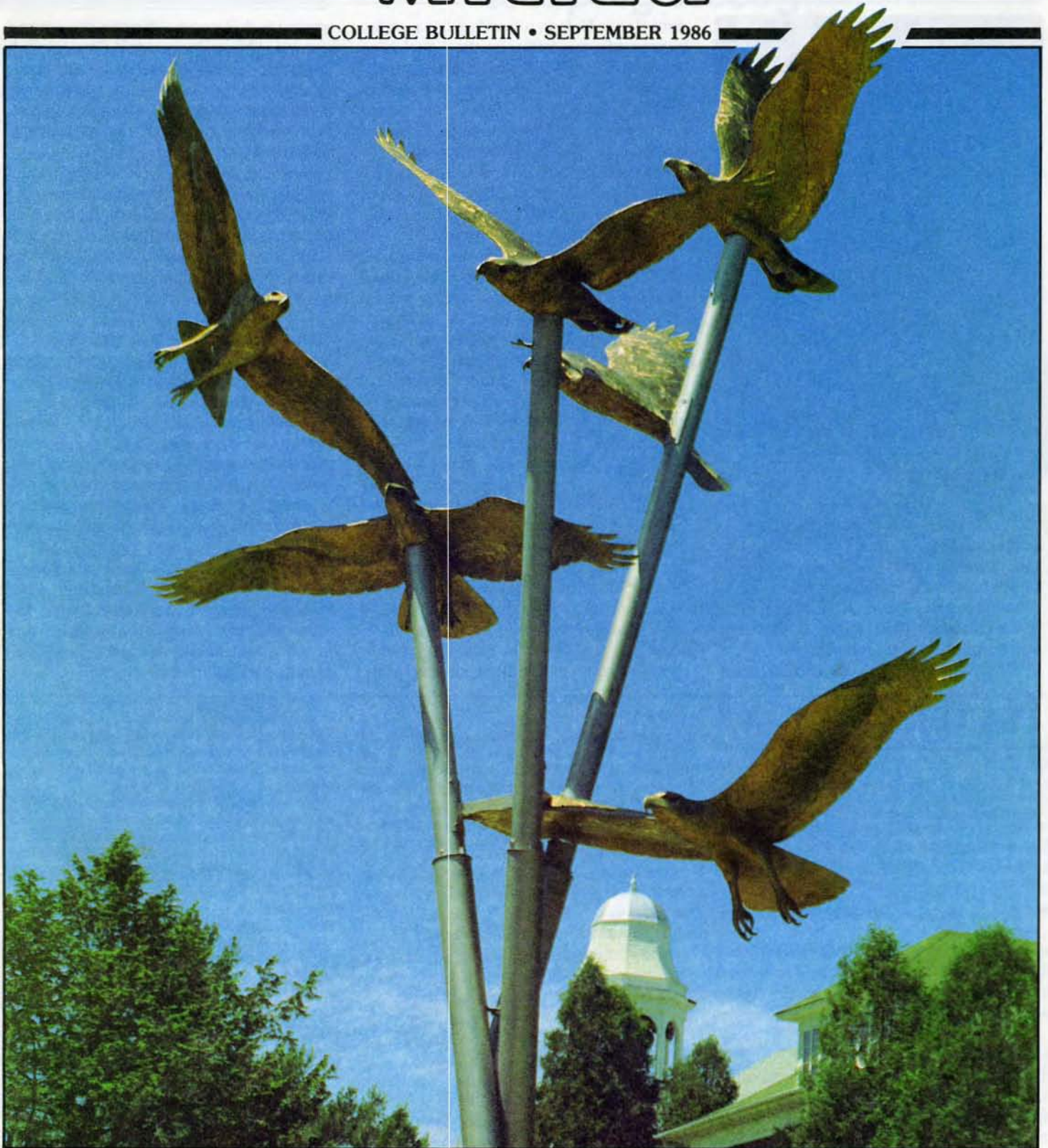


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"You have set yourself apart as a scholar-servant in the best tradition of Houghton College. Therefore, the Alumni Association is pleased and proud to recognize you, Dean A. Liddick, as a 1986 Distinguished Houghton Alumnus, and to present you with this plaque."

That's how alumni association presi-

dent Roger Nelson wound up his surprise expose of your editor at the concluding banquet of SAW '86. An honor? Certainly. But beyond any recognition of 22-plus years at Houghton, the award text again made me consider the roots sustaining any success worth noting.

"Born to missionary parents in India," Roger had intoned, adding recollections of some in the audience about a "well-adjusted only child" holed up in Houghton during WWII. Returning our family to India in 1945, Roger mentioned Calvert System correspondence school and my mother as instructor/example. (Happily she was in the audience, having just celebrated her Houghton golden anniversary). And the good Catholics at Calvert in Baltimore deserve praise for an elementary curriculum I've never seen equaled for breadth and style.

Nelson triggered memories of teachers past by mentioning Woodstock School (India), Houghton Academy, and Eastwood High in Syracuse, NY. How much do I owe Lora Smith who demonstrated and drilled penmanship one on one? (Compelling prose means little if no one can read your writing. And yes, Cynthia, it used to be worse).

And I hear Dorothy Newman, pounding her cane on the floor for emphasis,

waving a dull composition in the air and rasping, "Make it sparkle!" She cajoled, embarrassed, applauded, shamed, goaded and made us write; always one more draft of one more theme or book report. Professionally I still rate her my most influential classroom teacher.

Next came Houghton College, not by my painstaking selection, not because I thirsted for higher education, but because all of my life my parents had inculcated, "Houghton after high school" with the same unstated logic that makes "and jelly" follow peanut butter.

For me Houghton was an undistinguished, but invaluable, academic experience, affording exposure to people who let themselves, as well as their learning, be on display—Charles Davis, Roland Kimball, William Allen, Robert Ferm, Robert Fiegl—so many. Lasting friendships began here, including the now 30-year relationship with Al Smith at college press, a man who modeled Christian living as surely as did any professor.

After college? God's hand was evident in experience gained as an offset pressman, clearer in 18 months on the editorial staff of a daily newspaper; and in retrospect, more obvious in two years spent as a military policeman.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I was delighted to see that William L. O'Byrne is now teaching at Houghton.

You rightly say (*Milieu* June, 1986) that "his PhD dissertation (NYU) was the first doctoral research in the US on the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon."

Why was I delighted?

Because Houghton was involved in Bill's getting that PhD.

His mentor on that dissertation was a Houghton graduate, class of '39.

Me.

Willis Elliott

Dear Editor:

Especially enjoyed the most recent issue of the Houghton *Milieu*. Particularly the tribute to my classmate Al Smith. Ask him if he remembers the time the fellows gave "Cap" Ebel a haircut in the print shop. That effort was, of course, led by Red Ellis.

In the picture on page 12 of the *Milieu*, I believe the person listed as "unknown" is Ivan Cummings, Class of '42.

Our special greetings to Al and Esther and the others from the era of the "good old days."

God bless you all,

Flo (Jensen '42) and Al Ramsley '43

Dear Editor:

Because of Dwight's stroke of last February that requires him to be in a nursing home, his activities are limited. I read much to him and he is reading more.

We love and appreciate what Houghton is doing for the spread of the Gospel and wish we could visit again but traveling days are over, it appears.

May God continue to bless and guide you is our prayer. We are thrilled when we meet a grad from there.

In His love,
Stella H. Ferguson

Note: Dwight Ferguson was the evangelist for Christian Life Emphasis Week at Houghton in the fall of 1951, the occasion of the much publicized revival.

When Dr. Bob Luckey invited me to interview for a job at Houghton during 1963, I was stunned. Why did he think of me? But I didn't ask him at the interview, or when I signed the contract and began work on March 5 of 1964.

That first summer back here I became re-acquainted with and married classmate Carmen VanderVeen. Incredibly she abandoned a doctoral program at the University of Michigan to join me here—often sitting alone at college affairs while I run around taking pictures or making notes—always supporting, encouraging, critiquing.

Much has happened over two decades; according to Roger, *three* kids—Casda, Mitchell and Milieu. There have been experiences and friendships I couldn't have imagined. Who could fail to enjoy some success with a mentor like Bob Luckey or with the help of assistants like Nora Adams, Diane Springstead, Cynthia Machamer and Rich Koch and his darkroom successors?

The words of the plaque are special, and so is the thoughtfulness behind them. Truly, your award reminds, "thus far hath the Lord led us," and challenges me to stretch, to grow, to keep at it. Thanks for that privilege.

—Dean Liddick

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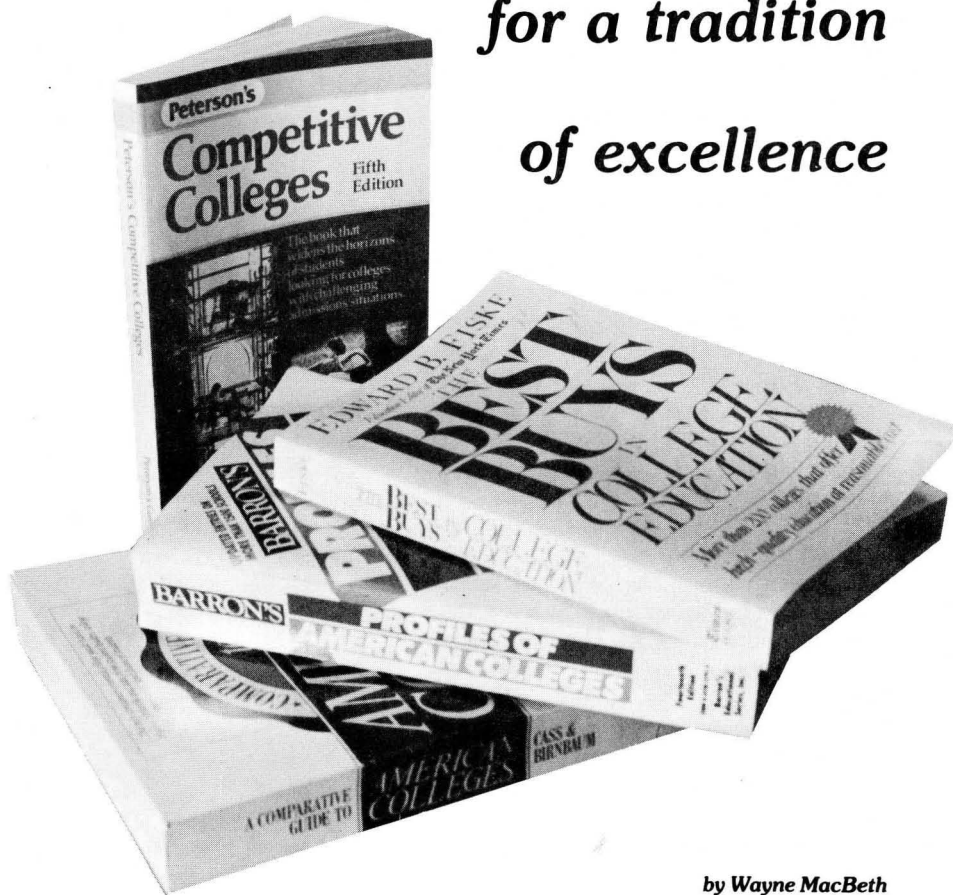
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See story on page 28.

Reaping Recognition

for a tradition
of excellence



by Wayne MacBeth

IN OCTOBER OF 1882, Willard Houghton was asked to begin a school in western New York. Shortly thereafter, he wrote to a friend, "I think that, the Lord helping me, it can be carried through." Little did he know how well and how far the Lord would help to carry Houghton through.

In 1976, Houghton College was listed in the highest category of liberal arts institutions in the Carnegie Council's edition of *A Classification of Institutions of Higher Education*. This rating was based upon the average SAT scores of freshmen or the number of graduates receiving Ph.Ds. A study completed by the National Academy of Sciences served as the basis for the decision to include Houghton College in this prestigious listing.

Since 1976, Houghton has been listed repeatedly in 10 different publications as a high-caliber liberal arts college with a national reputation. Quality instruction is a tradition as old as the school, though standards have become more stringent as the college grew. But there have been no quantum leaps. Why, then, the burst of recognition now?

Several factors are involved. Through the 1950s and '60s American colleges expanded their capacity. But in 1979, the pool of traditional college-age youth peaked. Educational leaders across the country became keenly aware of the impact the shrinking numbers of college-bound students graduating from high school would have. The combination of great capacity and fewer students,

coupled with rising college costs driven by inflation created a buyers' market. In a competitive educational environment, the public began to seek for "the best colleges." To meet the demand for objective, comparative information about colleges, specialized new publications were launched and numerous articles continue to be written.

In November of 1979, *Money* magazine selected 10 of the country's best and most affordable private liberal arts colleges. Houghton College was named among them, and a color photo of the main campus in autumnal splendor introduced the article. Soon the admissions office began to receive requests for information from prospective students and families whose first knowledge of Houghton was this article.

In 1982, two additional publications reached the marketplace with top college recommendations. *The Selective Guide to Colleges* published by Edward Fiske, the education editor of *The New York Times*, reported on 250 colleges and universities in the United States. Houghton was one of a very few Christian liberal arts colleges listed in this publication, which selected colleges on the basis of academic quality. Information in the listing was culled from interviews and survey information from key administrators and many students. *The Competitive Colleges* published by Peterson's Guide also appeared in fall of 1982. Again, Houghton appeared as one of the 296 colleges with the most competitive admissions picture.

One recent applicant commented in her application, "I chose to apply to Houghton because of the high rating assigned to Houghton by Barron's *Profiles of American Colleges*."

Similar comments about Houghton's excellent reputation continue to show up in student applications and conversations about the college with families.

Changing Times magazine listed Houghton as one of 50 choice colleges in the United States having high academic standards and below average costs. *The Comparative Guide to American Colleges* by Cass and Birnbaum says

Houghton students are "characterized as strongly oriented toward occupational/professional goals" and characterizes the college as "very selective."

Most recently, *Best Buys in College Education* published by Times Books listed Houghton as one of 221 "best buys" in higher education, noting that "cost increases have been held to a minimum, and students are offered an education that might be twice as costly somewhere else."

