their first spouse. Of course these may be cases of which came first, the chicken or the egg? But there are remedies. For younger families, regional, local, or "dedicated" driving will get drivers home most nights and weekends.

A concluding admonition from one who has seen too many accidents—keep your wits about you as you drive. One recent morning rush hour in Louisville, KY, I was watching a young woman in the next lane trying to attend to one child in the front seat and another in back—as she drove. Suddenly, with no signal, she is in front of me, braking! Mentally I scream: "Lady, can't you see this 75-foot, 40-ton truck?" Or, "If you're suicidal, please, not with the kids in the car!"

Had my attention been distracted for a moment, I would never have driven a truck again. Don't hang around big trucks. They are very dangerous and the driver can't see everything. Pass promptly. If one of those tires blows while you're beside it, you'll wish you'd heeded this advice.

Finally, a challenge to other retirees, men, women, or couples: become an over-the-road trucker. The pay isn't commensurate with the responsibilities or time investment, but it's a fascinating adventure you'll never forget! ■

*James Finney '60 grew up in Houghton, second son of emeritus fine arts chairman and Mrs. Charles Finney. A varied 31-year career with the United States Department of Justice took him to several states, and Vietnam. When he retired in 1989, Finney had headed the administrative remedies branch in the program review division, Federal Bureau of Prisons since 1973. His daughters are grown and gone from home. Having urged him to "go for it," Jim's wife Pat (Lewis '61)—a busy school teacher and organizer—still backs his realizing of a boyhood dream.*





# Alumni Consider Haiti

**W**hat's the United States doing in Haiti (again)? For many Americans and Haitians, the rise and fall of the Duvaliers, the original election of Aristide, the Cedras coup, TV images of boat people escaping political oppression and economic disaster, the U.S.-led ouster of Cedras, invasion-eve negotiations by Carter, Powell and Nunn, the return of Aristide and what happens now, are puzzle pieces with scant promise of successful assembly.

Houghton has a dozen Haitian or Haitian-American alumni, and numerous alumni who have served on the island as missionaries. On the premise that surveying some of these folk might offer clarification, historical perspective or less provincial views than those

served up on nightly news, *Milieu* contacted several. Their responses offer impressions and a brief historical look at this perennially-troubled island nation.

Rev. Pierre S. Ferdinand '65, Haitian by birth but now a U.S. citizen, first came to the U.S. from his native Port Margo in northern Haiti to prepare for ministry. He pastors a Haitian church in Brooklyn, and is a member of the college board of trustees, but maintains that he'd like to return to Haiti.

Ferdinand says he's "not politically involved" and his comments reflect that ambivalence. What about Cedras's ouster and Aristide's return? "It appears these decisions are historically inevitable because there is no other visible alternative," Ferdinand

says. Should America support Aristide? "Yes," he says, "because Aristide is the only visible person on the scene. No, because there were not enough efforts made to assess internal pulses."

Does Aristide offer hope for positive change? Ferdinand replies "Yes, for the time being. No, because his capability and stability as a balanced man have not been tested as yet." Of the intervention he observes: "Something had to be done. Some power needed to impose order as force against force," but he neither assessed the value of this particular intervention nor contrasted it with America's earlier 29-year presence. Instead he observed enigmatically, "Peoples, individuals and history have changed since World War II."



Rev. Ferdinand says his communication with family and friends in Haiti is sporadic. He concludes: "I am still praying that God will spare Haiti, save the people and salvage the nation for his glory. I trust HIM."

Perhaps significantly, eight or nine other Haitian alumni—all now living in America—did not respond to the questionnaire. But several missionaries with decades of experience there were not reticent, though some asked for anonymity—perhaps because they hope to return to Haiti.

Reflecting both long experience in Haiti and information they receive from there, Hudson '55 and Lucy Hess feel that Gen. Cedras was unjustly maligned by the U.S., that he was an honorable person, pro U.S. and pro democracy. They question Aristide's stability and orientation, based on his earlier performance. About American assertions of having "restored democracy," Hudson

observed: "This is curious since the majority of Haitians don't know what democracy really is . . . We are returning to power a man who excited class struggle and mob violence, was in favor of "necklacing" people and taking over businesses. Many grocery stores and hotels were burned to the ground during his time in office by the Lavalas—mobs of mostly young people who carried out his wishes. . . . There are four main factions in Haiti of which Lavalas is only one. It will take a firm hand to keep these people from killing each other. Most Haitians want a climate of peace, the offer of jobs, a piece of land, [opportunity] to build a house, have food and clothing for their families and to send their children to school."

Even setting aside his misgivings about Aristide, Hess noted: "His ability to govern has been seriously hampered since he returned with the help of a foreign power which is unconstitutional.

Some Haitians believe [Aristide] should be tried for treason since he was so anti-American when he first became president." Another missionary elaborated that Aristide's home credibility is undermined by perceived debt to America for his return and perceived resultant subservience to American direction.

What effect did the embargo have? Hess observes: "It totally destroyed the infrastructure. All major manufacturing plants were closed, many never to return. . . . With no income and prices skyrocketing there was a state of famine in most of Haiti. [Some say] 10,000 were dying each month, mostly children and the elderly." Another missionary with 35 years in Haiti summed up: "[The U.S.] shouldn't have intervened. Haitian society is very complicated and we may do much more harm than good. But since we are there, it will cost us billions to help restore what we ruined by government policy." ■

## Haiti: The Western Hemisphere's resilient basket-case

**G**eography: Mountainous western third of Hispaniola situated between Cuba and Puerto Rico in the West Indies, at 10,714 sq. miles, slightly smaller than Connecticut; **Population:** 6,432,000; **Capital:** Port-au-Prince, half-to-three-quarters of a million people with suburbs; **Languages:** French, Creole; **Economy:** food processing, light manufacturing, cement, textiles; **Exports:** coffee, sugar, sisal, mangoes; **Income:** (annual per-capita) \$370.

Haiti and the Dominican Republic share Hispaniola and a disproportionate share of the hemisphere's political and social woes. Spaniards "discovered" the island and colonized the Dominican Republic in 1493. It became independent in 1843. Despite a difficult history, a stagnant economy and poverty, the Dominican Republic is prosperous compared to Haiti, having the first chartered

university, hospital, cathedral and monastery in the Americas, annual per capita income of \$820, 83 percent literacy and an average life expectancy of 68 years.

At the other end of the island, just 53 percent of Haitians are literate, and life expectancy is 55 years. Once the island was rich in natural resources, but colonizers and inept or corrupt management have stripped the land. Roman Catholicism is the official religion, but some 250 other religious groups now operate within Haiti's borders.

Haiti was ceded to France in 1697. The French imported Black slaves to operate their plantations. Inflamed by their masters' cruelty, the slaves mounted a series of revolts. To enlist the spirits in the effort to be rid of the French, a witch doctor dedicated Haiti to Satan for 200 years. It became the first Black republic in 1804 with such men as Toussaint L'Ouverture, Jean J.

Dessalines and the enigmatic Henri Christophe leading the way. (He was the model for Eugene O'Neil's play *The Emperor Jones*.)

Internal strife and dictatorships characterized much of the period to 1915 when the U.S. invaded to protect its interests in the wake of a presidential murder. Before leaving in 1934, the U.S. built infrastructure, improved health conditions and brought in capital and oversaw elections. Haiti became a charter member of the UN in 1945.

Despite a new constitution in 1950, governance remained unstable and the infamous Francois Duvalier was elected president in 1957. His son, Jean Claude Duvalier, succeeded him, but later fled the country. A supposedly democratic election then saw former priest Jean Bertrand Aristide made president. Overthrown by a military coup in 1991, Aristide has now returned to power.





## The Stuff Dreams Aren't Made of Part II

by Cynthia Machamer '85

*One day while I was talking with a friend I made a passing comment that soon I'll be married to a 40-year-old. My four-year-old son was listening and immediately piped up, "Can I go, Mom?"*

*"Go where?" I asked.*

*Elliott replied, "To your marriage!"*

*I laughed and tried to explain that I'm already married to his father. What Elliott was thinking about is a wedding, not a marriage. Our pastor's words reiterated the difference in a sermon recently when he said he doesn't do weddings anymore. He said, "I do marriages." He explained that weddings are over in a day; marriages go on. A grand wedding doesn't ensure a fairy-tale marriage.*

**M**any Houghton alumni shared their painful divorce experiences with *Milieu* in part one of "The Stuff Dreams Aren't Made Of" (September 1994). For part two *Milieu* surveyed 14 evangelical and mainline pastors—all alumni. Three responded to questions asking how they think the Church should respond to divorced people and what they see as the root causes for divorce in Christian marriages. Also in part two, other alumni share what they've learned and give

salient advice on how married couples may avoid divorce.

Rev. Mark Caruana '81, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Poughkeepsie, NY, noted the Church's challenging task: to proclaim a balanced, Biblically-based message on marriage and family. "On one hand we need to say that God's intention for marriage is a lifelong covenant marked by mutual respect, commitment, love and personal growth.

"On the other we are imperfect, fallen beings who exist in an

imperfect, fallen world. . . . I am also convinced that at times divorce is necessary. There have been instances in my pastoral ministry when I have counseled a congregant to seek a separation and/or divorce. I am particularly concerned that too often women remain in violent, abusive and destructive marriages because of the stigma of divorce in their church or their church's lack of support. . . . Too frequently a marriage to a violent, controlling spouse results in either the death or physical and psychological maiming of the other partner and their children. I do not believe that it is God's intention that anyone be trapped in such a marriage."

David Zwifka '77 is a Roman Catholic priest in Laurel, MD, and is a canon lawyer, serving on ecclesiastical tribunals that adjudicate marriage cases for the Church. "Persons in my congregation(s)



who are divorced are in need of special concern on the part of the Church. Such persons have been through tremendous pain and suffering as they watched their dreams and hopes shatter while they may have been powerless to do anything about it."

Zwifka continued: "In addition to proclaiming the ways of Christ even when the teaching is difficult to accept, the Church must also extend the hand of reconciliation and peace. As a minister of the Church it is my particular responsibility to speak that invitation in a manner that is authentic, still compassionate. . . . I find that most persons who go through this experience are more victims than sinners."