Individual departments receive special recognition. Rugg's *Recommendations on the Colleges* rates Houghton's religion department as having one of the nine "very selective" undergraduate programs in the country. Last November, a *U.S. News and World Report* article entitled "America's Best Colleges" included Houghton as one of 91 "national liberal arts colleges, the most selective schools emphasizing the liberal arts."

Such publications have contributed in an important way to the ongoing quality of the Houghton student body. This fall, the average SAT scores of students stand at their highest point in a decade, approximately 165 points above the national average of college-bound high school seniors.

Clearly, an academic reputation for excellence makes a difference to students and families seeking the best education available in the 1980s. More important, however, is continued emphasis upon the teaching and learning of Christian liberal arts and sciences among students and faculty at Houghton. But beyond concerns over reputation is prospective students' compelling interest in finding a Christian college which combines academic excellence with spiritual insight. Houghton's faculty and students are recruited and selected on this basis, just as they were a century ago.

Wayne MacBeth is Executive director of college relations. Former admissions director, he's held successive admissions related posts at the college since 1977.



The Unfinished Task

by Prof. Warren Woolsey

Five



ARE FOREIGN MISSIONARIES still needed? Didn't they go out with the Ford trimotor airplane, or at least with the Edsel? Well, maybe they are needed in a few remaining untouched areas, but surely not where a national church is alive and well. The question stared us in the face during our 1984-85 sabbatical in Sierra Leone. We saw that the Africanization of church leadership was an accomplished fact among Wesleyans.

Why then is that church requesting missionary help for at least another decade? Because missionaries—missionaries of the right kind—can make a significant contribution to some aspects of what remains to be done. Africanization of personnel is not indigenization. The imported machinery of governance is not yet truly African. But what would be African? If Robert's *Rules of Order* seems too Western, yet return to the traditional African model of autocratic chief is out of the question. After all, Sierra Leone is, formally at least, a parliamentary democracy. What is a valid governance structure in rapidly changing Africa?

"Didn't missionaries go out with the Ford trimotor airplane? . . . missionaries of the right kind can make a significant contribution."

The "in"-word is missiology today for what remains to be done is not "indigenization" but "contextualization." Its advocates describe contextualization as more dynamic and more comprehensive than indigenization. It involves more than accommodating the Christian message to more or less equivalent concepts and symbols, borrowing music and liturgy for worship, adapting local structures of leadership, more than a change of religion.

The criterion is the Word of God, especially in its fullest expression, the final Word which God has spoken in His Son (Heb. 1:2). That Word did not appear in pre-packaged timeless universals, but rather became incarnate in a particular culture. To make grace and truth visible, He entered into a nation's history (Lk. 3:1-2), used its language (Mk. 5:41), lived largely by its patterns (Lk. 4:16), made clearer the truth it foreshadowed (Mk. 12:35-37), challenged its distortions (Mk. 7:6-13), proclaimed new truth (Mt. 5:21 ff.), demanded new attitudes (Mk. 10:41-45; Lk. 6:32-36). Jesus also made it clear to His followers that, equipped by the Spirit, they were to break over the boundaries of that culture to teach His message and live out His life among their neighbors, even to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

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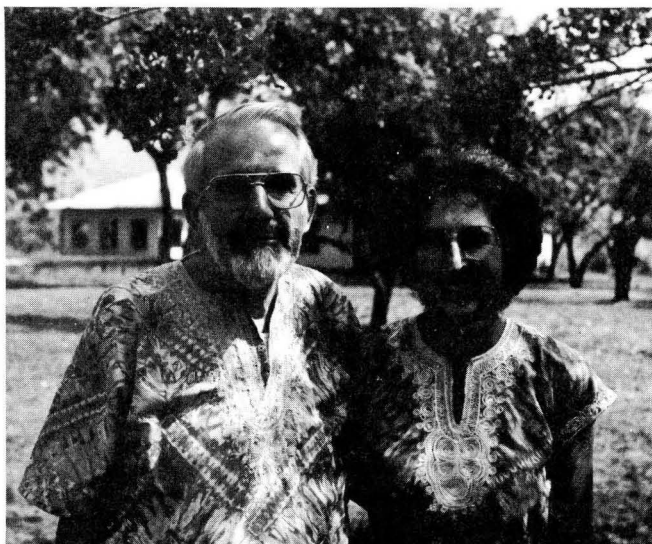
Already within the pages of the New Testament we see the church engaged in mission, sometimes spontaneously (Acts 8:4), sometimes in conscious obedience to divine command (Acts 13:2). As they moved farther afield, they contextualized the gospel. They sought to express their unique message in terms borrowed from

contemporary philosophy (Col. 2:2, 3, 9). They sometimes conformed to local custom to avoid needless offense (1 Cor. 9:19-23; 11:2-16), but also were prepared to follow a distinctive life-style even when it led to persecution (1 Peter 4). Of course, even in that first generation there were failures in contextualization, failures to grasp the implications of the gospel in new situations (Gal. 2:12 ff.; 1 Cor. 6). And indeed across the centuries of the Christian mission there have been distortion, compromise, syncretism (Arianism, Crusades, culture-Christianity).

Clearly contextualization must be a continual process. Christians must always be asking, What would the Word incarnate look like in this setting? What does "doing the truth" involve in this situation? But is there a legitimate place for foreigners in all this? Surely local

Woolsey sabbatical

"More strenuous than expected, enjoyable, spiritually challenging"



"Apparently it's not universally true that 'you can't go home again,' " according to Warren and Ella Woolsey. They say that they soon found themselves feeling very much at home again in Sierra Leone when they returned after an absence of eighteen years.

Many things had changed, of course. They had left in 1966, after sixteen years of service, when the euphoria of independence from Great Britain was still in the air. New states were then being wooed by West and East and in bet-

ween. Since then, however, economic deterioration, decay of infrastructure, occasional political disturbances, have taken their toll. Causes are difficult to identify but may include: consequences of previous colonial policy, being caught between competing outside interests, tribalism, mismanagement and doubtless some corruption. Painful symptoms are rampant inflation, acute shortages of vital commodities, unemployment. Unrealistic Independence Day dreams have faded.

But if circumstances have changed for the worse, the people remain the same, the Woolseys report. Anger may erupt here and there from time to time, but in spite of everything there remains a fundamental cheerfulness, a basic good humor. Hospitality is still the hallmark of Sierra Leoneans; generosity even out of poverty, love and loyalty toward friends, openness toward newcomers. Especially in the evangelical churches worship is marked by celebration, rejoicing in the grace of God and confident in His care. Church growth is encouraging.

The Woolseys were especially pleased to see the development of Sierra Leone Bible College, which they helped to found in 1964. Most of the sabbatical was spent there: Warren in teaching, academic consultation and library upgrading; Ella in teaching and "women's work." Both had some opportunity to participate in conferences and do some visiting up-country where they had served before. "More strenuous than expected, but most enjoyable," they report, "and spiritually very challenging."



Christians are best qualified to determine, in the light of the Biblical revelation, the distinctive character which should mark Christian faith and life in that place.

Missionary anthropologists, like Smalley, Taber, Loewen, Reyburn, for years have been describing the contribution missionaries can make toward the contextualization of the gospel where they are serving. They may serve their national brothers and sisters by joining with them in searching the Scriptures and seeking the guidance of the Spirit to "do theology," there, "on the road." They do not want to import a ready-made theology, "off the rack," so to speak. It needs to be "tailor-made." Of Biblical cloth, of course. And neither can they ignore what the Spirit has been saying to the churches across the centuries and around the world.

In this task the special role of "foreigners" can be described in several ways. They may serve as a catalyst. This is best done, not by making pronouncements, but by suggesting questions. For example (though too bluntly phrased), "What are the implications of Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan for tribal loyalty?" Missionaries also may serve as a "source of alternatives," suggesting solutions which the church has tried in other times and places. In this process the contribution of those who

have had different and perhaps wider experience may be especially helpful.

Mission today is taking place in a situation in which almost all societies, both in the West and in the Two-Thirds World, are in rapid transition. Every culture, therefore, including that from which the

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missionary is sent, must continually be under scrutiny in the light of the gospel. Christians must constantly be seeking to discover in a broader and deeper way what the gospel promises and requires with respect to belief structures, to personal life-style, to Christian community life, to impacting the broader society. Not only religious, then, but social, economic and political issues must be taken into account. The privatization of religion which

has often accompanied evangelicalism must be avoided.

Obviously service of this kind requires the right kind of person with the right kind of training. This is where Houghton College enters the picture. I believe that solid Christian liberal arts is a basic component of that training, for it aims to develop the needed habits of mind and patterns of behavior. Normally additional training will be required to sharpen special tools: theological, linguistic, medical, anthropological, etc. But here at the undergraduate level we must seek to communicate the vision and to model the commitment to the world mission of the church, in historic patterns where still appropriate (e.g. church planting under a mission board) and in new modes of service (e.g. "tentmaking," organizing a rice-marketing cooperative, teaching in a government school).

The proposal under discussion among us on campus to internationalize the curriculum may be a step in this direction. Any positive development will need to begin among us who are "the establishment" here. And that may require a significant change of perspective. A keen international student remarked to me, "The first step to internationalization may be denationalization." Not the America First mentality, but *world* Christians. Increasingly we must learn to relate *all* our work here to the growth of the kingdom.



Top: Patient taken from WAM plane at Jamestown. With nurse in flight; Gen. Watson in cockpit (right).

Borne on eagles' wings

BRADLEY SMITH '81 is director of church and public relations for Washington Aviation Ministry, a volunteer organization operated out of the Montgomery County Airpark in Gaithersburg, MD. WAM offers emergency air transportation for persons unable to afford commercial medical flight services.

The organization began in 1977, the brainchild of four men—Louis Evans, pastor of National Presbyterian Church; Ed Boyer, Director of the US Department of Health and Human Services; Brig. Gen. Paul Watson USAF Ret., and Maj. Gen. Bill Buckingham, USAF. They began with a single engine Beachcraft and an agenda of helping people in church ministries to extend their outreach by providing air transit at a third the cost of scheduled airlines. A year ago, WAM, expanded now to four aircraft and 100 volunteers, (35 pilots—some retired, others military and commercial aviators—plus mechanics, nurses, doctors, EMTs and others) began spending weekends and evenings ferrying the sick in emergency situations of various kinds.

The experience of Houghton radio station WJSL manager Walt Pickut's family is typical. Walt's retired parents lived in St. Cloud, FL. Last year his father successively suffered a major heart attack, had quadruple by-pass surgery and later, a stroke. Cut off from children in the north, the senior Pickuts needed oversight, but he was too ill to move north. None of the family had the money needed for a commercial medivac, but Walt's brother-in-law knew Gen. Watson through the Officers' Christian Union at West Point, and asked if WAM could help. It could.

So, on July 13, a WAM Cessna 421, a pressurized twin engine craft equipped for minimal life support, and carrying an attending nurse, flew to Orlando, carried Mr. Pickut and Walt to Jamestown, NY. (Walt had arranged for his parents to enter Heritage Village in nearby Gerry). The attending ambulance crew there marveled that such caring, hi-tech help could be found for the cost of fuel and landing rights. The senior Mr. Pickut is improving.

WAM will fly people to or from eastern states from Maine to Virginia. From Texas, a new branch is serving four southern states. Brad Smith, one of three full-time employees who raise their support much as do faith missionaries, says WAM averages a flight every three-and-a-half-days, and answered 32 requests in May. A major goal of the service is Christian ministry to those served. For more details, Smith can be reached at WAM, PO Box 2457, Reston, VA 22090.

ASA—"Working to

For the second time in its nearly 50-year history, the 2,600-member American Scientific Affiliation held its annual meeting and national conference at Houghton College. An organization of Christian scholars in science and related fields, the Affiliation seeks to interpret the scientific community and the Christian community each to the other.

Hosted by Houghton biology professor and ASA past-president Donald Munro, some 140 professionals from academe, industry, and other walks of life discussed the program theme, *The Nature of Humanity*. Keynote speaker and Hope College (MI) psychology professor David G. Myers opened the conference on the topic, "Current Trends in Psychology: Myths and Realities." A crowd of 200 listened as Myers presented an overview of current trends in the investigation of psychology and religion. As these seemed to show a basic compatibility between the two, Myers went on to ask, "Why is there a critique by Christians of current psychology? Why the mistrust?"

He suggested that the mistrust was a product of misconceptions about psychology in the Christian community, and he articulated nine of these "myths". For example, many people believe that psychology counters Christian teaching by encouraging self-centeredness and permissiveness. On the contrary, said Myers, psychology in the humanistic tradition emphasizes respect for others and research in developmental psychology shows that permissive parenting is the least desirable style. To the myth that psychology counters Christian teaching because it denies freedom, dignity, and self-control, Myers replied that modern psychological research affirms human autonomy and choice, and emphasized the value of the self as psychology's most vibrant concept of the mid-1980s. He then illustrated some of the ways in which current psychological research strongly support the views of many Christians. On a social issue like pornography, for instance, psychological research shows that exposure to pornography, especially that mixing sex and violence, causes men to hold more

to further Christ's Kingdom on earth"

by Paul Young

Nine

denigrating attitudes toward women and to be more tolerant of rape.

Saturday morning sessions presented reports of the Affiliation's commission on Technology and Humanity—Social Ethics, considerations of the influence of technology on the world, humanity, the community, and the person. The greatest discussion was engendered by contentions in two of the papers, by Robert VanderVennen and Duane Kaufmann, that if technology threatens human values, we can and should reverse the technology. Some respondents doubted that turning back is possible, even when a pluralistic society can agree on the threat to human values. VanderVennen maintained, however, that "We have a responsibility to govern what we have made. Technology is not autonomous. Technology needs those who follow the Spirit of the Creator God."

Myers' paper on Saturday afternoon, titled "Yin & Yang in Psychological Research and Christian Belief," suggested a linkage of psychology and faith through five pairs of complementary principles, arguing that "It is in the union of complementary opposites that truth is revealed." For example, in psychological research, attitudes both influence and are a consequence of behavior. In Christian belief, faith is both a source and a consequence of action. Parallels like this, he argued, are key insights into human nature that our students must get. Asking which side of a complementarity is more true, he said, is like asking which blade of

a pair of scissors is more necessary.