Rev. Jeff Tarbox '80, founding pastor of the 200-plus-member Advent Christian Church (ME), said the Church must look at "the heart and compassion of Jesus. While He certainly gives us clear instructions, it is not without the boundaries of grace. God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16) because it is an act of violence. It is taking that which has been made one and ripping it in half. God has a father's heart. His hatred of divorce is because of the pain and suffering that come to His children. . . ." Tarbox is from a divorced, unsaved family, he noted.

Why does divorce happen? Tarbox listed four reasons: selfishness—"The exaltation of my desires and needs above my responsibilities to faithful servanthood and committed integrity. . . ."; [people] ruled by emotions; "a dreadful lack of loyal commitment to *anything*"; and "a low threshold of pain."

Zwifka observed, "I think that there is a real need for the Church to form attitudes in people that put interpersonal intimacy in a proper perspective. I say this because too often I find that individuals seek to marry their first intimate friend when all that person is meant to be is a friend. The dynamics of

spousal life differ from those of friendship. Overall, I think our society has forgotten the meaning of intimacy in friendship and has thereby confused people as to what intimacy is really about. Add to this the pervasive American attitude wherein we fear to close the door on any opportunity, and a deeply-rooted fear of commitment results. . . ."

Caruana believes some factors in divorces include a culture that has romanticized love; "an understanding of marriage as a male-dominated relationship rather than as a mutual partnership, the thinking that things of value can be had easily; self-indulgence, an unwillingness to sacrifice; and freedom valued above commitment.

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How have the experiences of alumni measured up with what these churchmen are saying? How have the Church and/or their Christian friends/family responded to their divorce?

Out of 25 respondents 14 gave favorable answers. A sampling of remarks includes statements like these: "The Church has been very supportive." "My Christian friends have been extremely supportive." "Real friends are supportive."

A 1952 alumna recalled, "I was in a small group at church and received tremendous support from my friends. I continued my work as pastoral assistant during and after the separation and divorce, supported by my church family. I'm still involved in Bible study and Sunday school leadership."

Marjorie (Calkins) Edwards '76, who was married to her

husband for seven years (they had two children together), divorced him because he was a homosexual and unwilling to change. She said, "I had a great deal of support from my family and friends through the divorce, probably because it was so black-and-white. One family gave me \$100 monthly for the first year. I still remember that and am grateful."

The rest shared the other side of the coin. Lois McKnight '56, whose story was shared in part one, said some Christians are friendly and supportive. "Others don't invite me to their homes anymore, perhaps because it is a 'couples' world."

Sharon (Huff) Anderson '64, who was also mentioned in part one, said, "I lost many of my Christian friends, at least in the 'holiness'-type affiliations. They seemed to view me as some kind of alien. This is *very* different from the way they treated me before. I changed churches after we separated and am now a member of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. I also found a whole new set of friends, most of whom are married but have been through divorce, many of whom are also Christians. I feel I am much richer in true friends than ever before in my life. But the rejection I felt from my former friends hurt very badly."

Norma Jean Jordan '90 was married for almost five years to a man she met at a summer camp. While he was a seminary student she worked full time. Norma said during her marriage she experienced emotional abuse "on a serious level. I had become so depressed because of this that I was no longer able to function." Norma told how she found healing through counseling and the love of family and friends. "[God] has used what I have gone through to help two other couples. He has given me 'a hope and a future' (Jer. 29:11), where once there were thoughts of suicide."

How did the Church respond



to Norma? Her experience has been a mixture of good and bad. "Most of my Christian friends have been supportive of me, even if they don't fully understand. My two best friends have even tried to keep in touch with my former husband, which I think says a lot about Christian love. On the other hand. . . I was asked to 'choose not to participate' in a performing group I'd been in for four years. Some of the lay leaders seemed to have great difficulty with the

choice I made (divorce). But my ministers were full of support."

An alumnus from the Class of '77 said he and his wife divorced on the grounds of her infidelity. He said his divorce greatly affected his relationship with God. "The guilt of a failed marriage and trying not to feel like a second-rate Christian . . . made me go through a period of serious rebellion against God. . . The divorce was the worst spiritual and emotional upheaval I have ever experienced."

### Advice From a Pastor—Who's Been There

**N**ow remarried and in his third year as pastor of the First Congregational Church (Church of Christ) in Mendon, IL, Daniel Gansch-Boythe '71 and his first wife divorced after 15 years. In October he preached to his congregation about divorce, excerpted as follows.

People divorce "because their marriage has become intolerable somehow," Gansch-Boythe said, relating his own experience in 1990. He recalled, "... the relationship had become crazy. . . . When a marriage fails, it's because the partners let evil set the course for their lives."

He likened sin to a weight on the end of a string, spinning out of control. "What happens? The more you sin, the faster you spin. The intensity builds. The strain increases. Eventually, pieces go flying. If nothing slows the spin, your personality and relationships disintegrate."

What is the remedy for marriages in trouble? How can a couple stop the sin-spinning, go beyond "damage control"? Rev. Gansch-Boythe believes Jesus calls us back "to what God intended in the beginning." Citing the Genesis 2 account, he said, "They had nothing to hide, nothing to fear from each other."

"Husbands and wives," he continued, "that is what God gave us in creation. And it would be ours still. But we decided to spin ourselves around the notion that we know more about life than God knows. [The result] is we spin ourselves away from God. . . away from each other."

Recognizing that grace, mercy and forgiveness are central to relationship, Gansch-Boythe says that "Good marriage is life together as partners and helpers. Good marriage is giving one's self to the other. And that begins by giving one's self to God. . . marriage becomes a holy triangle: husband, wife and God. . . . A rightly-formed triangle is the most stable form. It carries the load, absorbs the stress and keeps its shape intact."

Pastor Gansch-Boythe advised his congregation to "invite God into your marriage. Invite the transforming and forgiving grace of Christ. Invite the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. By these good gifts, overcome the sin that would drive you apart. Use the wise counsel of others to help you. Reinforce what you learn by sharing it with other couples. . . . Help [your children] prepare for their marriages by teaching them to follow Christ now. . . . Show them, by your example, how to let God have the rightful place. Teach them how to select partners wisely, partners who will share the adventure of faithful living. . . . Divorce is not right. . . marriage, well crafted, as God intended it, is right."

In a phone conversation Rev. Gansch-Boythe stressed the importance of couples praying, reading Scripture and worshipping together as keys to a healthy and lasting marriage.

Although the divorce happened over 14 years ago, this man remembers how relationships changed after his divorce: "... at the time, although the local church was minimally supportive, I changed my fellowship in part because the church had a school at which I was teaching and from which I was asked to resign solely because of the divorce." He also feels that his divorce will *"always* be a barrier between me and mutual friends at Houghton since she was a 1978 graduate." Despite his painful divorce, he has been able to find healing and accept his divorce. "I now have a loving wife, two children who love the Lord, have been blessed as a trial lawyer in private practice, and serve the Lord as a Sunday school teacher and as the president of our local Gideon camp. I believe that the Lord can and does use me. . . ."

***The Lord can and does use the wounds of a broken heart to teach and to encourage others . . .***

A recurring theme seems to run through the surveys: The Lord can and does use the wounds of a broken heart to teach and to encourage others who have gone through similar circumstances. Of course, this knowledge is costly and priceless. Some alumni offered true life-tested advice for couples in trouble.

Ruth Collamer '42, whose story was told in part one, said couples should get "good counseling—not necessarily from pastors, but *trained* Christian people. If small children are involved, consider them before yourselves." What has she learned? "Take *nothing* for granted."

An alumna from the Class of '85 said "STOP! Think of the



consequences. Turn to God; get counsel. Divorce breaks your heart into a million pieces. With God's help you can survive."

A 1980 alumna said it is important to know yourself. "Be honest about who you are and what you want out of life. . . . Communication is [a] key to any successful relationship."

Class of '58 member Austin Sullivan, Jr. remembers asking God why he didn't learn about His healing *before* the divorce. "What I have learned is that God 'isn't finished with us yet.'" Sullivan said, "If I were to re-marry, it would be understood from the beginning that divorce is not a part of our vocabulary; we WILL work/talk through any problem. . . ."

'77 Daniel Persing said he would recommend counseling, pastoral visits and "a hard, hard look into what Scripture says about divorce."

Ms. Jordan recommended that couples "pray, pray, pray. Look at your motives. Have you given everything you can to your marriage? Have you had counseling? . . . Don't rush it [divorce]. It's the hardest thing you'll go through."

Sharon Anderson recommended that couples nurture each other; spend time alone; be best friends—and lovers!—**before** your relationship gets to the breaking point.

'64 Marjorie Bloom believes that "if both people in a marriage want to submit to godly principles, the marriage will make it."

Doreen Mohr '68, who was married for nine years, said, "I now see how important a complete family is. For any woman, the selection of a father for her children is almost more important than a partner for herself. Any man who would make a great father would most likely make a good husband. I am afraid that the reverse is not always true." ■



## Preparing for Family Life?

by Jayne Maugans

**S**imply being Christian does not prepare us for marriage and family, personally or professionally. It is true that the Bible offers a rich foundation for building family relations. Yet we Christians must take this foundation and couple it with knowledge gained and acquired through human experience and science if we wish to more fully understand family life and minister to others in a loving spirit. I came to appreciate this position after joining Houghton College a few years ago, and it is the basis of my approach to teaching Marriage and Family.

In an interview that appeared in Houghton's student newspaper, *The Star* my first year at Houghton, I mentioned being divorced from

my first husband. Reactions of some students surprised me. One student came up to me and told me that "announcing" my divorce to the Houghton community was "very brave" and something he would not have done. A few students told me that they had no idea that I was a "divorcee" and would be "praying" for me. There were also some students who revealed that their parents were divorced, something they had not wanted to share with others at Houghton.

As a Christian and as a professor of sociology specializing in family studies, the responses mentioned above have given me much to think about. I contemplate Christ's loving testimony



throughout the Gospel and his final commandment: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn.13:34). I wonder about the hurt others at Houghton may have faced in sharing family challenges with their brothers- and sisters-in-Christ or, worse, how many voices have remained perfectly silent.

Each semester at Houghton has reinforced my belief that Christians are in need of marriage and family education. Since the first draft of this article, two students have disclosed to me that they are in the process of divorce. Two other students have tearfully confided about their fathers abandoning their families, one for another woman, the other for a homosexual lifestyle. Further examples of why it is necessary to offer family studies at a Christian college include wide-eyed, self-endorsing notions of "how it's going to be when I get married," student testimonies of everything from parental neglect to incest, the large number of our students who will enter ministry, and the two-part *Milieu* article begun in September and concluded in this issue, "The Stuff Dreams Aren't Made of."