The afternoon was rounded out by paper presentations from ASA members, and the evening by the requisite outing to Letchworth and a slide show of the previous year's conference at Oxford University in Great Britain.

After the Sunday morning worship service, Houghton biology professor Elizabeth Cook '62 made a presentation and led a field trip to Moss Lake. Later, Myers considered some "Practical Implications of Psycho-social Research for the Church." First, he argued, the methodology of psychology can be useful to answer some of the questions faced by the church. Using the infamous example of "back-masking" of Satanic messages in rock music, Myers presented the results of psychological research which showed that backward-recorded messages could not be identified nor any influence detected even at subliminal levels with a frequency greater than would be expected by chance. Perhaps, he suggested, we should be more concerned with the message in popular music played forward.

Second, he suggested the use of psychological principles to help pastor and parishioner make more memorable messages. For example, it is much easier to recall material which is readily related to what we already know, so tying the message to the experience of the parishioner will improve recall.

The King's College biology professor Wayne Frair '50 opened the annual

business meeting with prayer. ASA's 1986 president, Ann Hunt of Eli Lilly Laboratories, (Indianapolis, IN), reviewed the Affiliation's *Missions, Goals and Objectives*. She called it the Munro Document after past-president Don Munro, under whose tenure and on whose computer it was written. President Hunt also outlined plans for a PBS television series, a China tour, and a conference on the ethics of gene splicing, all to be sponsored by ASA.

Monday morning's plenary session reported the work of the commission on Creation, Evolution, and Education, including a booklet on a "middle-of-the-road view of creationism-evolutionism," to be mailed to 40,000 biology teachers starting this fall. This is an exciting endeavor which promises to bring some balance to a hot debate.

The closing afternoon session was devoted to member papers, and included two by Houghton alumni. Jonathan Woodcock '73, who practices neuropsychiatry in Waltham, MA, discussed "The Concept of Hyper-Religiosity in Neuropsychiatric Illness: Anatomic and Clinical Considerations." Paul Young '76 talked about "The Sermon as Behavior Change Agent: The Implications of State-Dependent Learning."

The transportation team of Houghton professors Kenneth Lindley, Fred Shannon, Duane Saufley, Charles Detwiler '72, Kenneth Boon '62, Rich Stegen '69, and student Don Jester smoothly shuttled visitors between Houghton's rural serenity and bustling Buffalo, Rochester, Corning Glass Works, and Niagara Falls. Conference Director Bruce Brenneman, biology professor Ann Whiting, and Phyllis Chamberlain '60 (from the faculty at Roberts Wesleyan College) handled housing and registration, and chemistry professor Irma Howard was organist for the Sunday worship service. Physics professor Fred Trexler '64 recorded all papers on audiotape, and will make these available to Houghton alumni upon request.

Of the sessions, one longtime ASA member wrote: "The best run—confusion free—smooth meeting that I have attended." It was gratifying to overhear positive comments about the campus, especially from those who had not been here since the 1961 meeting, ("There's been some changes made!"), and from those who worked at sister colleges ("Could you guys provide this kind of accommodation at this price?").

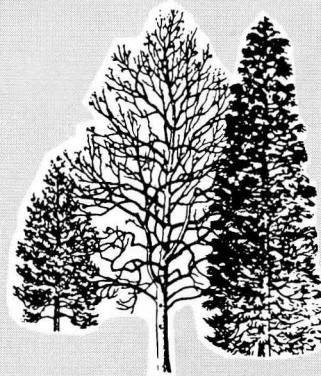


Conventioners tour Moss Lake Sanctuary.



Report of the President - 1986

Promises to Keep



AS I CONCLUDE my tenth year as Houghton's president, it seems appropriate not only to examine the activities of the 1985-86 year but also to review some of the major highlights of the past decade.

My previous experience as administrator at a major public university, as well as at several Christian colleges, enabled me to recognize Houghton as a very special place. In 1976 the College was nearing its centennial with a solid reputation for Christian commitment, academic excellence, and a sound liberal arts curriculum. Enrollment was stable and budgets were balanced. The long-term debt was funded by low interest loans and debt service was being well-managed.

While Houghton's past and present strengths impressed me, it was the challenge and the potential of the future that attracted me to accept the presidency. Even then it was clear that the agenda for American higher education would change dramatically in the final fourth of the twentieth century. The period of rapid and easy growth in students and facilities would be succeeded by a decline of nearly 40% in the high school graduates of the Northeast. Society would likely elevate other concerns above the high and central position held by higher education in the post-sputnik era.

Beyond responding to the overall agenda for American higher education additional challenges faced Houghton. In its reaccreditation visit in 1975 the Middle State Association mandated action in three areas:

1. Develop and implement a new governance structure, harness the energies and abilities of the entire community in anticipating, planning and meeting the future.
2. Revitalize the Student Development office to merit the confidence of the college community and to provide services needed by students in an increasingly complex and confusing world.
3. Maintain fiscal stability by continuing balanced budgets and avoiding current fund deficits.

Other challenges seemed equally important including:

1. Conserve and develop Houghton's human resources by improving compensation and implementing personal and professional growth programs.
2. Reaffirm Houghton's historic concern for both the personal and social dimensions of the gospel with their implications for higher education.
3. Increase Houghton's visibility to produce greater awareness among potential students, friends, and donors of Houghton's distinctive mission and character.
4. Develop and renew the physical plant to be energy-efficient and to meet changing program needs.
5. Strengthen Houghton's fiscal base by increasing the endowment.

Decade Highlights

- Houghton recognized as one of America's finest liberal arts colleges in such publications as *Money Magazine*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Peterson's Guide to Selective Colleges*, *Fiske Selective Guide to American Colleges*, *Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education*.
- Academic majors added in art and computer science.
- Full-time alumni director named.
- Faculty with earned doctors degrees increased from 29% to 64%.
- The annual college budget increased from \$5,000,000 to \$11,000,000.
- A new physical education center constructed.
- President Chamberlain elected to such leadership posts as chairman of The Christian College Consortium, The Christian College Coalition, The Wesleyan Education Council, and The Independent College Fund of New York.
- Total gifts to the college more than quadrupled from 1975-76 to 1985-86.
- A 140-bed men's dormitory constructed.
- \$1,500,000 in federal debt retired early at 47 cents on the dollar.
- Endowment increased from \$2,300,000 to \$6,000,000.
- Experimental gas wells drilled on campus.
- Student housing and maintenance building constructed on the Buffalo Suburban Campus.
- Conference program expanded to annually attract more than 7,000 visitors to campus.
- Fancher Hall completely renovated.
- Energy management system installed and numerous energy conservation measures initiated.
- Major campus landscaping and beautification projects completed.
- WJSL transformed to an FM stereo station with new studios and 24-hour operation.

Academic

Curriculum development at Houghton College has traditionally been incremental and evolutionary. In his first year as Academic Vice President, Dr. James Barnes has continued that tradition. While no single revolutionary curricular change was introduced, many modifications occurred which altogether will produce improved educational opportunities for our students.

a cooperative major

Houghton College has now introduced an art education major in cooperation with Buffalo State College. This agreement is significant not only because our students can now obtain state certification to teach art, but also because Buffalo State's art education program is one of the best and most highly regarded in the nation. This program is also one of the few in which an independent liberal arts college has been able to develop a cooperative arrangement with a campus of the State University.

internationalizing the curriculum

A major grant from the Pew Foundation to the Christian College Consortium will encourage and underwrite curriculum development in ethics, writing, and internationalizing the curriculum. In each case the intention is that these emphases will permeate existing courses and majors rather than adding new ones. Houghton's long concern in all three of these areas should thus be refined and increased. I am especially excited by the prospect of internationalizing our curriculum since this fits so well

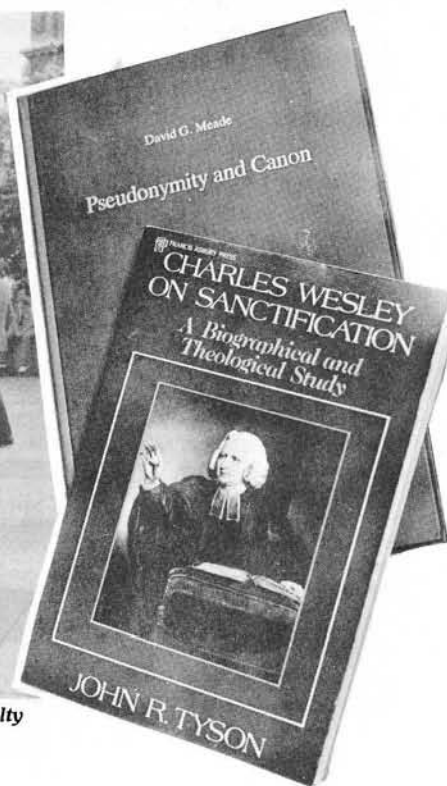
with our heritage and also anticipates the growing interdependence of the world in which our students will live and serve.

A number of other academic programs were carefully reviewed and substantially strengthened in the past year. Our elementary and secondary education programs will now include more rigorous selection processes as well as additional professional experience in the schools. Academic concentrations have been added in social work and in youth ministries. The communications program has also been improved by adding another faculty member to this growing department.

Educational technology continues to make a profound impact upon the curriculum and learning facilities at Houghton. In the past year the computerization of the library card catalog continued steadily until now more than 50% of our holdings are "on line." A micro-computing lab was added which serves students across the curriculum and which is of special value to business and accounting majors. A satellite receiver was installed to enrich the foreign language program by enabling our students to watch foreign language television programs from around the world.

faculty scholarship and development

The creativity and scholarship of Houghton's faculty also exhibited itself in their teaching and in their publications. During the past year more than a dozen faculty members produced or presented scholarly papers or publications. Especially impressive is the fact that five members of the religion and



Windows on the world: Satellite brings foreign language telecasts to campus. Students tour in Germany. Faculty books contribute to scholarship.

philosophy division had works published with John Tyson leading the way with two books, a chapter in a third book, two book reviews, and two articles. A book authored by David Meade in that same division has also just been released.

Faculty stability and continuity confer many benefits to Houghton College. At the same time they introduce the risk that self-satisfaction will replace self-examination. We have faced this dilemma by developing additional ways to encourage and reward faculty growth and scholarship. The creation of a new faculty development committee will now refine and implement these promising ideas.

excellence recognized

Houghton's tradition of excellence coupled with the accomplishments of the past year have again produced many instances of external recognition. *Rugg's Recommendations of the Colleges* lists Houghton's religion and philosophy division as one of the finest in the nation. We were also selected as one of the best administered liberal arts colleges in America. Carnegie's most recent list of outstanding liberal arts colleges places Houghton in category one—a designation shared by fewer than 100 liberal arts colleges nationwide. Again this year, the most competitive and prestigious of the college guides included Houghton in their publications.

Ten-year Highlights

- Academic majors added in the visual arts and computer science.
- Houghton's two campuses linked by a microwave system enabling a faculty member to teach students at both campuses simultaneously.
- Library holdings increased from 150,000 to over 200,000 volumes.
- A mentoring and advising system implemented to assist all freshmen students.
- Faculty development programs expanded and improved.
- Programs in English as a second language and developmental studies implemented at Buffalo Suburban Campus.
- Internship programs introduced in business and expanded to other disciplines.
- Several study-abroad programs added, making it possible for Houghton students to study in more than a dozen different countries.



Photos from top: Dean Danner browses through the 1986 Boulder, dedicated to him by the editors of that student yearbook. Championship women's soccer team. Typical student room in the new men's residence.

Student Services

Increasing cooperation between curricular and co-curricular activities characterized the 1985-86 academic year. Perhaps the most outstanding example of this cooperation is the new credit bearing freshmen orientation program. Paul Leavenworth, associate dean of students, chaired a committee of faculty and student development administrators in planning this course, which in turn called for strengthening our freshmen mentoring program which is to be chaired by professor Jacobson.

Several other faculty members are responsible for student development activities. These include philosophy professor Carlton Fisher, who will develop and guide student outreach and ministry groups; Daryl Stevenson, the head of the psychology department, is also active on the counseling staff; Dr. Lastoria, who directs our counseling and career services teamed up with Dr. John VanWicklin, chairman of the social sciences division to teach a course in the Mayterm.

Such cooperation speaks highly of the quality of the student development staff and the esteem in which they are held by the faculty. It is clear that students share this high regard, a fact which led the staff of the 1986 yearbook to dedicate that publication to dean of students Robert Danner for his combination of Christian commitment, professional competence, and personal compassion.

The student development office administers a wide range of essential campus programs, including inter-collegiate athletics. This year the women's soccer team qualified for the N.A.I.A. championship tournament in which they placed third in the nation. This was an outstanding accomplishment for first year coach Curry and for professor Burke, who is in his first year as director of athletics.

The volume of numerous student development activities is not only impressive, but almost overwhelming. For example, in 1985-86 there were more than 7,200 individual student contacts with our health service. More than 1,000 participated in intramural activities and our counseling office assisted hundreds of students with career planning, placement and personal problems.

We are presently automating many student development records to increase the efficiency as well as the effectiveness of our service to students. Such steps should free professional staff to provide and improve the supportive environment so essential to achieving our goals of serving and developing the whole person.

Ten-year Highlights

- Implemented new programs of summer orientation and freshman dedication for incoming students.
- Career development and counseling services strengthened and computerized guidance and career materials acquired.
- Construction of a new residence hall and major refurbishing of existing dormitories accomplished.

- New health center and such services as health fairs and diet clinics developed.
- Participated in conference, district and national championships in men's soccer, women's soccer, men's basketball, women's volleyball, and cross country.
- Revitalized intramurals and recreation with dozens of activities and the majority of students involved.

Alumni Affairs

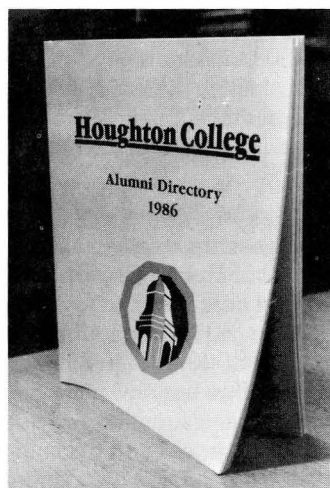
The Houghton Alumni Association continues to grow in numbers, in chapters and in attendance at such activities as Summer Alumni Weekend, Homecoming, and chapter meetings.

During this past year the alumni board initiated a careful review of all its activities and established committees to strengthen its contributions to the college. A new edition of the alumni directory was also published this year, valuable in assisting alumni to communicate with the college and with each other.

The Summer Alumni Weekend focused on our evangelical heritage and featured Dr. Timothy Smith of Johns Hopkins University. The program was a lively one which contributed to the continuing education of alumni. The Golden Age Fellowship, which was established five years ago, continues to grow. This year nearly 50 alumni attended who had graduated from Houghton more than 50 years ago.

Ten-year Highlights

- A full-time alumni director named.
- Summer alumni weekends strengthened with attendance reaching a high of more than 800 for the Centennial celebration in 1983.
- The number of alumni chapters increased by 40% to a current total of 47.
- The Golden Age Fellowship established to honor and serve alumni who graduated over 50 years ago.



While relatively few alumni choose to purchase the directories, those who do find them a valuable reference work. The 1986 edition, offering alphabetical, class and zip-code lists, is available from the alumni office for \$6.00. Other data includes: names of alumni officers, college administrators and phone numbers, historical sketches, listings of Alumnus of the Year award and Distinguished Alumni award recipients.

External Affairs

Throughout 1985-86 the area of external affairs received a special study. As a result of that review, Wayne MacBeth was named the first executive director of college relations with administrative oversight for admissions and retention, publications, church relations, financial aid, and special programs and conferences. These functions will be carefully coordinated with the alumni office and the development office so that each will supplement and complement the work of the others.

Successful admissions efforts are measured both by the quantity and the quality of the students who enter Houghton. As a college, we are determined to maintain our Christian purposes, our liberal arts emphasis, and our academic quality in spite of the discouraging demographics which have led many colleges to compromise on one or all of these important points.

admissions

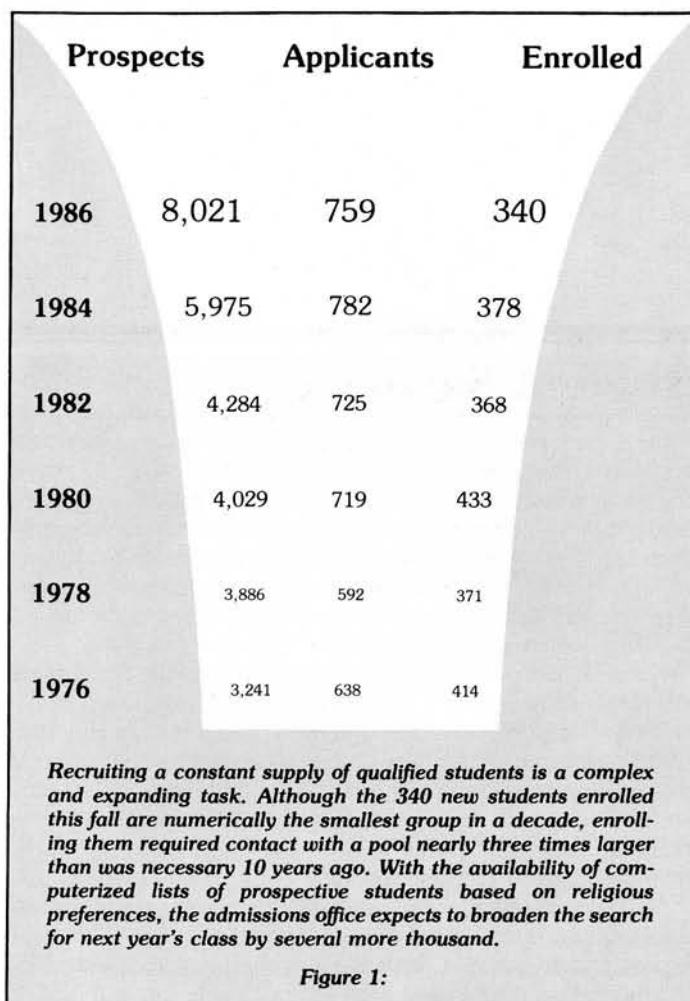
Admissions has become more and more competitive with the decline in the number of students graduating from high school. Each year the efforts increase to recruit a freshman class of the size and quality we desire. From an initial pool of 30,000 prospects the admissions office carefully cultivated 8,000 young people. Recruitment strategies included distributing tens of thousands of pieces of literature, an equal number of letters, and more than 3,000 visits to campus. Those efforts have produced an incoming class whose SAT scores of 1,074 are the highest of the decade and a full 165 points above the national average of college-going students. While we are gratified by the Christian commitment and academic quality of our new students, we were disappointed, though not surprised, by a decline of 25 in the size of our freshman class.

public information

The work of the public information office continues under the excellent leadership of Dean Liddick. Besides serving as editor of the *Milieu*, he has now accepted additional responsibilities for other publications as our college editor. The first edition of a new tabloid, *Houghton Headlines*, was recently published and other external and internal publications are now being considered. This year a new high of 1,700 individuals gave voluntary subscriptions to the *Milieu* thus sustaining the increased size and providing full color covers several times a year. A reader survey showed clearly that the magazine is carefully read and deeply appreciated.

financial aid

Houghton College is blessed with one of the most able financial teams in the nation in the persons of Robert Brown, Troy Martin, and Lois Wing. During this past year they put together financial aid packages for more than 80% of Houghton's students with a total value in excess of \$4,000,000. In addition to distributing grant and loan funds, this office has now increased its efforts to attract current and endowment funds to provide additional financial aid. In a time of rising prices and declining government assistance such efforts are essential as we attempt



to enroll students who have the desire and the ability to study at Houghton even though they may lack the financial means to do so.

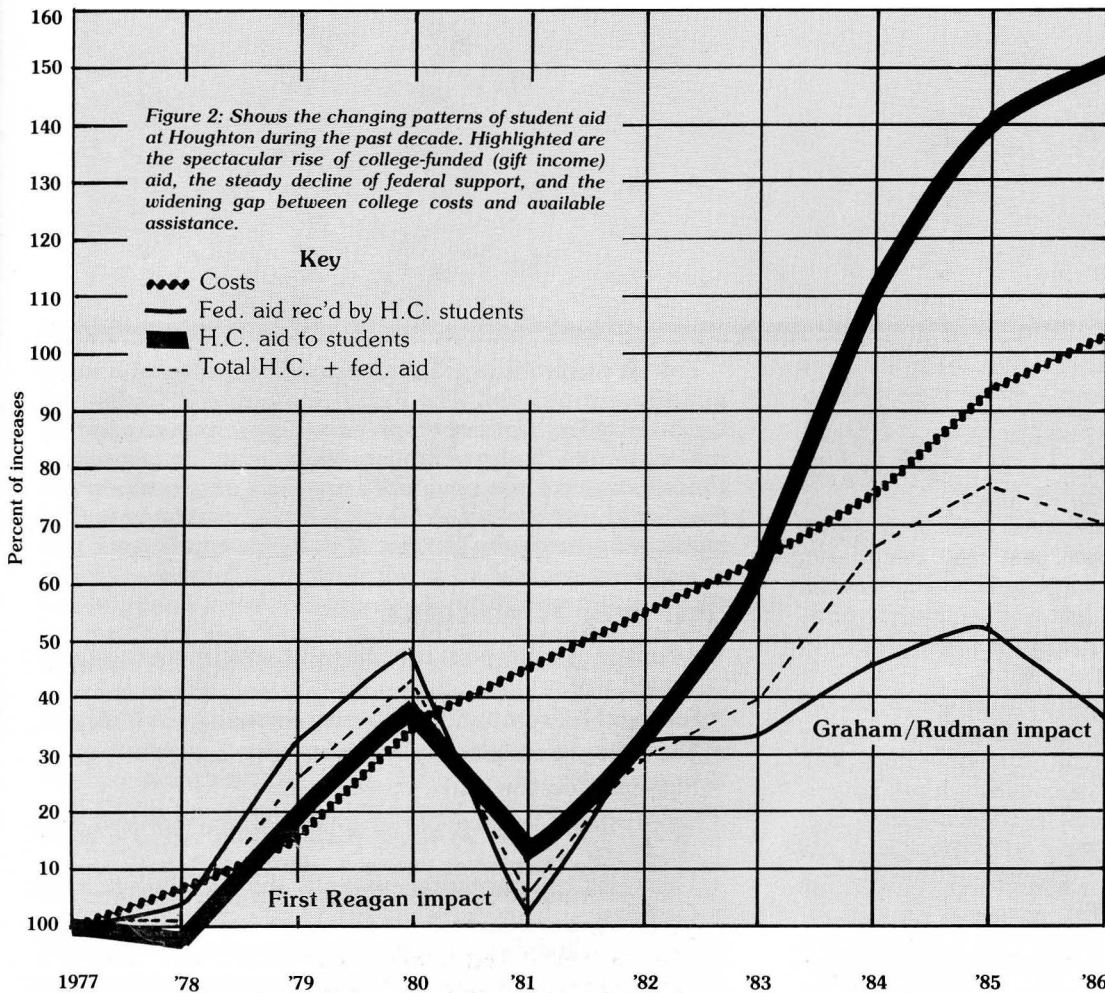
conferences

This past year was another very successful one for our conference programs. The energetic leadership given by Bruce Brenneman continues to produce impressive quality and numbers. In the course of the year 36 groups—7,000 visitors—came to campus for conferences and special programs. One Elderhostel participant's response was typical: "I have attended Elderhostels at a dozen other colleges. The faculty, the staff and the program at Houghton are superior to all the others."

This past year has been one of transition in the church relations office. Diane Galloway did an excellent job in maintaining the programs and the services churches have come to expect and appreciate. Music ministry teams were in great demand, and our Houghton Institute of Theology, as well as the youth weekend, were highly successful.

Ten-year Highlights

- Planned and implemented a centennial celebration around the theme, "Houghton at One Hundred; Still Building on the Unity of Truth."
- The Houghton Institute of Theology established, providing continuing education units to hundreds of participants.
- A volunteer subscription fund established for the *Milieu*, raising nearly \$15,000 in 1985-86 alone.
- Established SALT (Summer Advanced Leadership Training) program for outstanding high school leaders.



1985-86	
Other	\$ 176,633
Dorm Debt Ret.	\$ 145,574
Life Income	
Trusts	\$ 149,148
Restricted	\$ 449,464
Endowment	\$ 678,446
Unrestricted	\$ 698,754
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	\$ 2,298,019
	\$ 499,333

Figure 3: Giving to the college quadrupled over the past decade. The 1985-86 figure increased 30.5 percent from the previous year. Major sources are indicated with miscellaneous designated and undesignated gifts under \$100,000 combined.

- The financial aid from private and governmental services increased by nearly 400% to \$4,000,000 in 1985-86.
- Strengthened and improved retention efforts so that now nearly 90% of the students eligible to return do so.

Development

The efforts of the development office are essential in providing the funds which are crucial to quality programs and balanced budgets. Again this year the development office experienced a series of miracles large and small as God worked through Dr. Dowden, our vice president for development, his staff and the many others who recognized the importance of our ministry and who give to make it possible.

Giving to Houghton increased in almost every category this past year. Foundation funds more than doubled; alumni giving increased by almost 40% with 900 more donors than the year before; the phonathon raised \$267,000 primarily for scholarship assistance; a gift to the Willard J. Houghton Foundation has guaranteed the deficit-free operation of the Buffalo Suburban Campus. In all, the total giving from all sources for all purposes increased 30.5% to an all time annual high of \$2.3 million.

capital campaign

Equal in significance to record giving was the important action taken by the board of trustees to approve a major and comprehensive capital campaign. The Board has established a goal of \$13.5 million to be reached in four years which will upgrade facilities, strengthen our endowment, and underwrite current operations. Careful pre-planning and organization is now

underway to guarantee the success of this campaign. President emeritus Stephen Paine has agreed to serve as the chairman of the national campaign committee of which George Beverly Shea will be the honorary co-chairman. Dr. Robert Luckey is serving as the chairman of the volunteer campaign committee and already many outstanding alumni, businessmen and friends of Houghton College have agreed to join the volunteer organization to assure that the campaign reaches its important goals.

Ten-year Highlights

- Total giving from all sources more than quadrupled from 1975-76 to 1985-86.
- A phonathon implemented in 1980 raised \$15,000, but more than \$267,000 in 1986.
- The President's Advisory Council on Excellence (PACE) created to provide counsel in academic programs, public relations, and fund raising.
- The Willard J. Houghton Foundation established to complement traditional fund raising programs.
- The trustees approved a comprehensive capital campaign of \$13.5 million—by far the largest in Houghton's history.
- Deferred giving efforts quadrupled the number of individuals including Houghton in their estate planning.

Financial Affairs

This past year has been one of the busiest and the most productive of the 25 years that Ken Nielsen has served at Houghton College, the last 15 as vice president for finance.

The combined budgets for both Houghton College campuses totaled almost \$11,000,000. The fiscal year again ended with a balanced budget and a modest surplus. Not only was the budget balanced, but the remaining debt on the physical education center was eliminated when the board applied gains from the quasi endowment fund to that obligation.

New dormitories were constructed at both campuses. On the main campus a 140-bed dormitory for men will now replace Gaoyadeo. Townhouse apartment type dormitories have been completed at the Buffalo suburban campus which will accommodate increasing numbers of student teachers and interns. It will also make it possible for us to move administrative offices into the old dormitories and in turn enlarge and improve the physical facilities of the Buffalo library.

Installation of a sophisticated computer-controlled energy management system is now nearly complete. By a combination of more efficient boilers, weather-proofing buildings, recovering heat, and controlling temperatures on a carefully devised schedule, we should recoup the cost of these improvements in just three years. Other major projects included substantial improvement at the college farm, including an indoor riding arena, and major renovation of the campus center snack shop.