If literal interpretation of selected scripture were enough, we wouldn't need Christian liberal arts colleges to expand context for us or to help us seek underlying principles. Divorce, adultery, family violence, homosexuality, gender roles, and interpersonal conflict are but a few topics which require a holistic Christian perspective; otherwise, we resort to picking scriptural passages and interpreting them to conveniently fit our cultural and normative notions of appropriateness.

All of this gets back to the fact that being Christian is a good foundation for social life—but it does not magically equip us with the skills and understanding required for our roles in the family and in the Church. We grasp the

importance of this concept with regard to our pastors, whom we expect not only to be Christian but to have completed seminary, i.e., faith plus training. Why should we approach our roles in the most fundamental institution, the family, differently?

A course at Houghton College designed to introduce students to family studies is Marriage and Family. True to its liberal arts heritage, the course is grounded in history, theory, multiculturalism, and the latest research. The objectives of the course include helping students to (1) understand the dynamic nature of marriage and family, (2) dispel prominent myths about marriage and family, (3) identify the interactive relationships of race, class, and gender

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with regard to marriage and family, and (4) be more empowered to make informed choices and decisions in their own lives as both family members and members of the body of Christ.

The Marriage and Family course at Houghton is limited in merely being one, introductory course on the subject. A couple of other complimentary courses are offered through psychology; these are Human Sexuality and Developmental Psychology. In comparison, there are entire majors and minors in family studies offered at some other Christian colleges; a typical sampling of courses includes Interpersonal Relations, Parenting, Life Span Development

of the Family, Theological Foundations for Marriage and Family, Family Systems, and Strategies of Family Intervention. These are topics covered in the introductory course at Houghton, but for obvious reasons they are not comprehensively addressed.

Director of counseling services Michael Lastoria and I have begun this semester to prepare a proposal for a family studies minor here. Our interest lies with offering a minor that will adequately prepare students for their roles in family living and ministry. Key content areas central to the minor include human development, family dynamics, and family process such as communication, decision making, and problem solving. An internship at the King Center in Buffalo, New York, or one of the local family agencies in Allegany County will be encouraged as part of the minor. It is our hope that students minoring in family studies (given the minor is approved) will be better equipped for family life and more affirming to those who experience family difficulties.

As Christians, we are called upon to love one another as Christ loves us. The abundant love Christ has for his Church is our model for love within the family, the Church, the community, and all of humanity. There is much we can learn about marriage and family from reading the Bible and from studying reliable, academic sources. Wisdom through faith, skill and understanding through education—combined, we are finer servants to fulfill the Lord's commandment to love.■

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## A L U M N I IN ACTION

**29** Corinne Frith, Mildred Turner and Lowell Fox, met for their class's 65th reunion at Houghton last summer. During their time here they visited classmate Katherine (Roth) Stone at the Houghton Nursing Care Center. Corinne, now living in Heath Village, a retirement center in Hackettstown, NY, still tutors children in French two days a week. Mildred Turner lives in Northville, NY. Lowell Fox, 1968 New York State Teacher of the Year, still lives in Attica, NY. Twenty of the original 33 graduates shown in the Boulder, survive.

**33** Mae (Young) Smith has been a member of The Inner Wheel—wives of Rotarians—for 12 years. She has held all the executive committee posts in her local club and has been treasurer of her district and of the international convention.

**43** In June 1994 Arnold, Betty ('62), and son Dan ('70) Cook spent three weeks touring the Republic of Ireland. In addition to locating other relatives, they found a grandmother's house. "The scenery was a terrific bonus."

**44** Marilyn Birch serves in the medical clinic of the Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital in Columbus, OH, and shares in teaching a Sunday school class.

**45** In retirement Stanley Taber is the supply pastor at Cedar Grove (DE) Wesleyan Church.

**46** On a recent genealogical and sight-seeing tour of England, Wales and Scotland, Fay (Hunting) Bennett and her husband, Ehrmann, visited Fay's classmate, Mary (Dukeshire '46) Burke and her husband, Derek, who is vice chancellor of the University of East Anglia. Fay was astonished to discover through her research that the ancient manor house in which Mary lives is the house in which her own ancestors lived before coming to America in the 1630s. Another exciting highlight of the trip was a visit to Edinburgh Castle on the day Prince Andrew laid a wreath there as part of the D-Day commemorative events. Fay got an excellent closeup picture of the prince.

**48** Esther Snyder writes that after five years of retirement from missionary service with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the Philippines, she "came out of moth balls" to teach for a school year at the CMA MK school at Bongolo, Gabon (Africa). She lives in Sun City, AZ.

Remembering his track prowess at Houghton, Warren Ball recently entered the Senior Games at Shippensburg University. With very little training preparation, he put on his track shoes for



### Mirroring Taught Values

*by Dale Fillmore, Alumni Association President*

*New alumni association president Dale Fillmore '70 administers Bethel Baptist Christian Academy in Jamestown, NY. Previously he served at Christian Central Academy of Buffalo, where he was instrumental in forming an area Christian school athletic league. He was also on staff at "The Chapel," as senior adult minister and media ministries director. A one-time USAF supply officer, he is married to the former Deborah Lombardo '71.*

Some years ago, one of my former students returned after her freshman year at Houghton with this comment: "Now I know why you teach the way you do: you're just like your teachers at Houghton."

Her comment has stuck with me ever since. How many ways did the Houghton faculty impact my life? Educationally I was challenged and stretched. My dreams were set against reality—sometimes the dreams became reality, sometimes reality shattered the dreams. I can never forget the men and women who sacrificed financially (and perhaps fame and fortune as well) to teach me, and the thousands of you who are my fellow alumni. I grew spiritually as teachers fleshed out before me what a life given to serving God and man means, and challenged me to consider the claims God had on my life. Faculty did not remain faculty, but became friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Did I intentionally become "just like my teachers?" Perhaps, but I tend to think that what I experienced in and out of class served to draw me close to the source of power that I saw in the lives of my teachers—Jesus Christ.

There is an interesting phrase in Exodus 33:11: "And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh to his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant, Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle." Do you see it? Moses took Joshua into the presence of God, but when Moses left, Joshua "departed not."

I want to thank the faculty of Houghton College who led me into His presence, who showed me the value of a life given to serving God and my fellow man, who were my teachers. I am thankful, and very awed, that God in turn uses me to lead my students into the presence of God.

Two closing thoughts come to mind. First: who taught my teachers? Heritage and history become a living thing, because we all stand in a line of being taught and of teaching others. Who will teach tomorrow's generation? As alumni association president I have been privileged to serve with men and women who are committed to seeing that Houghton College will continue to prepare the next generation to serve God in all areas of life, and especially teaching.

Faculty of Houghton College past and present, thank you on behalf of those who have gone before, those now on campus, and those yet to come. Thank you for teaching us to be like Christ. "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40 NAS).



## Future Alumni

Patrick & Karin A'Hearn '75) Sweeney	Joseph Brendan	9-24-93
Kevin & Cindy (Prentice '82) Austin '81	Brianna Joy	4-12-94
Brent & Billie (Crane '85) Bedford	Sadie Autumn	11-26-93
Tim & Sue (Percy '84) Benning '81	Keith Timothy	5-26-93
Greg & Annette (Mattocks '87) Beyer '88	Megan Esther	9-27-93
Gordon & Mary Lou Boice '78	Katherine Leigh	6-30-94
Thomas & Jeanne (Polloni '86) Bookhout '86	Matthew Thomas	12-16-93
Mark & Susan (Lamb '86) Bristo	Bethany Joy	12-25-93
Dana & Debra (Harshberger '83) Brown	Erin Danielle	4- 7-94
Steve & Peggy (Carrigg '83) Brown	Noah Paul	8-11-94
Steven & Robyn (Estep '85) Burlew	Alyssa Whitney	4-12-94
Kevin & Jody (Benjamin '87) Cole	Anna Lynn	11-29-92
Sam & Debra (Braun '84) Collichio	Joshua Michael	6-17-94
David & Amy Compton '90	Matthew David	2- 8-94
Keith & Amy Conant '83	Alexander Nelson	5- 2-92
James & Amy (Brackett '89) Eckert '88	Thomas James	2-25-94
Robert & Judy Ether '77	Daniel Mark	3-15-94
Keith & Lynn (Whitmore '89) Felstead '91	Gregory Herbert	4-29-94
Martin & Debra (Skinner '84) Fischer	James Warren	7-29-94
Tim & Carol (Zimmerman '78) Fuller '79	Jonathan David	8-27-94
Kevin & Amy (Lehman '84) Greene	Cody Michael	12- 3-93
Vance & Tammy (Danna '87) Hark	Brittany Ann	7-26-94
Kevin & Laura Klob '86	Amy Laura	12-16-93
Peter & Kimberly La Celle '84	Melissa Marguerite	5-11-94
Jon & Ellen (Hecht '88) Lindblom	Elayna Joy	1- 2-94
Timothy & Julie (Williams '88) McCulfor	Phoebe Michelle	6-26-93
Rob & Ann (Irving '85) McNeill '87	Noah Christopher	6-23-94
Nate & Brenda (Clements '80) Montanye '81	Nicholas James *	4- 5-90
Eric & Tracy (Brooks '83) Myers '81	Michelle Elizabeth	8-26-94
John & DeAnne (Barnes '84) Nabholz '84	Samuel Whitson	11-22-93
Joel & Jill Prinsell '77	Joy Marie	7- 2-94
Sean & Sandra (Spurlock '89) Randall	Bryson Earl	9- 6-94
Barry & Karen (Urshel '89) Ricketts '86	Anthony David	6- 8-94
Carl D. & Jean (Kephart '85) Schultz '83	Annika Lydia	10- 2-94
Harvey & Heidi Shepard '84	Nathan George	12-16-93
David & Deb (Sherwood '89) Souder '88	Megan Elizabeth	8-17-94
Randy & Heather (O'Donnell '92) Thompson	Daniel Thompson	10-19-93
John & Linda (Dingeldein '82) Wagner '82	Gregory John	7-28-94
James & Linda (Le Cappelain '77) Wood	Carolyn Jean	4-18-94
Dale & Meg (Martino '82) Wright '84	Shawn Anthony	5-17-94
Dan & Bethany (Howden '89) Zerbe '89	Issac Richards*	8- 5-93
	Benjamin Howden	4-30-94

\*adopted

the first time since 1949 and won a bronze medal. He is assistant pastor at the Reformed Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA, a real estate agent with Prudential Preferred Properties and a loan officer with Agapé Mortgage Network.