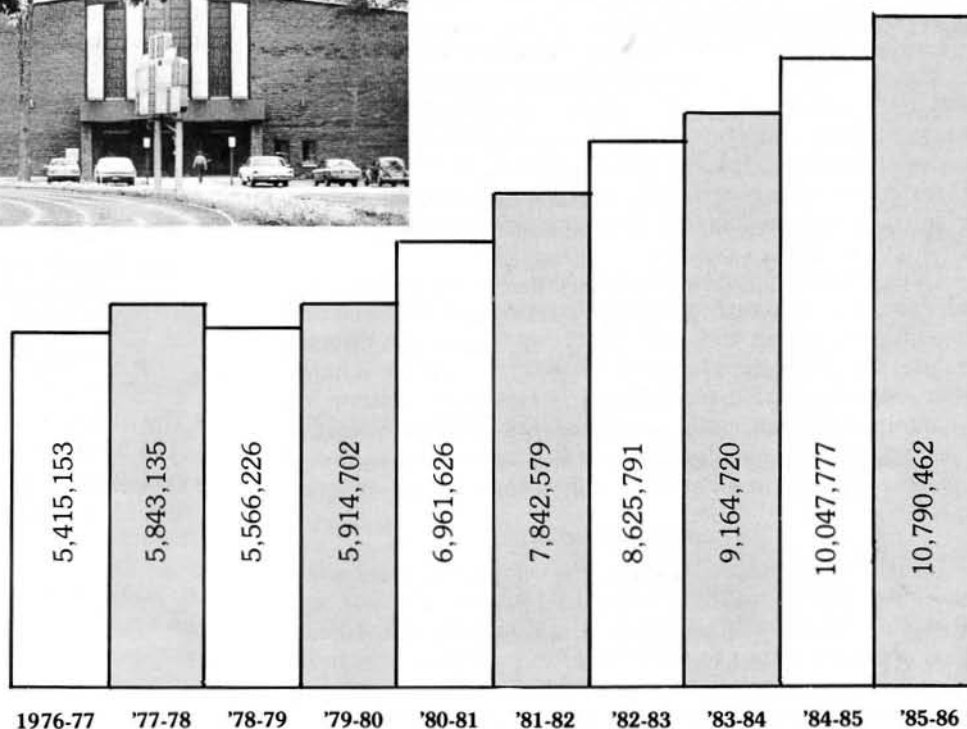
▲ Six years after its completion, the physical education center is debt-free, thanks to a transfer of quasi endowment gains. With its \$3.1 million cost paid, the sole remaining plant debt is on Reinhold Campus Center and the new men's residence.

► Figure 4: to the right shows Houghton budgets doubling over the past decade. While 85 percent of that increase is inflation, 15 percent represents real growth in services.

Policies and procedures for building the budget were reviewed and revised this year. The new guidelines will increase the opportunity for the members of the college community to contribute to the budget through their input and reaction. Procedures were also established to enable us to respond in a timely and effective fashion should retrenchment and budget revisions be necessary because of declining enrollments.

Ten-year Highlights

- A boulevard entrance to campus constructed including a new lighted sign.
- Fancher Hall completely renovated through a CETA Grant.
- The college installed its own phone system.
- Physical education center constructed.
- Major campus landscaping completed as a memorial to Alan W. Jones.
- Loyn Hall completely renovated at the Buffalo Suburban Campus.
- Two gas wells drilled on campus with federal and state grants.
- A microwave system built to provide an audio and visual link between the campuses.
- An indoor riding arena constructed to strengthen the equestrian program.
- New dormitories constructed at main and Buffalo suburban campuses.



...And Miles to Go

An annual report provides an opportunity to celebrate our successes, but it is equally essential that we cope with our crises and confront our challenges. Ten years ago I observed in my inaugural address (entitled *Firm Foundations: New Horizons*) that "...it is not enough for us to recite or even to celebrate our firm foundations. It is rather for us to dedicate ourselves to building upon those foundations. As that title suggests, we are not looking in new directions but to new and higher horizons in the direction and on the journey already undertaken."

Prediction by projection and extrapolation is an inadequate and even dangerous way to anticipate the future. As Mark Twain once observed, "In the space of 176 years the lower Mississippi has shortened itself 242 miles. That is an average of one mile and a third per year. [So] any person can see that 742 years from now the lower Mississippi will be only a mile and three quarters long." One thing is certain, change will occur. But it is too complicated and too kaleidoscopic to be arranged in linear logic from cause to effect. We are not helpless and if we have the vision, the energy, and the will to do so, we can change the course of our lives and our institutions. However, we do not live in a vacuum and we cannot shape our future without regard for the realities that surround us.

sobering realities

Some of these realities are sobering indeed. In 1983 for the first time in American history our population had more citizens over 65 than it had teenagers—a distribution which will continue for the foreseeable future. Other facts are equally sobering. The number of high school graduates peaked in 1979. From that date until 1994 there will be a 40% decline in the number of young people graduating from high schools in the northeastern United States. Those graduates will be different in many ways



College technical services personnel Herschel Ries (l), and Terry Lindberg (center), work with Ronco Energy Management installation representative, on the new system designed to pare utility costs.

from the typical white middle-class Americans who have been coming to Houghton. Consider these facts about today's children entering first grade: 14% are illegitimate; 40% will have divorced parents by the time they reach their eighteenth birthday; 15% are mentally or physically handicapped; 24% will live in poverty; 30% are latchkey kids; 10% have parents who are illiterate or nearly so.

the challenge of change

The educational and institutional implications of these facts are many. First, we must increase our efforts to make Houghton attractive to students as well as the recruitment efforts which alert them to our strengths; but we must also recognize the probability of retrenchment. We already know that the Class of 1990 is the smallest we have admitted for a decade.

We must increase our creativity in identifying and preparing students for Houghton College. Our heritage and our Christian principles make it appropriate for us to identify able but educationally underprivileged young people in their early teens and provide the incentives and the assistance that will enable them to succeed in college. We should recognize as well both challenge and opportunity in the "graying of America." The enthusiastic response of our Elderhostel participants suggests that much more can and should be done to provide educational opportunities for senior citizens. Even now the Willard J. Houghton Foundation is exploring how the college community and a retirement complex could complement each other.

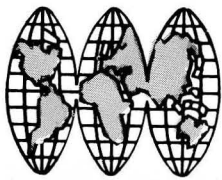
As the information age intensifies, we must respond in appropriate ways by educating students to master and control technology lest they become enslaved by it. This may very well include requiring all entering freshmen to purchase computers—a proposal now being carefully studied by the Computer Task Force.

mingled peril and opportunity

Houghton College exhibits many of the characteristics of a mature liberal arts college. We have an excellent and well-qualified faculty; we are respected for many strong academic programs; we are recognized for our deep Christian commitment; we have many fine facilities, and we are poised through the greatest capital campaign in our history to replace and improve those that are inadequate; our financial base is becoming stronger and more stable.

While enjoying these benefits we must seek to avoid the dangers of arrogance, rigidity and complacency which easily and often afflict the mature. We must approach our task with deep humility and with resilient creativity. We must re-double our efforts to be certain that every member of the Houghton family is a growing and developing person, whether a member of the student body, faculty, staff, or administration.

I am honored to have been a part of Houghton's progress this past decade and I anticipate exciting achievements in the year to come. As we look ahead with faith—in God, in our cause, and in each other—the bright promise of Houghton's future will become reality.



ALUMNI IN ACTION

1930s & 40s

'36 **SPENCER** and **DOROTHY (BLAKE '35) MOON** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 10th at a surprise open house held in their honor at the Etna (NY) Community Baptist Church. Pastor of that church, Rev. Moon has completed 51 years in the ministry.

Photos of Halley's comet taken by a Vega satellite and lofted by the French Toulouse Space Center, were made possible by '37 **ANDREW VINCENT**, whose Vincent Associates of Rochester, NY, designed and built the camera's Uniblitz shutter. Vincent shutters have been used in applications ranging from image analysis and machine vision to time lapse photography and laser technology. His shutter systems were used to produce the realistic animation in Star Wars and Star Trek.

'44 **CAROL (GILLILAND) STEWART** and her husband are retired after 28 years in the Air Force chaplaincy. Carol is in her 11th year on the kidney machine, she writes, and would like to know of any other alumni who may be on dialysis. Write to her at 1307 Temple Sq., San Antonio, TX 78245.

'47 **NATALIE (HORTON) BURKE** has retired from the pastoral ministry after 17 years at the First Baptist Church of Jay, NY.

1950s

Although he retired from the ministry in July, **JACKSON H. PARSONS, SR. '51** is serving the rural, 50-member, Lake Pleasant United Methodist Church, in Union City, PA.

'52 **ALTON BENNETT** will be director of Christian education for the 2,000-member First Reformed Church in Zeeland, MI. He is an 11-year Farmington City Council veteran and former mayor. He is principal of a public middle

Down the Aisle

James & Loretta (Kipp '66) Abate
Jimmy & Linda (Kwok '77) Chin
Gary & Sharon (Van Tuil '78) Della Grotta
Douglas & Suzanne Doan '82
Robert & Ingrid (Stahl '84) Flores
David & Wendy (Cornell '86) Fountain '87
Robert & Joyce (Cosman '83) Gillcash ex '83
Lawrence & Rebecca (Grant '86) Griffin
Bruce & Jaynn (Tobias '84) Johnson (F)
Bruce L. & Katharine Johnson '80
Paul & Rebecca (Anderson '77) Jones
Robert & Nancy (Adams '78) Mason
Stephen R. & Cheryl (Semarge '80) Moody
Eric & Kim (Shesman '84) Olson
Jeffrey & Kristen (Kipp '85) Peden
Bruce & Linda (Yarnall '85) Sellers '78
Timothy & Anita (Karpachy '80) Velardo
John David & Naomi (Ruder '83) Wenger
Robert Sanson '83 & Cynthia Wright '84

high school. Bennett was an ordained Methodist minister for 10 years before beginning his career in public education.

'54 **LOUIS ELTSCHER** has been named Alfred V. Verville Fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum for the 1986-87 academic year. The fellowship underwrites study in a subject of the recipient's choice in aviation history. Eltscher has selected to research the Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical Corporation. He will be on leave of absence from Rochester Institute of Technology where he teaches history.

'55 **DOROTHY CUSHMAN** continues to do in-service training for kindergarten and primary English teachers for all the schools which are under the Synod of the Nile of the Evangelical Church (Presbyterian). Ms. Cushman lives at Ramses College for Girls in Egypt. The college needs two-year volunteers to teach English for all levels.

'54 **GERALD McGRAW** received a Ph.D. degree in religion from New York University in June. He continues to teach at Toccoa Falls (GA) College as director of its School of Bible and Theology. His wife, **MARTHA (SWAUGER '56)**, serves as secretarial pool director at the college.

'55 **ABRAHAM DAVIS** recently became a staff member of the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS) in Philadelphia, PA. He is coordinator of the Life-Learning Experience Assessment Program (LLEAP). He went to Pennsylvania in 1980 as cross-cultural coordinator at Eastern Mennonite College. Dr. Davis taught English at Houghton for 10 years. His wife, Modestine, died in the third week of August after a long illness.

'56 **BEN UDO** writes that financial policy of the Nigerian government is stringent causing one to have a foreign account before meeting some financial obligations abroad easily. He says very severe prison sentences have been imposed on citizens who have tried to send money out of the country.

ex '57 **RUTH P. DAVIS** was promoted to first lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol and is currently assistant public affairs officer for the Pennsylvania WING CAP. She is working on an Observer Rating (co-pilot) in search and rescue missions.

1960s

'60 **T. GARDINER BROWER** and his wife resigned from their jobs and sold their Connecticut home to purchase "Lindenwood Inn," a "quiet place by the harbor" in Maine. Open year round, the Inn has six guest rooms and one cottage surrounded by linden trees.

'60 **RONALD ENROTH** submitted a project report, "Of Cults and Evangelicals: Labeling and Lumping," to the Christian College Coalition. A copy is available for \$1.00 from the Coalition, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

'62 **JUNE (STEFFENSEN) HAGEN** was

How to make the news

Send items to HOUGHTON Milieu, attention of Cynthia Machamer or Dean Liddick, Public Information Office in care of the college. Copy deadline is the first week of the month of publication, but space limits occasionally postpone an item's publication by one issue. We are unlikely to run items which have appeared in class newsletters unless we judge them to have broader appeal.

named Faculty Member of the Year by her King's College colleagues at their May commencement. She formed a Women's Study Group of 10 faculty and got a grant for a workshop in June to prepare for course work. She submitted a project report to the Christian College Coalition on "Course Proposal in Women's Studies." Copies are available for \$1.25 from the Coalition at 1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036. She is professor of English at The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, NY.

'63 **DAVID & ALICE (FASOLD '63) HULL** visited Houghton College in August. Dave is a radio station announcer and Alice teaches high school in New Mexico. While on a summer trip they saw **STAN & PAT (YOUNG '65) SHEAFER '65, NORMAN & PAULINE (SCHWEINFORTH '62) FOX '62, EILEEN (GLOOR) BREY '63, FRED & VAL (BOCK '64) TREXLER '64, and KEN & RUTH (SCHOBBER '62) BOON '62.** This was their first campus visit in 14 and-a-half years.

'66 **ALLEN REPKO** received his master's degree in Biblical Studies *magna cum laude* last month from CBN University, Virginia Beach, VA.

Last month, **MARILYN (GRUNERT '67) MARYE** and her husband and their two children left for Zaire where they will have to learn the Lingala language. The Maryes will be hostel parents for 15 missionary kids in that country.

'69 **DARWIN OVERHOLT** is the new director of the Buffalo City Mission. Currently, City Mission offers food and shelter to some 125 transients daily.

1970s

For the summer, **CAROL (LEPPER) CHRISTIAN '70** is in Washington, DC, completing her master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. As a reporter with the Medill News Service, she is the Washington correspondent for the Great Falls, Montana, *Tribune*.

'70 **PAUL and JOY (PARMELEE '70) WILCOX**, missionaries, have been commissioned home for the United Methodist Church in the Alaska Missionary Conference. They serve as founding pastors of the St. Paul United Methodist Church outside Fairbanks.

'71 **JOHN R. HORNING** has earned a master of arts degree in communications from Wichita State University.

'72 **DAVID LALKA** and his wife, **RUTH (BECKER '72)**, will be relocating to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where David has recently begun work as vice president for development and public relations at Fort Wayne Bible College. He was previously administrative assistant to the president at Marion College.