**50** After 35 years in Christian education which included 13 years as principal of Lancaster (PA) Christian School and five as elementary supervisor at Hollywood (FL) Christian School, **Martha (Hartshorne) Adiano** is semi-retired. She still substitutes in four Christian schools and teaches private piano lessons. She and her husband, Louis, live in Lake Worth, FL.

**Edward Elvejord** has retired after a 34-year career as a physicist in federal civil service, working in such places as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (MD), Naval Weapons Laboratory (CA), and Naval Undersea Warfare Center (WA). His responsibilities included analysis of electrical standards, missile guidance, torpedo/submarine noise, and ambient sea noise. In retirement, he is active in his favorite branch of physics—meteorology, participating with the Puget Sound Chapter of the American Meteorological Society. He also sings bass with the 110-voice Chorale of Bainbridge Island. He and his wife, Rigmor, have three grown children and live in Hansville, WA.

**51** Donald Arbitter has published a book called "Nearly Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Bible, God or the Christian Religion and Were Afraid to Ask." He and his wife, Kathleen, spent the summer of 1993 teaching English in China.

Retired from the United Methodist ministry after 43 years, **Jackson Parsons** serves as mission chairperson, member of the administrative council and choir member at the Wattsburg, PA, UM Church. He and his wife, Lola, celebrated their 51st anniversary on October 22.

**52** Dorothy Meyer is a professor in the graduate school at the University of Massachusetts in the field of administration, planning and policy. Again this year she attended the Summer Institute in Religious Studies at the University of Oxford, England.

**53** After over 15 years as academic vice president and dean at Central Wesleyan College (SC), **Stephen Calhoon** has retired. Following a year of traveling he plans to make himself available for voluntary "short-term consulting, laboring, or whatever." Also retired, his wife, Lou Ann, is recovering from a year-long bout with an unidentified virus.

**A. David Seeland** was consecrated bishop in the Anglican Catholic Church in

## Send your alumni news

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May 1993. He oversees the Diocese of the Pacific Southwest (Nevada, Arizona, California). He is also president of the church's only seminary, Holy Rood, in Liberty, NY. He resides with his brother, Robert, in Downey, CA, while his wife, Mary Ann (Hove '53), remains in their home in Barnegat, NJ. She continues to work at the Barnegat Nursing Center, in housekeeping.

**54** George Bagley has recently been named manager for materials and coatings technologies as part of the Floor Products Strategic Innovation Team of Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster, PA. Since Dr. Bagley joined Armstrong in 1958 he has "played a vital role in the development of many new flooring products." [Quoting from the Armstrong corporate news bulletin.]

Dorothy (Beuter) Baldwin has recently written a book called "Memoirs of a Depression Bum," about her western New York State native husband, Robert. A recounting of Robert's youthful adventures hitchhiking and riding the rails as he crisscrossed the country looking for better circumstances, the book can be purchased through Windswept Press, PO BOX 299, Interlaken, NY 14847 for \$13.45 plus tax (shipping/handling included).

**58** On June 30, 1994, LaVerne Howard retired after 40 years in the ministry of the Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist Churches. He lives in Port Allegany, PA.

**60** In May 1994 Ronald Enroth was invited by the Russian Orthodox Church to present two lectures at the "first ever" conference on cults and new religions held in Moscow. His new book, *Recovering From Churches that Abuse*, was published in July by Zondervan Publishing House.

Bill Gates has retired after 31 years of teaching social studies at South Seneca High School in Ovid, NY, and two-and-a-half years driving tractor-trailer. His wife, Barbara (Granger '58), is no longer working due to disabling illnesses.

Roy Gibbs has retired from the ministry due to ill health. He was ordained 50 years ago (June 11, 1944) in the tabernacle on Houghton's campground. He and his wife, Dora (Lee '58), are living with their oldest daughter in Fayetteville, NC.

**62** Rowland Benedict has been pastor of Christ's Wesleyan Church in Enid, OK, for the past five years. He and his wife, Marjorie, have three grown children and three grandchildren.

As founder/director of Creative Word Ministries, based in Waycross, GA, as well as director of Women's Ministries for Elim Fellowship, based in Lima, NY, Sylvia

Evans travels full time speaking at conferences, retreats, etc. This year she has been to South Africa, Honduras, Russia, and Kazakhstan ministering to missionaries and national leaders ("Helping the Harvesters").

**63** Gary Herne has founded a new ministry called Personal Testimony Resources, which provides helps to individual Christians. To receive more information and a free sample of the newsletter, *The Light—the encouragement newsletter for witnessing Christians*, write to PO Box 801, Cadillac, MI, 49601-0801.

**64** Virginia (Fouts) Smith and her husband, Robert, have run a small Christian retreat in the mountains of western North Carolina (six miles east of Franklin) for 19 years. Called Lullwater Retreat, the camp caters to single families as well as large groups such as churches. Virginia and Robert have two grown children, "both serving the Lord."

**65** After four-and-a-half years as a part-time student, Judith Anderson received an M. Ed. degree in supervision from the University of Richmond (VA) in May 1993. She teaches French and World History in Cumberland County, VA, and writes, "I love it!"

**68** When Margaret (Maxon) Larson encouraged her oldest son, then in high school, to go to Egypt with Teen

Mission International, she started a family tradition. Since that time (1988) she herself has gone as a team cook to Malta, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand. And the rest of her six children, ranging in age from 10 to 21, have gone on mission trips each summer to such places as Pakistan, Zimbabwe, India, Venezuela and Belize.

**70** Tom Danielson was promoted to Colonel, USAF in February 1994, and assumed command of the Operations Group at Howard Air Force Base in Panama. The Group conducts counter-drug and nation-building activities in Latin America. Tom's wife, Diane (Lawson '71), is "readjusting to unemployment" after resigning her job as manager of finance and administration for a small computer software company in Springfield, VA.

**71** Daniel Gansch-Boythe is an ordained pastor with standing in the Illinois Conference, Western Association, United Church of Christ. In November 1994 he began his third year as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Mendon, IL, where he lives with his wife, Pam.

After serving as treasurer of the Christian & Missionary Alliance for six years, Duane Wheeland was elected vice president/director of general services of the C & MA.

**73** Judith (Stanley) Bender was recently promoted to assistant director of marketing for Copeland Oaks

## Down the Aisle

Christopher & Tammy (Marshall '93) Baldwin '95	7-30-94
Rick & Priscilla (MacLean '94) Carpenter	8-27-94
Matthew & Alyce (Eckhoff '87) Cathone	12-26-93
Richard & Yvonne (Everetts '93) Chinnici	7- -94
Homero & Linda (Brain '77) de la Cruz	6-20-92
Ryan & Janice (Steindel '93) Delp '95	1- 1-94
Dennis & Michelle (Taylor '90) De Simone	7- 2-94
Thomas & Stephanie (Langford '90) Garrity	9- 9-94
Daniel & Danielle (Buchanan '88) Grande	7-24-93
William & Ann Greisner '85	6-25-94
David M. & Lori Huth '95 (originally '91)	8- 6-94
Steve & Sarah (Marshall '93) Kline '93	7-23-94
James Ketcham & Lauren Kroening '80	7-23-94
Jeff Kushkowski '85 & Jeannette Olson	7-25-92
Michael & Patricia (Hewes '88) O'Keefe, Jr.	8-19-94
Matthew & Debbie (Davis '94) Owen '94	6- -94
Van & Beth (Omundsen '84) Ott	8-20-94
Joel & Jill Prinsell '77	8-21-93
David & Gladys (Middy '94) Rhodes '94	10-15-94
Bruce & Margaret (Smith '85) Sawyer	10-10-92
Rich & Elisabeth (Veith '92) Schelp '92	7- 8-94
George & Lisa (Rundell '93) Schmidt '95	6-11-94
Holly (Wissinger '94) & Mr. Schulz	6- 4-94
David & Diane (Graves '91) Schwenker '91	7- -94
Steve & Pollyanna Vance '88	10- 1-94
Philip & Susan (Eltcher '79) Warrick	9- 3-94
Frank & Amy (Warner '93) Wilson	8-13-94



and Crandall Medical Center. Copeland Oaks is a multi-level senior living community serving 650 residents. Judith's responsibilities include overseeing the admissions for all levels of the community.

**75 Karin A'Hearn-Sweeney** writes: "Our second son, John Daniel, was born on January 16, 1992, and died of complications of prune belly syndrome and kidney disease on December 15, 1992. A healthy son, Joseph Brendan, was born on September 24, 1993. My husband Patrick and I were proud to witness to others of how God loves us so much and has a plan for each of us despite our infirmities."

For four Sundays this past August Rev. Gary Beers and his Hillside Wesleyan Church congregation in Olean, NY, sponsored "Church in the Stadium" in Olean's Bradner Stadium, where local high school football games are commonly played. He reported that average attendance was approximately 200, with a children's program that averaged 70 and "... we had 42 public acceptances of Jesus as Lord."

Frank Billman was elected to the board of directors of the United Methodist Renewal Services Fellowship, a program organization affiliated with the General Board of Discipleship of the U. M. Church, which "seeks to bring the life of the Holy Spirit into the life of the Church..." He was also certified as a Life in the Spirit seminar coordinator. Pastor of the Somerton U. M. Church in Philadelphia, Frank has been active in the Eastern Pennsylvania Renewal Fellowship for 12 years and has served on the advisory council of U. M. R. S. F. for several years.

Robert Oehrig, executive director of Daystar U. S., reports that Daystar University College was approved for local accreditation and the granting of a University Charter by the Kenya Commission for Higher Education on July 20, 1994.

Alice (Grunge) and Jim Vanderhoof '77 graduated from Wheaton College Graduate School in May 1994—Alice with a master's degree in missions/intercultural studies and Jim with a master's degree in educational ministries—with plans to return to Kenya Highlands Bible College in August 1994. Their two teenage children attend Rift Valley Academy in Kenya.

**76 Beth (Wells) Gerber** writes that she is home-schooling her five-year-old son Daniel, while caring for 21-month-old Corrie. They continue to live in Colorado Springs, CO, where Beth's husband, Jared, works with Focus on the Family.

**77 Tom Crawford** is teaching science at Hinkson Christian Academy in Moscow, Russia, for one year. Founded by Campus Crusade, the Academy is an inter-

mission American school for missionary children.

Currently planting a Christian and Missionary Alliance church in New Bern, NC, Robert Ether served on the executive committee of the Greater New Bern Area Crusade (see *Future Alumni* column).

Steve and Cherie (Roloson '77) Horst have been appointed by Wesleyan World Missions to serve in Vladimir, Russia, where both will facilitate the development of family ministries and address family issues. Steve has an M. A. in philosophy of religion and an M. Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and an M. A. in marriage and family therapy from Syracuse University (NY). Cherie has an M. A. in counseling psychology from Trinity.

Valerie Mills-Daly works part-time at a local library and as office manager at Camp Asbury, a United Methodist Church camp near Perry, NY, where her husband, Jim, is director. She writes, "My two children, Nathaniel and Christina, are enjoying their full-blown adolescence, and so are we!"

With their four children all in school, Ruth (Reilly) Rudd and her husband, Rich '78, are teaching together at the Eastern Christian Middle School in Wyckoff, NJ. Rich continues to teach music, band and chorus to 5th- to 8th-graders, while Ruth teaches 5th- and 6th-grade math.

Barbara (Mortensen) Syvertson was director of Christian education at Camp-of-the-Woods in Speculator, NY, this past summer. She had a staff of 37 teens, caring for and teaching 200-300 children each week, ranging in age from birth to sixth grade.

**78 Gordon Boice** is a graphics designer with the Office of Institutional Advancement at Emory University in Atlanta, GA (see *Future Alumni* column).

Eric Harz writes: "Since traveling to Jamaica's less popular parts with Cornerstone Ministries [I have] been rekindled in the Holy Spirit's fire. A new prayer group, a prayer partnership, as well as a new convert have resulted.... Witnessing of many healed, saved, and baptised by water and the fire of the Holy Spirit, often involving miracles before only read in the New Testament, has been awe inspiring."

John Hugo was recently promoted to associate professor of music at Liberty University (VA). He has also had choral arrangements published by Latham and Thomas House Publications.

Having served as manager—investor relations at Bausch & Lomb since 1992, Efrain Rivera has been promoted to director—investor relations. He started at Bausch & Lomb in 1989 as senior financial analyst for the treasury department. Efrain and his wife, Michele (Burkett '78), live in Rochester, NY.

**79 Dana Garrett** is an adjunct professor at Wilmington College in New Castle, DE, and the president of Dreamstreets Press, Inc., a literary organization that publishes a literary magazine and holds poetry readings in northern Delaware. He has had several poems published in various literary publications in the past year.

**80 Cheryl (Semarge) Moody** and her husband, Stephen, have moved to Signal Mountain, TN, where Stephen is the academic technology director at the McCallie School in Chattanooga. Cheryl is training to be a docent at the Hunter Museum of Art and is looking for a job in art education.

Linda (Peterson) Mandanas recently earned a Certificate of Added Qualification in geriatric medicine. She is medical director of a 120-bed nursing home in Oswego, NY, and lives in Oswego with her husband and three children. She is also medical director of alcoholism services in Oswego County and continues on staff at the Mary Walker Health Center at Oswego State College.

Harriett Olson led her church's youth on a home repair project in Appalachia this past summer and has recently returned from two weeks in the Ukraine where her congregation is supporting a forming United Methodist congregation.

David Piatt graduated with honors from North Country Community College (NY) in May 1994. He plans to start a Church of the Nazarene in Hornell, NY, in January 1995.

Barbara Schmitz is assistant professor of business administration at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills, MI, teaching part-time in addition to continuing as the rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Hazel Park. She is also convenor of the Conflict Consultants of the Diocese. She has two books coming out soon: *For All the Saints* (St. Mark's Press) and *Crafting the Funeral Homily* (C. S. S. Publishing).

Joyce Stoffers has accepted a position with Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK, as a full-time instructor in their English department.

**81 Mike Gould** is in his second year as a social worker with Hillside Children's Center Therapeutic Foster Care programs out of the Wellsville, NY, office.

Nate Montanye has been working full-time as a carpenter while completing a degree through Houghton's PACE program. While he still has one course to complete, he is currently "sidelined" from both work and school by cancer. His wife, Brenda (Clements '80), has completed four years working at Houghton's Valley Nursery School (see *Future Alumni* column).

Melanie (Harbeck) Nothem received



the M. S. E. in reading from St. Bonaventure University (NY) in August 1994.

**82 Donna (Sheeley) Brelsford** has joined the Capitol City Opera, a repertory company consisting of Atlanta, GA, resident singers. She will be performing roles in *Alice in Wonderland* and *Hansel and Gretel* in schools throughout Atlanta and the surrounding counties. She and her husband, Ted, have two daughters.

**Michael Childs** expects to complete his M. Div. at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 1995, then look for a pastorate.

**Kristina LaCelle-Peterson** is assistant pastor for student ministries at New Hope Free Methodist Church in Rochester, NY, where she lives with her husband, Mark. She is also the owner of Women's Source Books, which provides resources for women in Christian leadership. She continues to work on her dissertation in American Church History toward a Ph. D. from Drew University (NJ).

**John and Linda (Dingeldein '82) Wagner** have completed pre-field training

with the Summer Institute of Linguistics and hope to begin working in Mexico in 1995 (see *Future Alumni* column).

**83 Peggy (Carrigg) Brown** graduated from Salem State College (MA) in May 1994 with a master's degree in early childhood education. Currently she is staying at home with her two young children. She lives in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, with her children and husband, Steve (see *Future Alumni* column).

**Keith Conant** is associate director of financial aid at Babson College in Wellesley, MA. He and his wife, Amy, are active in drama, music and children's ministries at North River Community Church (see *Future Alumni* column).

**84 Christine Taylor** is a registered nurse working in the intensive care unit at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, NY.

**Wendy Hitch** recently received a Ph. D. in biological sciences from Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

**Scott Hudson's** recent artwork was featured in a show called "Flannels &

Ladders" at Angelwood Gallery in Grand Rapids, OH, in early October 1994.

After an eight-month, full-time ministry at Reba Place Church in Evanston, IL., **Jeff Jones** is now employed as an assistant to the president of Nioptics which researches non-imaging optics, hoping to implement this work into backlighting for computer screens, photocopiers and streetlights. In addition to caring for their two children, his wife, **Kathy (Readyoff '84)**, administers the preschool nurseries and coordinates the toddler playgroups at Reba Place Church.

**John Nabholz** is senior photographer for Dow Corning Corp. in Midland, MI, while his wife, **DeAnne (Barnes '84)**, is a full-time mom and home-school teacher. Together they also operate a home-based desktop publishing business (see *Future Alumni* column).

**Harvey Shepard** and his wife, **Heidi**, live in Seaville, NJ, where Harvey practices emergency medicine at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital. Heidi runs a business which helps executives prepare for cross-cultural moves (see *Future Alumni* column).

## Tried by Fire

**D**ecember 19, 1993, is a date Jennifer (Smith '93) Haines will long remember. So, too, will the 31,000 other residents of Auburn, NY, where, on that Sunday evening a year ago, a devastating fire struck the city's industrial district. For Jennifer, then barely four months into her job with the Auburn Office of Planning and Economic Development, the disaster afforded an unusual opportunity for on-the-job training.

The spectacular five-alarm blaze was caused by careless youths and took some three million gallons of water to extinguish. It laid waste two businesses and damaged three others. Most affected were Mack Studios, a manufacturer of professional and industrial exhibit displays, and Rood Utilities, a contracting, supply and training firm. Both were well-established Auburn enterprises employing 12 and 80 persons, respectively.

Seeking to minimize the economic loss, the planning and economic development office got to work immediately, cooperating with state and local agencies to help these businesses with the immediate and long-term logistical concerns of re-

establishment and relocation. For Jennifer this meant an early career look at a scenario few economic development professionals see.

Her primary role in the crisis was preparation of a New York Job Development Authority loan application, a task normally handled by more senior personnel. In this process she worked closely with Mack Studios officials and her colleagues. A business major at Houghton, Jennifer reports that such

courses as finance, business strategy and policy, business communication, senior seminar—and her internship at Dresser-Rand—proved helpful in dealing with the situation.

When December 19 rolls around, Jennifer, now promoted to planning assistant, will reflect on potential economic setback averted. Thanks in large part to the efforts of her office, both businesses got back on their feet quickly and kept their jobs in Auburn. Mack Studios has increased employment and will realize greater efficiency in its new location. Jennifer observes: "The Dunn and McCarthy fire (named for the building in which it started) accelerated my training by making me more aware of city resources (land loans, sewer, utilities), state resources and the needs of Auburn businesses."—by **Bruce Campbell**, assistant director of alumni relations

*Jennifer, a former Houghton soccer player, and her husband, Howard, are active in the Auburn Alliance Church. Her brother is a key player in the current men's soccer squad, so they are frequent attendees at Houghton soccer games. Jennifer came to Houghton from Red Creek, NY.*





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**85** Jeff Kushkowski is business reference and collections librarian at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Previously he spent nine years at Indiana University (IN) where he worked at the university libraries and received master's degrees in public administration and library science. There he also met his wife, Jeannette, through a personals ad in the student newspaper. She is an assistant professor in the curriculum and instruction department at Iowa State (see *Down the Aisle* column).

Debi Patrick has recently begun providing school-based mental health services at Southside High School in Elmira, NY. She also is a part-time social work consultant for a residence serving profoundly mentally retarded adults and has a private psychotherapy practice. She completed a master's degree in social work from Marywood College in Scranton, PA, and received state licensing in 1993. Currently she is pursuing further social work credentials. Debi recently purchased a home in Pine City, NY, where she lives with her English Springer Spaniel puppy, Andy. In her spare time she reads, and plays volleyball in a local competitive league.

Doug Winks and his wife, Denise (Towle '86), live in Heidelberg, Germany, where Doug is a member of the U. S. Army Band and Chorus of Europe. He took part in the Normandy celebrations in June 1994. Denise taught K-12 music during the 1993-94 school year at Trinity Christian School in Mannheim, Germany—a ministry of Overseas Christian Servicemen Centers. She finished a master of arts degree in counseling from Liberty University in July. They have two children.