'72 **KENNETH G. WINTERS** received the Navy Achievement Medal in July. Stationed with the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA, Winters has



Dr. Lynch and Houghton public information director Liddick

Medical researcher Lynch gets Distinguished Alumnus award

Dr. Carl Lynch III '71, assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Virginia Medical Center, received Houghton College's Distinguished Young Alumnus Award in the presence of his parents, other family, friends, and professional colleagues in Charlottesville, VA, June 27.

Presenting the award to Lynch as "Christian, teacher-physician, writer and scholar-servant" was Houghton public information director, Dean Liddick. Lynch graduated *summa cum laude* (third in his class) with honors in chemistry, and majors in mathematics, zoology and German. He also edited

the college yearbook as a junior and managed the student newspaper his senior year while serving as a class senator.

After college Lynch received a fellowship for the combined medical doctor/doctor of philosophy program at the University of Rochester (NY). There he received the Wallace O. Fenn Award for his outstanding dissertation and two years later won second place in the Residents' Essay Contest of The American Society of Anesthesiologists.

In 1978 Dr. Lynch accepted a three-year residency in the anesthesiology department at the University of Virginia Medical Center and in 1981 became assistant professor of anesthesiology. Carl is a member of Albermarle County Medical Society, American Societies of Anesthesiologists and Regional Anesthesia, the Biophysical Society, the Virginia Society of Anesthesiologists and the International Anesthesia Research Society. He holds professional certification with the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Anesthesiology.

At the university medical center, Lynch divides his time between teaching and research—the latter particularly in the area of the effects of anesthesia on the heart.

Dr. John Ashley, director of the university hospital told Lynch, "We share in your pride at this recognition by your alma mater. Your friends and colleagues at the hospital join with me in congratulating you in this honor." Dr. Robert Epstein, Lynch's department chairman, called the local presentation of the award "an unusual thing for a college to do."

In accepting the award Carl said his wife, Elizabeth (Kurtz '73), "is the wind beneath my wings, helping me keep my priorities straight." The couple has three children. Beyond his professional life, Lynch is a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Charlottesville and serves on the church missions committee. He also devotes time to the Christian Medical Society. As a father he spends a great deal of time with his children, attending their swim meets (he swam in college), hiking, and teaching them gardening and computer techniques. And he has supported his wife's research and writing toward a definitive biography of Suzanna Wesley.

been in the service for only two and a half years. He is the chaplain of the Marine Officer Candidates School.

'73 JUDY TILLEY has joined the church planting work of CAM International, where she will work among the Basque people of north central Spain. She will have to learn the Basque language, an ancient one unrelated to Spanish or any other modern language, she says. For the past three years she has been teaching missionary children at the Evangelical Christian Academy in Madrid.

'75 DANIEL BRUBAKER and his family are in Mali, West Africa, as translators with Wycliff among the Minyanka people. There are over 300,000 of these people.

'75 DAVID NORTON has a private practice in

marriage and family therapy in St. Charles, IL. He expects to receive his Ph.D. degree in Family Studies this fall from the University of Wisconsin. His wife, LORA BETH (STOCKIN '77), is an associate editor at Chariot Books, a division of David C. Cook Publishing Company in Elgin, IL. She works primarily with children's books.

'75 DONNA (CODDINGTON) OEHRIG recently attended a two-week master's level course in hermeneutics at Daystar University College in Nairobi, Kenya. She and her husband, ROBERT OEHRIG '75, serve in this mission outreach to the African people. Donna has begun a course there in magazine editing.

'75 WAYNE WAGER has been elected district superintendent of the Central New York District of the Wesleyan Church.

In August WENDY ATKINS '76 left for Zaire where she is teaching music (vocal and instrumental) at Rethy Academy.

On June 5, DALE McELHINNEY '76 received his Psy.D. in clinical psychology from Hahneman University, Philadelphia, PA. He plans to pursue a private practice.

'76 SHIRLEY A. MULLEN submitted a project report to the Christian College Coalition on "Recognizing 'Women's Story' in World History: Reflections on Restructuring a Syllabus." Mullen is assistant professor of history at Westmont College (CA). Copies are available for \$1.30 from the Coalition at 1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

'76 EDWARD R. PRINS has joined another doctor in medical practice of internal medicine in

Five Houghton alumni met at the Candidate School of the Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) conference on the Judson College (IL) campus from June 15-July 4. From left to right are **HERB APEL '61**, missionary to Austria and Turkey, **ELLEN (RORVIK '81) FRENS** and **TOM FRENS '79**, members of a church planting team to Caracas, Venezuela, with the Elmbrook Church (WI), **CYNTHIA (EGOLF ex '67) GLEICHMAN** and **MIKE GLEICHMAN '67**, serving with the Moody Radio Network station in Cleveland (OH), who will be going to Aruba, Netherlands Antilles with TEAM's Radio Victoria.



Paramus, NJ. He is also a clinical assistant in the internal medicine department at Hackensack Medical Center. His wife, **BETH (DENBLEYKER '76)**, teaches piano part-time at Montclair State College.

'77 RON and CAROL (BEVERIDGE '77) BEABOUT have begun language studies at the University of Paris-Sorbonne in preparation for missionary service in Ivory Coast, Africa, under CBFMS. Ron, who recently received a master of theology degree from Grace Theological Seminary, will be teaching Bible and theology at a Bible college there. Carol will be involved in women's ministries and performing administrative duties at the college.

'77 SHEILA DiTULLIO has left the Erie County district attorney's office to prosecute state environmental crimes for the attorney general's office. In a recent *Buffalo News* article, Ms. DiTullio was called the area's "top sex-crime prosecutor for the past two years."

'77 ROGER HOUK participated in the International Naval Review in New York Harbor July 4 as part of the Statue of Liberty Centennial Celebration. Houk graduated from SUNY at Buffalo in 1982 with a doctor of dental science degree. The following summer he joined the Navy.

'78 MELODY (HOLLEN) BLANK has finished her first year as director of alumni relations at SUNY New Paltz.

'78 SUSAN CHAPPELL is an actuarial supervisor for William M. Mercer-Meindinger, Inc. in Boston, MA.

'78 SHARON (VAN TUIL) DELLA GROTTA is a pediatrician in Bedford, NH.

'78 NANCY (ADAMS) MASON is a registered nurse employed as a charge nurse at Lutheran Social Services in Jamestown, NY. Her husband, Robert, pastors the Falconer First United Methodist Church.

'78 MARGARET ROORBACH has been named Coach of the Year by NCCAA. She is assistant professor of physical education at Marion College (IN) and has coached volleyball and basketball there for three years.

'79 DAVID BICKSLER works for Logicon Corporation with secure operating systems on a Navy project. He spends his leisure time working with an international student outreach group, church activities, and Christian study.

'79 KEVIN BUTLER recently became the first pastor of the Madison (WI) Seventh Day Baptist Church. This followed graduation from Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio.

'79 JOSEPH HUPP has been a research associate in the chemistry department at the University of Carolina for the past two years. Early this year he received a Presidential Young Investigator Award from the National Science Foundation. It goes into effect this fall when he joins the faculty at Northwestern University (IL) as an assistant professor in chemistry. Hupp will receive \$100,000 a year to support his research projects.

After seven and a half years in the stamp auc-

tion business, **DANIEL MOUW '79**, has been accepted into the MBA program in professional accounting at Rutgers University in Newark, NJ.

1980s

'80 CHERYL (SEMARGE) MOODY earned her master's degree from Wesleyan University (CT) in art. She continues to teach art at the Rumsey Hall School; this is her fifth year there.

'80 ROBERT PEESE received the Juris Doctor degree in May from the Vermont Law School. At the School he was a member of the Vermont Legal Research Group and the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

'81 STEPHEN STRAND and his wife, **RUTH (WOOLSEY '81)**, graduated from the M.Div. program at Asbury Theological Seminary (KY) in May. They will be serving as assistant pastors at the West Locke Wesleyan Church in Williamston, Michigan.

'82 RICHARD JACKMAN is pastor of youth and young adults at the Zion Reformed Church in Lodi, CA.

'83 CAROL ALLSTON has been promoted from an admissions counselor at Houghton Col-

lege to coordinator of college publications.

'83 KEVIN KINGMA is the senior micro-programmer/analyst at Schering-Plough Corp in Union, NJ. He also directs a Christian voice group which travels locally. **VICKI (ARMSTRONG '84) KINGMA** recently finished her second year teaching third grade at Ringwood Christian School (NJ).

'83 ANN MAJOR-STEVENSON is a photo-journalist for Royal Television Society in London, England. She contributes to three publications, and is membership secretary and computer supervisor for the society's international mailing list. RTS provides professional training and sponsors TV awards comparable to the American Emmys.

'83 MELINDA TRINE, an admissions counselor at Houghton, recently graduated from the State University College at Buffalo, earning a master's degree in student personnel administration.

In May, **JEFF M. JONES '84**, graduated from Wheaton Graduate School with an M.A. degree in systematic theology. He participated in a summer internship program with Reba Place Fellowship after relocating to Evanston, IL. Currently he is enrolled in a two-year program at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, work-

Alumni Authors

1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon: A Daily Dialogue With God: Kuniholm, Whitney '76, Harold Shaw Publishers, 1986. 120 pp.

Will you commit 20 minutes a day for 39 days to serious Bible study in order to enhance your knowledge of, and relationship to, God? That is the question facing the reader, posed by author Kuniholm, a 1976 Houghton grad. The book is a series of consecutive personal Bible studies, covering from eight to 15 verses per day, beginning with 1st Thessalonians; ending with Philemon. These studies cover subjects such as wealth, lifestyle, relationships, sex, leadership, habits, and even God's plan for world history.

Kuniholm's day-by-day structure follows a format immediately recognizable to followers of Scripture Union's daily Bible reading notes (*Encounters with God, et al.*): pray, read, meditate, pray. In fact, Scripture Union gave the author permission to incorporate material from their notes in the "Reflections" segment of each day's study. The four-step format begins with one's prayer for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, moves to a thoughtful reading and rereading of the Scripture segment (even if it is quite familiar), includes a four-fold "Meditation," and concludes with a time of prayer focused on personal application.

The author's emphasis is essentially balanced and positive, in that issues such as false teaching, which could foment antagonism towards others, are kept in perspective, as when he states, "Arguments about doctrine are notorious for their destructive effect on relationships. The way of

love does not mean being casual or indifferent about truth, but it does call for a sense of proportion, for a sense of the positive." (p. 41) Such an approach is refreshing, especially at a time when reactionary and radical elements in the church continually thump their we/them ideologies. At the same time, Kuniholm's points of application are those which affect us in our everyday affairs—using our gifts for the growth of the Body of Christ, sharing our faith with others, living by godly standards, not manipulating people, exercising self-control, and having integrity.

The studies' deficits are few. The tone is often preachy, with urgings such as "you should" or "we must." From the perspective of Biblical introduction, he avoids discussions of authorship, dating, and the like, but then these may have been viewed as inimical to his objectives. Finally, as with other books of this genre, it is often expedient to ignore consideration of subjects of literary style, grammar, structure, culture, and theology, in order to get to the application. The Scripture Union "Reflections" notes do attempt some contextualization, but space and design limitations evidently would allow no more.

Harold Shaw Publishers now has six of these Personal Bible Study guides available; two more written by our author (John and the Prison Epistles). This is a useful tool for guiding Christians in their relationship with our Lord—and at the same time providing enough opportunity for personal experiential reflection so as to avoid pat answers.

—William O'Byrne

TOUR SCANDINAVIA—June 23-July 7, 1987
 Enjoy 15 days of sightseeing with overnights in Copenhagen, Jönköping, Stockholm, Lake Siljan, Lillehammer, Leikanger, Bergen, Steamer, York and London. Cruise Norway's longest fjord and enjoy an overnight steamer trip. Breakfasts and dinners included. Hosts: Language division chairman Paul Johnson and Alumni director Richard Alderman. Write alumni office for details.

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FALL ALUMNI CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

Chapters	Date	Representative
Philadelphia (picnic)	Sept. 27	None
Hornell	Oct. 2	Mr. Richard Alderman
Harrisburg (picnic)	Oct. 4	Mr. Richard Alderman
South Jersey	Oct. 4	Mr. Richard Alderman
Minnesota	Oct. 6	Drs. Daniel Chamberlain & Blair Dowden
Boston	Oct. 17-18	Dr. Carl Schultz
Detroit	Oct. 24	Mr. Richard Alderman
St. Lawrence	Oct. 24	Mrs. Debbie White
Chicago	Oct. 25	Mr. Dean Liddick
Grand Rapids	Oct. 25	Mr. Richard Alderman
Hoosier	Oct. 30	Dr. Daniel Chamberlain
Plattsburg	Nov. 1	Mr. Richard Alderman
Binghamton	Nov. 7	Mr. Richard Alderman
Mid-Hudson	Nov. 8	Mr. Richard Alderman
Allentown	Nov. 14	Mr. Richard Alderman
Connecticut	Nov. 14	Dr. Blair Dowden
Syracuse	Nov. 15	Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cook
Utica	Nov. 20	Mr. Richard Alderman
New York/New Jersey	Nov. 21-22	Mr. Richard Alderman
Watertown	Dec. 6	Mr. Richard Alderman
Miami	Jan. 31	To be announced
Southwest Florida	Feb. 7	To be announced
Orlando	Feb. 14	To be announced
West Central Florida (Brooksville)	Feb. 21	To be announced

ing towards an M.T.S. degree in social ethics. Jeff's wife, **KATHY (READYOFF '84)**, was advertising assistant for *Christianity Today* magazine, but is presently working for Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE) in Chicago.

'84 **MARK MOYER** has joined Pharmaceuticals Division, ICI Americas Inc. as a clinical research associate in the department of Clinical and Medical Affairs. He earned a master's degree in immunology from SUNY at Buffalo this year.

'84 **THOMAS RAFF** has entered the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

'85 **JAMES ALLEIN** is a Christian Education assistant at the Parkside Presbyterian Church in Buffalo. He oversees all the educational aspects of the church program.

'85 **MARY PUTNEY** has started her second year teaching elementary vocal music at Indian Landing School in Penfield (NY).