**86** Laura (Trasher) Bernhofen received a Ph. D. in math from Syracuse University (NY) in August 1994. She and her husband, Daniel, have accepted positions on the faculty at Clark University in Worcester, MA.

**87** Samantha Barrett writes that she is excited about her challenging new job with the Oswego County (NY) Opportunities, Inc., Headstart Program. She combines teaching and social work in her contacts with the children of low-income families. Her school is in Fulton, NY.

Janice Hogenboom writes that "after six-and-a-half dreadful years" she has "managed to extract herself" from her job in the collections department of Albany (NY) Savings Bank. She is working on her master's of library science degree at the State University of New York at Albany. She hopes to become a school librarian.

Cheryl (Perry) de Mena graduated from residency in family practice in June 1994 and recently started working with Mt. Laurel Family Physicians in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

She and her husband, Paul, are members of Mount Laurel Evangelical Free Church, where he is a deacon and she is on the missions committee.

Laura Shannon, who is serving for two years in Japan with Evangelical Free Missions, would love to hear some encouraging words from her friends. Milieu provides her address at her request: 302 Tsujimoto Bldg., 1-8-21 Izumi, Okegawa Shi 363 Japan.

**88** Greg and Annette (Mattocks '87) Beyer are currently raising support for a term in Cameroon, West Africa, with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They hope to leave for Belgium in January 1995 for French study, then on to Cameroon in 1996 (see *Future Alumni* column).

Danielle (Buchanan) Grande lives in Athens, GA, where she is a first-grade teacher at Whit Davis Elementary School. Her husband, Daniel, is a band director at Clarke Central High School (see *Down the Aisle* column).

Lee Schaarschmidt completed a master's degree at the State University of New York at Stonybrook and is teaching band at Centereach (NY) High School. He and his wife, Debbie, are in the process of purchasing a home. They lead the children's choir at Sayville United Methodist Church.

**89** William McLeod has recently been hired to work for the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D. C. He is also volunteer head of grounds and operations at Meridian Hill Park, a mile north of the White House. He has been a volunteer there for over four years, helping to "reduce crime in the park by 90 percent, and drug dealing by 98 percent." The volunteer group was named "Best Friends Group" this year by the National Park Service.

Since July 1993 Brian Osterhus has worked as the assistant chief of the Market Reports Division at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in downtown New York City. His main responsibilities include the supervision of analysts working with bank holding companies and government securities dealers. His wife, Pamela (Lewis '88), began working as the accounting manager at the Africa Inland Mission International headquarters in Pearl River, NY, in September 1993, after five years in public accounting.

Robert and Aimee (Bontempo '89) Wuethrich have recently moved from New Castle to Armbrust, PA, where Rob, an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church, is serving as assistant pastor. Aimee is teaching math at the Armbrust Wesleyan Christian Academy.

Dan & Bethany (Howden '89) Zerbe write: "In the spirit of Hazlett/Leonard Houghton intentional fellowship, Eric



Giegerich '89; Dan and Bethany Zerbe; and John (Morris '90) and Juli (Bray '90) Bray-Morris have jointly purchased a house together and are living in community. The house is in Rochester, NY, where Dan and John are in the family medicine residency program. Eric is employed by an architectural and engineering firm. Bethany and Juli are full-time mothers" [see *Future Alumni* column].

**90** Living in Deerfield, IL, **Stephanie (Langford) Garrity** is a marketing director for 16 McDonald's restaurants. Her husband, Tom, manages a club (see *Down the Aisle* column).

**Susan Howe** wrote recently of plans to take Bibles (Mandarin) and SuperBooks (a children's Bible cartoon) to China and Japan this fall.

**91** **Steve Alderman** received both a law degree and an M. B. A. from the University of Denver in the spring of 1994. In July he sat for the Colorado bar exam. His wife, **Kara (Horst '91)**, was recently promoted to the rank of mental health clinician II at Adams Community Mental Health Center.

**Keith Felstead** is attending Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, expecting to graduate in June 1995 with a doctor of osteopathy degree (D. O.).

**Margaret Lyon** is taking a leave of absence from teaching at Greene Central School to pursue a master of music degree in vocal performance at Binghamton University (NY).

**92** **Adrianna Colón** has graduated from Florida International University with a master of social work degree.

**Christina Cortright** is working for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in interpretation and evening programs. She hopes to begin a graduate program in education at William and Mary College in Williamsburg in the fall of 1995.

**Timothy Crosby** recently began working as a computer graphics artist for The Talking Phone Book White Directory Publishers, a yellow page advertising company. He and his wife, **Michelle (Rhodes '92)**, attend the Amherst, NY, Alliance Church.

**Dawn Duncan** attends Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, working toward a three-year master of divinity degree in world missions. She lives in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA.

**Kristin Marolf** has begun her second year of teaching second grade at Dominion Christian School in Kansas City, MO. She enjoys attending Metro Vineyard Fellowship there.

**Naoko Motojima** "lives in a community with Franciscan sisters in Amsterdam's red light district and studies classic

languages (Greek, Hebrew and Latin) at the University of Amsterdam [the Netherlands]."

**Megan Pryor** wrote that she anticipated receiving an L. L. M. degree in international criminal law from the University of Sussex in Brighton, England, in October 1994.

**Rich Schelp** is working toward his Ph. D. in physics at the University of Texas and his wife, **Elisabeth (Veith '92)**, is looking for a job in chemistry. They live in Austin, TX (see *Down the Aisle* column).

After a year of training, **Katherine Turner** has recently been assigned to work as a language survey specialist for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Tanzania, East Africa. She hopes to leave in January or September of 1995.

**Esther Venketeswaran** is attending South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies in Bangalore, India, following a year at Ontario Theological Seminary in Toronto.

**93** **Douglas Bowerman** is attending medical school at the State University of New York Health Science Center in Syracuse.

**Jim Hilliard** is an environmental scientist for Consulting Environmental Engineers in West Hartford, CT, doing research and writing. His wife, **Christy (Broberg '96)**, is completing her B. A. degree in English at the University of Connecticut.

**Jennifer Little** completed a master of library science degree at the State University of New York at Albany in August 1994. She accepted a position as reference librarian at Williams College in Williamstown, MA, for the fall semester.

**Nate Ransil** is an activity specialist at Eagle Village in Hersey, MI. Delinquent boys come to the village for a five-month residential treatment program.

**Amy (Warner) Wilson** writes that several Houghton alumni attended her wedding. **Leigh (Williams '94) Meyers** and **Lindé Crittenden '93** were in the wedding party. Guests included **Al Meyers '94**, **Lisa Seidel '93**, **Andrew Stevens '93** and **Sari Aintablian '93** (see *Down the Aisle* column).

**94** **Karen Griffith** has accepted a position as an admissions counselor at Judson College in Elgin, IL.

**Al and Leigh (Williams '94) Meyers** are working for the Salvation Army in Chambersburg, PA. Al is a youth pastor and Leigh is the director of the Army's supervised visitation program.

## In Memoriam

**'58 Abraham S. Castor** died in Orlando, FL, August 24, 1994. He attended Asbury Theological Seminary and graduated from Emory University Candler School of Theology. Abe held pastorates in the United Methodist Church in Tampa and Miami, FL, then transferred to the Presbyterian Church USA in 1973. He went on to pastorates in this denomination in Belle Glade, Zephyrhills and Orlando. In 1983 he graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary, then from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1985. His doctoral thesis was a two-volume book—*Not for Pentecostals Only: A Biblical Response to Pentecostal Claims From an Evangelical and Reformed Perspective*. Survivors include his wife, **Martha (Holl '59)**,—now of Winter Park, FL.—three sons and a daughter.

**'54 Ralph Frick**, a retired teacher and guidance counselor, died October 4, 1994, in Niagara Falls (NY) Memorial Center after a sudden illness. After graduating from Houghton he earned a master's degree in educational counseling. Beginning in the Jasper and Barker (both New York) school districts, Frick worked for 34 years as an educator, retiring as director of guidance of the Wellsville (NY) School District in 1988. He continued counseling through New Life Assembly in Buffalo, where he directed the "All in His Name" ministry. Frick was past president of the Rotary Club of Wellsville and was a member of the National Education Association. Survivors include his wife; two daughters; a son; five stepchildren; and 21 grandchildren. Burial was in Houghton's Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

**'42 George Huff (D.D. '68)** died August 25, 1994, in Sunfield, MI. He was 77. Following college Dr. Huff was a missionary and field superintendent for The Wesleyan Church in Sierra Leone, W. Africa, for 15 years, later serving as district superintendent of the denomination's West Michigan district. Next he came to Houghton College as vice president for development from 1976 until his retirement in 1980. Concurrently he chaired the Wesleyan Pension Board for some 20 years, and was active in ministry. Most recently he served on the building committee for Calvary Wesleyan Church in Cape Coral, FL, where he has lived for most of the past 14 years. The Huffs moved back to Michigan during his terminal illness. Funeral services were conducted in Holland, MI, on August 29. Survivors include his widow, **Mildred (Looman '40)**; three children (a fourth child predeceased him in Africa); 10 grandchildren; a great-grandson; two brothers; nieces and nephews. The Huffs had been married 55 years. Memorial gifts may be made to Wesleyan World Missions or Barry Community Hospice. Mrs. Huff, who has





Dr. Huff



Mr. Hurd

since returned to Dunedin, FL, expressed thanks for the encouragement and kindnesses of their many friends.

'39 **James Hurd** died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest on September 18, 1994, in Seattle, WA. After attending Houghton for three years, Jim joined his father in the meats and grocery business in Scranton, PA. He served in the U. S. Navy for two years during World War II. In 1950 he returned to Houghton as manager of the Twin Spruce Inn for two years. He then became manager of the Houghton College bookstore for 13 years, creating much of the design for what became the campus store in the Reinhold Campus Center. In 1965 he joined the staff of Seattle Pacific University as manager of the college bookstore, serving for 15 years. Jim was pivotal to that store's award-winning design. Next he worked for 12 years in the SPU office of development where he was involved in the fellows program. Surviving are his widow, **Mary (Madwid '38)**, to whom he had been married for 54 years; and two daughters, including **Shari '67**.

'75 **William Hurd** died September 19, 1994, after a long illness. A native of Salamanca, NY, he spent the last 15 years living in California. He graduated from Salamanca High School, later attending Houghton and a college in Pennsylvania. Mr. Hurd was a hospital receptionist and a computer programmer. Five sisters survive.