'85 **LINDA (YARNALL) SELLERS** is an administrative assistant with The Art Council for Chautauqua County. The Council works through 38 affiliates within the county providing service for area art organizations, individual artists, and an Arts in Education program which involves 18 of 19 school districts within the county.

'86 **DEDRA ALLSTON** is an accounting assistant for the Commonwealth Management Corporation, a growing real estate development firm in Newark, DE.

'86 **DIANE CARY** is teaching high school physics in the Wellsville (NY) school system.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

'50 **ROBERT DINGMAN** has been elected to the board of Aviation Fellowship and to the board of the California Executive Recruiters Association. He and his wife recently celebrated 35 years of marriage.

'60 **LAWRENCE UMFLEET**, currently pastoring the Holton (MI) Free Methodist Church, reported that his wife, Judith, was killed in an auto accident caused by a drunk driver on August 9. The couple had been married for 24 years. Larry and two sons survive. Since graduating, Umfleet has pastored several Wesleyan churches in lower Michigan, and been at Holton since 1976.

'79 **JOHN RORVIK** is station manager of 50,000 watt FM Christian radio station WJCH, which serves the greater Chicago area. John is also part-time adjunct professor of communications at two area colleges. He earned his master's degree in communications from Syracuse University in August.

Memorial Gifts

DR. FREIDA GILLETTE by Dr. & Mrs. Frederick V. Mills, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. John G. Rommel, Mrs. Glenora Crowell, and Miss Bessie Renick.

MRS. S.I. McMILLEN by Miss Priscilla Ries.

MR. DOUGLAS WALTERS by Ms. Katherine L. Chadwick, and Nicole, Jessie, Jennifer, and Jill Walters.

MR. NICHOLAS BOHALL by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey S. Osgood.

MR. THOMAS C. ARMSTRONG by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Armstrong, and Mr. William C. Armstrong.

MS. TRACY ANN BATES by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Zaranski.

MR. PAUL S. REEVES, JR. by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Clay.

MRS. RIZA ZIRNOFF WALLEN by Mr. & Mrs. David Linton.

MR. FRANK HILLMAN by Mrs. Mary Ellen Hillman.

MS. PEARL WAKKINEN by Phyllis J. Smith and Esther K. Evans.

MR. ELMER W. ROTH by Mr. & Mrs. Marion Spencer, Fillmore Rotary Club, Richard and Marilyn Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Leewald Orr, Dr. & Mrs. F. Gordon Stockin, and anonymous.

MARK B. ANDERSON, BETH R. ANDES, ALAN R. BUSHART, JOY S. ELLIS, ALBERT L. RAPP, CYNTHIA R. RUDES by Mr. & Mrs. Kevin S. Lilly.

In Memoriam

'27 **CECIL ALLEN RUSSELL** died June 4 at the Laporte (PA) United Methodist Nursing Home. He was 93. Rev. Russell served in the U.S. Army in France during WWI as a messenger runner between the lines. In the Argonne Forest Russell was gassed and left for dead. A letter exists that "verifies" his death. But Russell revived and managed to rejoin his company. Following his discharge he taught school in New York State. Ordained a Wesleyan minister in 1928, Rev. Russell pastored a Varick, NY, congregation, the Onandaga Indian Reservation and the Bucks Settlement and West Jasper churches. During WWII Russell worked at Bell Aircraft in Buffalo and in later years with Cuba Specialty Co. in Houghton. In 1971 he moved to Berrytown, PA, to retire. At the time of his death, Cecil was completing his 40th reading of the Bible. Surviving besides his widow, **GRACE (SHERMAN '32)**, are six children: Llewellyn, Darlene, Fern, **AN-NABELLE (RUSSELL) O'HARE '61**; two brothers, **ARTHUR '18** and **PAUL RAY '16**; 19 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, six step-great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins.



SAW Revisited

Word has been recieved of the death of **DOMINICA STAFFLER '30** on February 24.

'46 **WARREN ANDERSON** died June 4 after a two-year battle with cancer. He is survived by his widow, Margaret.

'51 **JOSEPH MORRIS** died April 12. He is survived by his wife, **KATHLEEN (ROTHERMEL ex '50)**.

'51 **WALTER THOMAS** died May 23 in his home in East Sandwich, MA, after a year-long bout with leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Norma, and three sons: **JAY THOMAS '78**, Mark and David.

'82 **MATTHEW G. GRIPPIN** died July 23 in Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long bout with leukemia. An accomplished musician who composed music for use in the church choir he directed, Grippin was a minister for Youth For Christ. He also directed the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Campus Life Club and was deacon of the First Reformed Church of Berne (NY). He gave lessons on piano and guitar. Survivors include his parents, two brothers, grandparents, three nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

'47 **RUTH (GILLILAND) DICKSON** died August 9 on her sixth wedding anniversary. She was 61. She had lived with poor health for some 19 years causing her to give up her job as a remedial reading specialist several years ago. She is survived by two sisters, **CAROL STEWART '44**, and **JUNE WILLIAMSON '52**; a brother, **DEAN GILLILAND '50**; a sister-in-law, **LOIS**

(HARRIS) GILLILAND '50; a niece, **KARLA (STEWART) DETRICK '73**; and other nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **RUTH (SHAFFER) NOREJKO '47** on August 23.

'31 **ELMER W. ROTH, SR.**, died on August 6 after a brief illness. Born to missionary parents in Homeworthy, OH, he first came to Houghton at the age of 13 to attend Houghton Academy, then the college. A World War II employee of Curtiss-Wright in Buffalo, he and his wife **PHYLLIS (ESTABROOK '32)** moved back to Houghton in 1950 and he became a college maintenance employee specializing in plumbing, heating and roofing. Of his unstinting 26 years on the job, the centennial publication, *Consider the Years*, offered this tribute: "Never too weary to repair another water line or unclog one more drain." His community services ranged from Sunday school teacher and scoutmaster to fire chief. He also owned and operated Houghton Home Service until his death. Surviving are his widow and five sons, three of whom attended Houghton; **ELMER JR. '60**, **DAVID '60**, and **DANIEL '65**, Paul, Samuel, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Additionally are three sisters; **VIOLA (HESS '28)**, **LUELLA (CLARK '29)** and **KATHERINE (Stone '29)**, several nieces and nephews. Pastor J. Michael Walters officiated in services at Houghton Wesleyan Church where Mr. Roth was a member. Interment followed in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The family has asked that any memorial gifts be made to Houghton College.

Future Alumni

Kevin & Cynthia (Prentice '82) Austin '81
Alan & Maureen Bagg '67
Matthew & Janine (Updyke '83) Brosious ex '84
Mark & Natalie (Giles '83) Churchman '81
David & Sandra (Bernlehr '74) Clark '74
Alfred & Lynn Danner '68
Mark & Susan (Stevens '82) Doty
Ed & Sally (Erway '75) Eshleman
James & Cheryl (Wallschleger '80) Fink '79
K. Jeff & Gail (Collette '77) Gerberich '77
Irving & Margaret (Heil '82) Gibbs ex '82
Richard & Susan Jackman '82
Kevin & Vicki (Armstrong '84) Kingma '83
Richard & Sharon (Martin '78) Lambertson
Scott & Carrie Makin '77
John & Linda (Papovitch '79) Mikolay

David & Lora Beth (Stockin '77) Norton '75
Chris & Gail (Thompson ex '81) Peck '81
Brian & Susan (Pringle '78) Scharf ex '79
David & Ada (Kester ex '76) Scharf
Trip & Linda (Thomson ex '83) Schweighardt
Gary & Melody (Funk '79) Taylor
Robert & Pamela (Stoltzfus '80) Thimsen '79
Donald & Mary Sue (Jones '78) Thompson '77
James & Karen Tupitza ex '71
Daniel & Lucia Brubaker '75
David & Ruth (Becker '72) Lalka '72

Kyle Douglas 7- 4-86
Ryan Alan 7- 8-86
Jonathon Matthew 5-18-86
Giles Christopher 6- 7-86
Ryan David 10-10-85
Luke Aaron 5-15-86
Melissa Kay 4-12-86
John Erway 6-14-86
Melanie Joy 3- 4-86
Brittany Lyn 5-20-86
Joshua Keane 3- 8-86
Kyle Alexander 8-21-85
Joshua Roger 6- 2-86
Matthew Todd 4- 2-86
Rachel Lynn 4-22-86
Jennifer Lynn 6-30-86
Lisa Ruth 6-30-86
Alethea Vivienne 6-25-86
Gretchen Sarah 7-14-86
Christopher Brian 3-10-86
Joshua Michael 6-26-85
Kristin Lin 5-17-86
Jonathon Isaac 5-31-86
Steven Robert 8-29-85
Stacy Lynn 5-18-86
Matthew Anton 4- 8-86
Seth Joseph 2-11-86
Stephanie Elizabeth 7-16-86

More than 400 alumni attended portions of Summer Alumni Weekend. Special efforts by the Classes of '66 and '56 brought a total of 82 class members to those reunions. Some 80 percent of the '56 class responded to a class fundraiser which began with dollar bills mailed to 176 members last spring. Only a few kept the money. The rest returned the bill matched with gifts of their own.

Golden Ager activities (graduates of 51 years and up), brought 48 to campus. An alumni auction netted \$728 for scholarships and numerous former faculty showed up for an emeriti tea.

Spirited panelists Bud Bence, Rich Pointer and Elizabeth Lynch sought valiantly to raise questions about and suggest other interpretations to the river of data about evangelical action in America, as presented by Dr. Timothy Smith, but program format and schedule curtailed real dialog.

Below, alumna Nora Adams offers reflections about the Houghton her husband (Wayne's '66) classmates found, and what they were like after 20 years.



During emeriti tea Ed Willett talks with Jack Hazzard while Whitney Shea chats with Charles Molyneaux.

... "Still an appealing

I walked on the gleaming wood floors of Fancher, admiring the restoration, on through the bulletin board hall into Old Science (Woolsey). I paused to peer into an old-fashioned room with wooden desks where I "white-knuckled it" through a semester of unintelligible poetry and obscure literary symbols with Dr. Barcus.

I sighed and turned toward the front stairs. The memory of seemingly endless hours in the chemistry lab wafted up the stairwell like the scent of heated sulfur. Out on the sidewalk,



FIFTY YEAR CLASS REUNION (from bottom left): Henry White, Gordon Clark, Ruth (Sension) Liddick, Harriet (Sartwell) Norton, Marion (Burns) Mann, Mrs. White, Ivone (Wright) Halsted, Frances (Hotchkiss) Little, Lena Hunt, Vera (Bay) Humphrey, Rita Albright, Silas Molyneaux, Charles Molyneaux, Francis Pignato, Layton Vogel, Glenn Donelson, Esther (Brewer) Mietz, Marion (Smith) Rice, Dean Banta, Earle Bowen, Alton Shea, unidentified.

Evangelicals "invented" social concern, Smith suggests

Addressing alumni on the SAW theme, "Our Evangelical Heritage," keynote speaker Dr. Timothy Smith of Johns Hopkins University observed that, first, "a myth persists that evangelical Christianity is and always has been sectarian—a divisive force in Christianity."

Smith asked his audience to consider the era of the Protestant reformation and of the founding generation of the evangelical movement that followed: Calvin on social ethics, Luther on ethical convictions, the 17th and 18th century Pietist movement in Germany and America, and John Wesley's Methodists in England and America.

Second, Smith said that the idea that "social Christianity stems from the rise of modernism in American religion is a

self-deception, one that [eventually] prevailed in the evangelical camp as well."

Here he introduced the 19th century



concept of building God's kingdom on earth. Dr. Smith discussed timely topics ranging from millennial hopes and missions to the temperance and anti-slavery movements to medical care for the needy and Calvinism and politics in Holland and in Michigan.

Smith concluded with three points:

"Modern evangelical social movements do not represent a surrender to modernist ideologies at all, but a renewal of the old time religion, rooted in the Old and New Testaments.

"Social justice has been best sought by non-violent and moral means, whether in domestic or international affairs."

"Spiritual Christianity and moral commitment to social improvement are inextricably linked."

lace our children could call home"

by Nora (Swindler '68) Adams

heading toward the quad, a series of sounds overtook me from behind. The chimes. . . the same tune, the same tone. . . Suddenly I was awash in emotion. Suddenly I was "home."

The passing of twenty years brings many changes. Shiny new buildings that demand respect and bespeak an excellence in programs and academics. Tattered grass and shabby paths that Doc Jo would never have tolerated. Funny, over-sized signs on the wings of East Hall, evoking thoughts of the

village name plaque on the miniature railroad platform. Grey curly hair on Pastor Angell's boy Johnny, who was the Houghton teen idol the year the pop song, "Johnny, Angel, How I Love Him" ranked high on the charts. The rest of "The Spirit of '66" is also generally older, heavier, more worn.

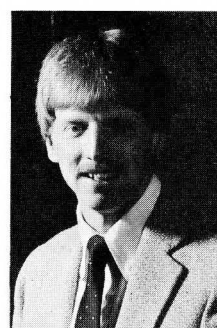
Yet, the reunion theme, "The Spirit Lives," speaks the truth. These pastors, teachers, doctors are the same people who led pantyraids on East Hall and raced jalopies all over Allegany Coun-

ty—the personalities, if not the actions, seem identical. Judy Renner Marolf's spriteliness, Bud Bence's air of authority seem untouched by the passing of time.

The spirit of Houghton also seems to have held. The sense of community, of dedication to God and to the goal of turning out "scholar-servants" feels very much the same and is affirmed by President Chamberlain and his statistics and outside authorities. Houghton College is still an appealing place our children could call "home."

highlander sports

by Wm. Greenway



Steve Brooks

Season Preview

Each coach seems to have the same cautiously optimistic outlook for the new season. "We're building and should be improved. We lost several good players and have to wait to see how the newcomers fit together as a team."

Soccer

The men's soccer team faces one of Houghton's toughest schedules with no readily apparent "sure" wins. They are aiming for at least eleven wins so they can post a winning season and present Coach Doug Burke with his 200th win.

The women's soccer team coached by Terry Curry will have the toughest time improving, since they finished third in the nation in the NAIA.