'33 **George Osgood** died September 10, 1994, in the Sarasota (FL) Health Care Center after a long illness. Rev. Osgood had pastored Wesleyan churches in East Aurora, East Leon, Levant, Cuba, Oakland and Little Valley (NY) prior to his retirement in 1966. He was a member of the Sunlight Wesleyan Church in Sarasota. Survivors include his wife; three sons including **Ted '51**; three stepdaughters; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Houghton.

'21 **Ruth (Luckey) Welch** died August 12, 1994, at the Heritage Home in Utica, NY. She was 93. The daughter of Houghton president James and Edith (Bedell) Luckey, Ruth graduated from Oberlin College in 1922. On July 1, 1939, she married Paul Welch, who died in 1988. Mrs. Welch was a history teacher in secondary schools in Warsaw, East Aurora, Whitesboro and New Hartford, NY, schools. She was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Utica and the Retired Teachers' Association. Survivors include a brother, **Robert Luckey**

'37; and several nieces and nephews.

*Milieu* has received these incomplete death notices:

'51 **Elizabeth (Dunkin) Head** died March 22, 1994. Her husband survives.

'26 **Myrtle (Mattoon) Stuart** died last summer.

## Memorial Gifts

*Donors to Houghton College frequently desire to give special recognition to those individuals who have influenced their lives. Many do this by making gifts in honor or in memory of friends, family, and other loved ones. The donor and honoree names are preserved in a permanent college record. This Milieu column was derived from that record as of October 28, 1994.*

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## HIGHLANDER SPORTS

by David Mee, Sports Information Director

### Women's Soccer Enjoying Success

Coach David Lewis's Lady Highlanders are in the midst of their most successful season in college history. At 13-2-1, Houghton has consistently appeared in the NAIA Women's National Poll, reaching a ranking of #10 mid-way through the '94 season. Led by junior forward Heidi Gugler, the Lady Highlanders have already set team records for regular season wins and most goals scored and will soon defend their conference title. Frosh goalkeeper Amy Lemon has nine shutouts on the season to date, leading most to assume that the defense is in good hands for several years to come.

### Nationals-Bound?

Another trip to the NAIA nationals seems well within reach

for Coach Bob Smalley's men's and women's cross country teams. Led by a strong nucleus of upperclassmen, including Naomi Castellani and Leslie Roberts for the women and Jason Wiens and Lee Thurber for the men, Houghton's runners have placed well in a number of meets. In their lone Houghton appearance, the squads captured the Houghton Invitational crowns. The Highlanders continue to be among the northeast's strongest NAIA programs.

### Field Hockey Titling

Joining her husband Peter on the college's coaching staff this summer, Cathy Fuller embarked on a new career in coaching collegiate field hockey. With the season complete at 12-4, it's clear that Houghton's hockey program is in good hands. In addition to their fine record, the Lady Highlanders captured the Christian

College Invitational title for the fifth consecutive year behind team leaders Karen Reichenbach (So., Langhorne, PA) and Brenda Pettygrove (Sr., Philadelphia, PA).

### Volleyball on Course

Glen Conley is one of several new faces on the Highlander's coaching staff. The former head coach at Edinboro (PA) faced the tall task of leading a squad that lost three key players from its '93 conference championship team. Despite this and several injuries to players on the '94 roster, the Lady Highlanders' record currently stands at the .500 plateau with play-offs scheduled to begin in early November. April Stone and Allysia Hanson, sophomore hitters from Virginia and California, respectively, are among those who returned from last year's team.

### Wellington Leads Men's Soccer to National Notoriety

Jamie Wellington may be the best natural goal scorer in the country." That's what first-year head coach Peter Fuller said in a recent feature article in the *Olean Times Herald*.

Judging by the statistics, one would be hard pressed to argue with Fuller's assessment. At press time, the Orchard Park, NY, native had tallied 34 goals (surpassing his own season record of 29 set in '93) this year, bringing his career goal total to 87. (1970's standout Patrick Okafor held the previous record with 42 career goals.)

Fuller returned to his alma mater this summer to inherit the soccer program from Doug Burke, the Highlanders' mentor since 1967. Under Burke, Fuller was named an All-American before completing college play and embarking on a highly-successful coaching career that has led him back to the sidelines of Stebbins Field.

The Highlanders are currently

16-1, while sporting the #6 position in the latest NAIA national poll. Not since 1978 has Houghton garnered as much respect in the national poll. As the top squad in the northeast, the Highlanders are expecting to host both conference and regional post-season competitions in hopes of a national tournament berth to Mobile, AL, Thanksgiving week. It would be Houghton's first trip to the pinnacle of NAIA soccer since 1987.

Without question, senior Wellington has drawn the attention of each team Houghton has faced this year. Through 15 wins, Wellington scored the winning goal in 10 games. Having suffered an asthma attack late in the first half of the Highlanders' much-anticipated game with then-18th ranked Walsh University (OH), Wellington returned mid-way through the second half to score two key goals in the Highlanders' impressive 5-2 triumph. "This may sound funny,"

says Fuller, "but he's very unselfish around the goal—he has 11 assists this year.

"And on top of everything else, he's a true leader," Fuller added. "As the captain of the team, he never asks his teammates to do anything he wouldn't do." While most collegiate players are resigned to seeing their competitive soccer careers end with graduation, Wellington is looking toward the world of soccer beyond Houghton.

"I hope to have the chance to play professionally," he says. And with the addition of a new professional major soccer league in 1995 and the already-existing indoor leagues, he might realize his dream. Yet, it is clear to all who know Jamie that he is focused on one goal for the time being: to help lead his college squad to the national tournament where soccer enthusiasts know that "anything can happen."



## Trustees Studying More Housing

In the fall session Houghton trustees approved a financial feasibility study for another 42-resident townhouse. If approved at year's end, the townhouse would be built on college land adjacent to the Houghton Nursing Home. Planners would attempt a design that could also be adapted to serve as the initial units of a retirement

complex, were college needs to change.

Trustees granted tenure to education department head Dr. Edna Howard, who joined the faculty in 1988, and to psychology and education professor Constance Finney, serving since 1983.

Trustees were apprised of interviews Houghton has conducted with some 40 King's College students considering transfer here when that institution closes at semester's end. President Chamberlain said that with Kings gone, the nation's third most populous state will have just three evangelical Protestant colleges—symbolic, he observed, of operating complexities in New York State.

## WJSL's Signal, Service Improve

Campus radio station WJSL has advanced its technical edge, going to 24-hour stereo operation, a daily 16 of those hours taken off of satellite transmission by the Mars Hill Network originated by station WMHR in Syracuse, NY.

Station manager and communication professor David Manney noted that since WJSL's Mars Hill affiliation began in 1987, picking up their signal—first by high-gain antenna, then by microwave—has been plagued by fade or other station interference, problems exacerbated by Houghton's fringe distance from Syracuse. In 1992 Manney and chief engineer Dr. Fred Trexler began lobbying WMHR for satellite transmission as a benefit to all network stations. WMHR raised the requisite funds and WJSL used an \$8,000 gift to buy receiving equipment.

Thanks to hours of effort by Manney, Trexler and assistant engineer Alan Shea, service began in September. But the anticipated clear signal was inhibited, first because of installation damage done to Houghton's receiver, then by discovery that its controlling computer needed reprogramming. Although the new system now operates flawlessly, the old microwave receiving system is retained and maintained as a backup.

President Chamberlain told a campus forum that the trustees had requested figures on student/staff and student/administrator ratios to supplement the usual faculty/student ratio statistic. They placed a cost-of-living plus two percent cap on student charges for next year, approved cost-of-living-plus-one-percent salary increases, and raised the '95-'96 budget contingency fund to \$250,000—of a projected \$18 million-plus budget.

The president said that he and trustee Joanne Lyon had shared with a denominational commission progress in building awareness and program for ministerial training at Houghton. Since a critical mass of students is needed to populate the denomination's curriculum goals, expansion in cooperation with other institutions is being explored. Houghton now enrolls more than 100 students in religion and philosophy-related majors.

Dr. Chamberlain also noted continuing study on multi-cultural programs, a leadership track for students and review of the community responsibilities statement.



## Canadian Scholarship

Frosh David Gero of Truro, NS, (circled above) is the first Houghton student to receive a scholarship from the college's Canadian Foundation. The biology major was selected on the basis of need. This fall the college enrolled 30 Canadian students (many of them also pictured above).

Ten years in formation, the foundation is registered with the Canadian government with authority to issue tax exempt receipts for gifts made to benefit Canadian students enrolled at Houghton. Its present assets total \$13,500, the product of numerous small contributions and one major gift. No upper limit has been placed on giving to this project.

Registration requires that all foundation monies be invested, and principle remain in Canada. Both Canadians and non-Canadians may contribute to the fund. Sue (Cooper '79) Hutton of Brantford, ON, is president of the foundation, authorized to receive funds on its behalf. Gifts may be sent to her at 11 Highland Dr. RR4, Brantford, ON, N3T5L7 Canada, or Kenneth Nielsen at Houghton College. The college has agreed to accept all Canadian student college expense monies valued at par, currently a significant added benefit to these students.



## '94 PACE Award Cites International Scholarship Donor

During the September 30 Founders' Fellowship luncheon, PACE chairman Dr. Robert Davidson '65 of Otego, NY, presented the '94 PACE award to Marjorie Wetherbee '61. In acknowledging the award Ms. Wetherbee movingly described her youth, several life-threatening illnesses, her coming to Houghton and subsequent decision to honor God's mercies by giving something back—to international students at the college which had nurtured her.

From the work world, she came to Houghton from Waltham, MA, in the fall of 1956, majoring in sociology, minoring in psychology and music. She also worked in the registrar's office. Her then-faculty advisor, Dr. Arthur Lynip, has no recollections of her student problems or triumphs, but remembers well (from the days he lived in California) Marge's post-college reputation as a social case worker in the greater Los Angeles area. "A remarkable lady," he called her; "a welcome visitor, one who gained the trust of clients in the poorest of homes." Retired now, and living in Newport Beach, CA, Marge still volunteers time working with the partially disabled.

Dr. Davidson said the PACE

award recognizes people who make significant, though behind-the-scenes, contributions to Houghton College's ministry. Over the years since she graduated, Marge has made near-monthly gifts to the college. With notable exceptions these gifts have been small, but their cumulative effect is

impressive. In 1972 Marge established the Wetherbee International Student Scholarship which aids Houghton students today. Australia, Malaysia, China, Hong Kong and Africa are just some of the places where Marge's Houghton investment in international youth pays dividends.



### Academy News: Expansion Under Roof

Only three rain days in some two months of construction is an essential aspect of progress on the \$1.8 million renovation and new construction underway at Houghton Academy. Whitford Construction Company of Wellsville, NY, expects enclosure of the school's doubled space by mid-November. Going under roof will be a massive 40-foot-high stage and 300-seat auditorium, to be shared with college drama and other functions. A second floor above the current gym structure will house five new classrooms, including science lab and art studio.

Headmaster Philip Stockin anticipates receiving the keys to the facilities in February 1995. Renovations on Bowen Hall (above right) will follow. Celebrations throughout the spring will include musical presentations and a formal dedication on May 5th. Construction began late last spring with over 70 percent of the finances raised. Pledges or donations for the \$400,000 balance are needed *and* anticipated before completion. Pray for a successful finish to the academy's four-year *Double the Vision* campaign.

A record 140 students and staff are tolerating the adjustments necessary to cope with construction-engendered dust, noise and displacement this fall in view of the evident progress.

### Development Director Appointed

Houghton Academy has hired Timothy Keith, a 1971 Academy alumnus, as director of development effective in January 1995. Mr. Keith, who has a graduate degree in school administration from Ohio State University, brings a breadth of experience to Houghton from over a dozen years as an administrator at Northwest Community Christian School in Phoenix, AZ. He and his wife, Deborah (Grofik HC'75), have two children.

Paul Shea (H C '69), who has been development director for the past four-and-a-half years, is moving across the valley to Houghton College, where he will direct the international student office and be assistant professor of missions.



Dr. Basinger presents flowers to Ms. Wetherbee.



## Technology Gift

Following a September demonstration of Houghton's Macintosh-based multi-media lab—established out of an earlier grant—NYNEX official Michael McGowan presented a \$43,500 check to Dr. Chamberlain to underwrite support staffing of the lab in its second year of operation. Earlier in the month area school teachers participated in a day's study of the equipment's capability in producing student assessment portfolios.

## Calendar

### NOVEMBER

- 23 Thanksgiving break begins
- 28 Classes resume
- 30 Faculty recital: Mark Hijleh, composition, 8 pm

### DECEMBER

- 1 Gallery opening: senior art exhibit
- 2 Artist Series: Nutcracker Ballet, 8 pm
- 3 CAB movie, 8 pm
- 7 Wind Ensemble concert, 8:15 pm
- 8-10 Madrigal Dinners, 6:30 pm
- 9 CAB movie, 8 pm
- 11 Christmas concert, 6:30 pm
- 16 Final day of exams
- 17 Dorms close

### JANUARY

- 9 Classes begin
- Gallery opening: Carl Shanahan, ceramics
- 13 CAB movie
- 15 CLEW begins: Bart Parman, chaplain at Westmont College
- 20 CAB movie, 8 pm
- 23 Faculty recital: Judy Congdon, organ, 8 pm
- 27 Gallery talk/reception: Shanahan, 6:30 pm
- CAB movie, 8 pm

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Gallery opening: Ted Murphy, paintings
- 3 CAB movie, 8 pm
- 10 CAB movie, 8 pm
- 15 Young Performers' Series, 8:15 pm
- 17 Gallery talk/reception: Ted Murphy, 6:30 pm
- Artist Series: U.S. Military Concert Band, 8 pm
- 18 CAB movie, 8 pm



Nineteen Houghton College seniors have been selected for inclusion in the 1995 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Nominations were based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. These qualities were recognized during an October chapel service and a luncheon. Recipients were: Noelle Gurley, Houghton, NY; Scott Reitnour, Fillmore, NY; Lois (Boon) Warren, Houghton, NY; William Mann, Caneadea, NY; Karon Bedell, South Dayton, NY; Aimee Bence, Marion, IN; Gregory Bish, Niagara Falls, NY; Esther Carpenter, Savannah, GA; Kin-Ho Chan, Hong Kong; Melissa Doland, Madison, OH; Matthew Dominguez, Glen Ellyn, IL; Brian Kvasnica, Flushing, MI; Donald Lawrence, Rochester, NY; Melinda Mattison, Rochester, NY; Evelyn Schneider, Fairport, NY; Cory Seaman, Churchville, NY; Elizabeth Sylvester, Mount Kisco, NY; Evelyn Tillepaugh, Oneonta, NY; and Jose Zambrana, Jr., Warwick, NY.

## Dr. Schultz Wins Excellence Award

Dr. Carl Schultz, 26-year professor of Old Testament at Houghton and religion and philosophy department head, recently received a 1994-95 Independent College Fund of New York Teaching Excellence Award, one of 13 New York State faculty members so recognized for resourcefulness and leadership as an independent college educator. Winners are selected by independent committees on their own campus, each receiving an award of \$1,000. Houghton's award was funded by New York Gas and Electric. Dr. Schultz will use the money for professional travel.

Dr. Schultz earned his Ph.D. in Biblical studies from Brandeis University in 1973. Since 1971 he and his wife Annalee have served the Hinsdale and Ischua, NY, United Methodist churches. Besides his teaching, administering

a department and pastoring two churches, Schultz is a prolific writer and has led 11 study groups to the Holy Land or other Middle Eastern countries.

At one time or another, Schultz has served on every committee under the college's constitution. He advises nearly 50 students a year—more than 1,000 during his career. He is a perennial Houghton Elderhostel and alumni college lecturer—20 courses at last count.

Sharing in the day's honors were Mrs. Annalee Schultz, their daughter Esther and husband Scott; Olean (NY) United Method-



The Schultzes with daughter and son-in-law

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ist district superintendent, the Rev. Jeff Crawford, and members of the churches Dr. Schultz pastors.

## Faculty News

Chemistry professor Dr. Irmgard K. Howard has completed a lecture tour for the American Chemical Society speaking before university and club audiences in Alabama and Mississippi. Observing: "We chemists need to tune into chemical concerns of the public, and we need to help the public understand the chemistry around and within everyone," she illustrates her lectures with examples of public misunderstandings of chemistry, drawn from her collection of 20 years. This was her third such tour for the ACS.

On October 22 in Tulsa, OK, associate professor of communication Roger Rozendal received an award of merit for 10 years' service on the national eligibility committee of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Four years ago Rozendal received an award for service to NAIA districts 18 and 31.

## Parent Weekends

Two parents' weekends drew nearly 1,100 participants in October. Christian illusionist Toby Travis entertained and ministered to upperclassmen and their parents; 10 choral groups (500 performers) from area colleges drew a full house at the freshmen weekend. The new townhouse complexes were also dedicated, one at each occasion. Very popular with parents and students were trail rides operating out of the college equestrian center. For both weekends the new Inn at Houghton Creek was filled to capacity. The familiar sample classes, brunch with the president and opportunities to discuss financial aid and meet faculty, rounded out the schedule—along with student-parent escapes to city scenes.



*Smiling through the rain: Dr. Marjorie Stockin (shown with two of her grandchildren) was Homecoming Parade grand marshal.*

## Homecoming Summary

At Founders' Day Dr. Chamberlain presented an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to emerita Houghton professor of art Marjorie Ortlip Stockin for her career contributions to the college art department, saying, "Her vigor, vision and constancy over four decades were seminal to the art major's realization." Two of her siblings and two generations of family were present to see her honored.

To Canadian philanthropist, public speaker, art enthusiast, church and family woman, Jean Irving of Rothesay, New Brunswick, the president presented an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree. He observed: "Whether the business is petroleum or forest products, shipbuilding, construction, restaurants or retailing, Irving Enterprises strives to implement its corporate motto: 'Where Service Means Everything.' Jean's life personifies that motto."

Friday evening Mrs. Stockin offered a gallery talk at the opening of an exhibit of her art from 1931 to the present. Saturday rain dampened, but didn't extinguish enthusiasm for the parade, but coronation of the Homecoming King and Queen and dedication of "The River of Faith," ceramist Gary Baxter's 13.5 x 5.5 relief

carving (see September 1994 *Milieu* back cover) moved indoors. Named queen was Maria Leiffer of Longview, TX. King Brian Lipka hails from Churchville, NY.

Veteran soccer coach E. Douglas Burke, now retired, was named dedicatee of the school's 1994 yearbook, the *Boulder*, and the new scoreboard alumni presented in his and his wife's honor projected a winning image at the afternoon game (see back cover photo).

"I wish I could stay for Celebration Sunday night," has been a frequent comment Celebration coordinator Rob Jacobson '80 has heard from alumni departing Homecoming late Saturday or at noon on Sunday.

His response? "A new tradition," a Celebration reunion held on Saturday night. Some 70 alumni enjoyed the first reunion in Houghton Church, the new home for the Jacobson-led Sunday evening praise and worship time, now drawing some 350 weekly.

Alumni shared in favorite scripture songs learned in college, many of them penned by Rob and his wife, Wendy (Todd '85). They offered updates on their lives and ministry opportunities, testifying that five to 10 years out of school they're "finding that God is reliable."



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King Brian Lipka and Queen Maria Leiffer



L. to r. Drs. Irving, Stockin, Chamberlain and Sanden



At Homecoming horse trials, choral activities director Jean Reigles won her division in her first such competition riding Son Dee Singalong.



The new alumni-donated soccer scoreboard honors the services of retired Coach and Mrs. Doug Burke.

## Put Art to Christ's Service

Leading New York portrait artist John Howard Sanden received an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree September 30 after he gave the 1994 Founders' Day address, "How Do You Get to Carnegie Hall?"

Sanden said the view from his Carnegie Hall studio shows an art world which has rejected "the true, the good and the

beautiful," too often substituting portrayals of "the deceitful, the repulsive, the ugly."

Quoting syndicated columnist Dale O'Leary, Sanden urged a return to the "dynamic vision found in the great tradition of Western art, particularly Christian painting, architecture, music and literature."

Houghton's appeal, he said, is its strong academic

tradition integrated with vigorous faith in the gospel of Christ. Focusing on the art majors in the audience he concluded: "If art is your love and your ambition, then go for it—but put your art to the service of Christ."

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