Volleyball

Coach Wendy Jacobson's spikers face a similar task since they finished "only" fourth in the NCCAA National Volleyball Tournament. Coach Jacobson has essentially the same team however, a change in style or play and positions is necessary because of a new main setter.

Cross Country

Former running star Michael Raybuck has taken the coach's role in cross country and is attempting to create enough depth to win. The teams of the last few years have always had several outstanding runners but never enough in the top five to push onto the win column.

Field Hockey

Coach Wells' field hockey team is showing improvement; however, it is a young team with almost no depth and a tough schedule.

Basketball

The "big" news is in men's basketball where a new coach has been named. Coach Jack resigned to take the head coaching position at Southwestern College in Phoenix, Arizona. Assistant Coach Bruce Voorhis has resigned earlier to take a teaching position and head coaching job at a Christian High School in Salisbury, NC.

Varsity Away Games

CROSS COUNTRY MEN'S/WOMEN'S

October			
4 Sat.	Roberts Invitational	M & W	1:00
25 Sat.	NCCAA Eastern at Baptist Bible	12:00 W, 1:00 M	

November

7 Fri.	NCCAA Nationals		
8 Sat.	NCCAA Nationals		
Other meets to be added.			

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

October			
2 Thu.	St. Bonaventure	6:30	
11 Sat.	Pitt. Brad.	9:30a	
15 Wed.	Roberts & D'Youville at Roberts	6:00	
18 Sat.	Fredonia	10:00a	
20 Mon.	Univ. of Buffalo	7:00	
30 Thu.	Canisius	6:30	

November

1 Sat.	St. J. Fisher Tour.	10:00a	
14 Fri.	National NCCAA		
15 Sat.	National NCCAA		

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

October			
15 Wed.	Slippery Rock	4:00	
25 Sat.	NCCAA Inv. The Kings College	2:00p	

MEN'S/WOMEN'S SOCCER

October			
1 Wed.	Niagara	M	4:00
1 Wed.	William Smith	W	4:00

3 Fri.	St. Bonaventure	W	4:00
4 Sat.	Messiah	M	2:00
6 Mon.	Elmira	W	4:00
9 Thu.	Buffalo State	W	4:00
18 Sat.	St. John Fisher	M	11:00a
			1:00a
18 Sat.	Roberts	W	11:00a
			1:00a
23 Thu.	Wells	W	3:30
25 Sat.	Genesee CC (Scrim)	W	2:00
25 Sat.	Alfred	M	3:30
27 Mon.	Hobart	M	3:30
30 Thu.	Elmira	M	3:00

November

7 Fri.	NAIA District	W	
8 Sat.	NAIA District	W	
15 Sat.	NAIA Regional	W	
20-22 Thu.-Sat.	NAIA National	W	

MEN'S/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

November

7 Fri.	Spring Arbor Tour.	M	6:00 & 8:00
8 Sat.	Spring A. Tour.	M	2:00 & 4:00
22 Sat.	Humber, Conestoga	M	6:00 & 8:00
24 Mon.	Westminster	M	7:30
24 Mon.	Univ. of Buff.	W	7:00

December

3 Wed.	Daemen	W	6:00
5 Fri.	Malone Tourn.	M	
6 Sat.	Malone Tourn.	M	
9 Tues.	Buff. State	W	7:00
11 Thu.	Alfred	W	7:00

Men's Basketball Coach Named

Houghton athletic director E. Douglas Burke has announced the selection of Steve Brooks as Houghton's new basketball and baseball coach.

Coach Brooks comes from Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, where he was the assistant coach in a successful program. As a student, he was also a four-year letterman at Taylor where he was selected the defensive player of the year in 1979 and co-captain in 1980.

Burke said Brooks was selected not only because of his coaching background, which includes teaching at basketball camps at Taylor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and be-

ing the head coach of the tennis team, but because of his commitment to education. Brooks' stated primary career objective was to be a coach "where academic excellence and athletics go hand in hand."

Coach Brooks has a history of serving youth. In college he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, served as a youth pastor and in a Big Brother program, was an inner city youth worker, and after graduation worked for Youth for Christ as director of counseling for delinquent youth.

Coach Brooks and his wife, Terri, have a son, Joshua.



The five Buffalo Campus townhouses have been erected and are occupied while exterior finishing progresses. Apartment fronts will alternate brick and clapboards. Residents include 21 interns, 16 student teachers and two regular Buffalo Campus students. Bedrooms feature bunk beds. Furnishings are complete, including china for the dining room.

Eight new faculty named, three are interim

Academic vice president James Barnes, has announced eight new faculty appointments, three of which are interim positions.

Mr. Scot Bennett will be assistant professor and head of the art department. He earned a master of fine arts degree from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1983. Previously Bennett was assistant professor of art at Central Michigan University and Northwestern Nazarene College.

Dr. George Boespflug will be assistant professor of piano. A piano class graduate assistant at Rochester's Eastman School of Music, he earned his doctor of musical arts degree there in May. He has served Eastman in various capacities throughout the past three years. Ms. B. Sue Crider, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Alabama where she earned her M.A. degree in English in 1970, will be assistant professor and head of the communications department. Ms. Crider was an assistant editor of the professional journal, *College English*, at her alma mater.

Mr. Timothy Frenz, formerly a computer programmer and analyst for the college since his graduation from

Houghton in 1985, has been named interim instructor of computer science.

Miss Ruth E. Johns, a 1984 Houghton graduate, will be interim instructor of Spanish. She earned a master of arts degree from Bowling Green University (OH) in May. Concurrently she was a beginning French teacher and tutor there for two years. Mr. Theodore Murphy will be an instructor of art. Since earning his M.F.A. degree in painting from Ohio State University in 1980, he has exhibited his work in shows from Maine to Ohio. He was fine arts department head and art instructor at John Baptist Memorial High School in Maine and last summer taught a beginning drawing



Left to right: Profs. Boespflug, Murphy, Frenz, Crider, Bennett and Johns. Not pictured: Miss Ott, Mr. Tice.

A native returns

Judith (Lynip '61) Brown has been named development director at Houghton Academy, succeeding Thomas Miner '76, who has returned to private law practice.

Academy graduate Brown's wide experience began at Christian Herald, where she was an editorial assistant. She then served as executive secretary to Dr. Stephen Olford at New York's Calvary Baptist Church, to Dr. Clyde Taylor in the NAE public affairs office in Washington, DC, and to Dr. Frank Gabeline. She helped design NAE's Washington seminar for collegians.

Moving to California in 1976, she held successive posts as copywriter, advertising manager, director of public information, and assisting marketing manager for ABC Cleo, publishers of academic reference works. Most recently she was

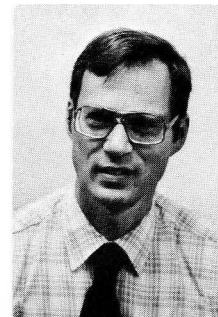
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course at the University of Maine at Orono.

Miss Jeanne Ott will be interim instructor of mathematics. A 1984 Houghton graduate, she was a math teaching assistant at SUNY Buffalo while studying for a master's degree there. Mr. Robert Tice, a 1980 Houghton College graduate, is assistant professor of Bible with an urban ministries emphasis at the college's Buffalo suburban campus. He earned M.A. and Th.M. degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. He has had experience as a local church youth worker, youth minister in Honduras, and as a member of Evangelicals for Social Action.

Fall Enrollment is Marginally Down

Houghton's two-campus enrollment for credit stands at 1,244, 119 of them at Buffalo. Excellent retention minimized overall losses. New students total 341, of which 261 are freshmen (41 alumni children). These posted the highest SAT scores of the decade, and include 15 valedictorians, 12 salutatorians, 56 N.Y.S. Regents scholarship winners, a National Merit finalist and 19 with commendations. They represent 20 states and five foreign countries.



Dr. Wentzell

Twenty-six

project manager for Pemberton Oaks, makers of limited edition collectors' plates. At the academy Judith is responsible for publications, public relations and fundraising.



Mrs. Moore, Mr. Dilmore

Director Moore resigns librarian search begun

In mid-August Mrs. Joyce Moore resigned as director of the Willard J. Houghton Library to accept a similar position at her denominational school, Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri.

During her nine-year Houghton tenure Mrs. Moore influenced library growth in several ways: beginning use of Library of Congress classification system, installation of the on-line computer library center (OCLC) or inter-library loans, expansion of second floor reading space, and the implementing of the Virginia Tech Library System two years ago.

How will Houghton's advanced computer system affect the choice of a new library director?

"[The person] will have to get familiar with the system, but [I would think that] an incoming librarian would be overjoyed to have it," Moore added, "Anyone who's worked in a library for the last 15 years won't be surprised by our computers."

Although not a graduate of Evangel College, Mrs. Moore attended school in Springfield and was a homemaker in that community. She and her husband, Bert, a volunteer custodian at Houghton Academy, look forward to locating near three of their children living in Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa.

Just back from a year's study leave, Mr. Donald Dilmore will be acting director until a permanent director is found.

FACULTY NEWS

When they doff their robes after commencement, Houghton faculty may slow their pace, but their pursuits remain varied, and usually professional. A summer sample follows.

On May 18 physical education department head **Spurgeon (Spud) Wentzell** became Doctor Wentzell earning his Ed.D. degree from Boston University (MA). His dissertation was "The Relationship of an Occupation to the Family: Perceptions of Basketball Coaches' Wives."

Composer **William Allen** "stayed home mostly," composing two musical pieces for choir and bassoon plus music for dedication of the new men's dorm. He also gathered ideas and materials for writing a play based on Jeremiah.

Language professors **Victor Carpenter** and **Ray Horst** attended a Calvin College (MI) workshop on "total physical response," a method of teaching children and adults to acquire a second language, which emphasizes right-brain involvement and physical activity.

Biology professor **Elizabeth Cook** participated in a week-long International Ecology Congress at Syracuse University, observing "[It was] the most helpful and significant conference I've ever attended!" Colleague Dr. **Anne Whiting** also attended that conference.

Assistant professor of sociology at the Buffalo campus, **P. Wayne Cox** said he preached at two Free Methodist churches in Alaska and did marital and grief counseling in Buffalo. Librarian **Don Dilmore** continued coursework at Rutgers University in library science towards a Ph.D. degree.

Philosophy teacher **Carlton Fisher** renovated the upstairs of his home in Houghton and preached five Sundays while classics professor **Richard Gould** attended a Teaching English as a Second Language Summer Institute conference at the University of Hawaii and toured.

English professor **William Greenway** spent a week at the "Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference" in Oxford, Mississippi. While attending the

American Marketing Association Educator's Conference in Chicago. Mr. **Richard Halberg** visited the trading floor of the Chicago Board of Trade, arranged for by Nancy Schmidt '81.

Drs. **Irmgard Howard**, **David Meade** and **Carl Schultz** taught Houghton's Elderhostel sessions: respectively, consumer chemistry, "Paul and Judaism" and "Renegade or Native Son?", and "A Study of Theodicy." Meade also has a book, *Pseudonymity and Canon*, at press. Schultz prepared an article for publication in *The Wesleyan Advocate* in October.

Organ professor **Susan Randall Klotzbach** was married in the spring and attended the national American Guild of Organists convention in Detroit.

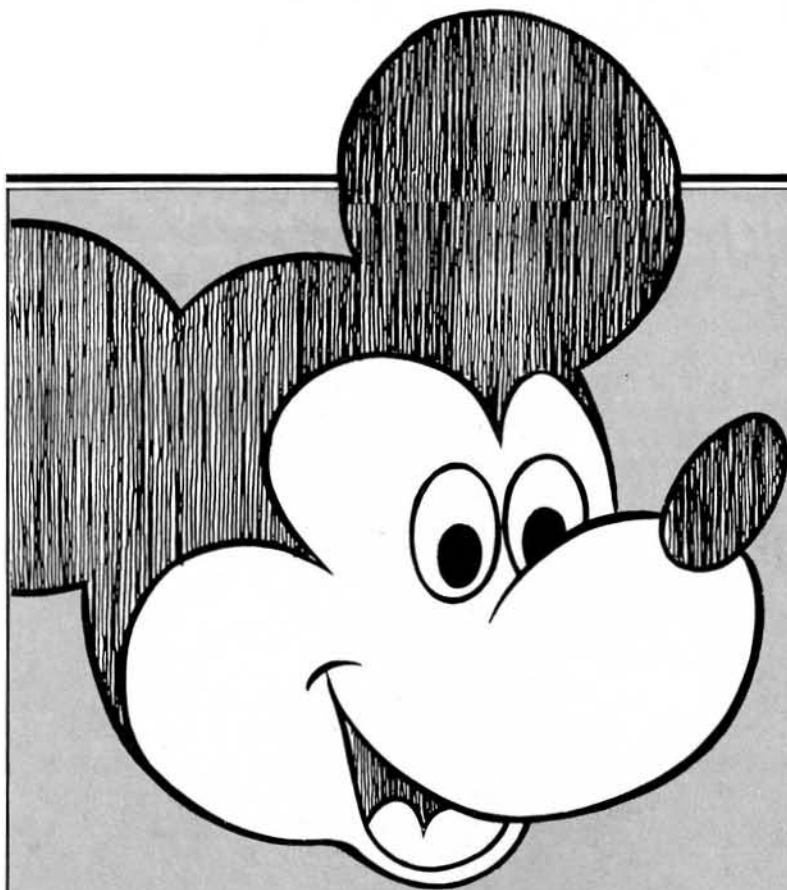
After making local arrangements for the international American Scientific Affiliation conference held on campus, Dr. **Donald Munro** attended the Northeast Association of Advisers of the Health Professions meeting in Baltimore, MD.

Dr. **Jack Norton** pastored a church and was commissioned to write a paper for Scripture Press, "A Fresh Look at Children's Church." Dr. **William O'Byrne** recuperated from a June 17 quintuple coronary bypass.

In early June Dr. **Rich Perkins** and his wife, Beaver, flew west to the Oregon Extension Program where he, two other sociologists and 10 students held a three-day seminar on contemporary evangelicalism in the United States. Later Perkins finished editing his manuscript, *Looking Both Ways*, slated for publication next spring by Baker House.

Chemistry department head Dr. **Bernard Piersma** conducted studies at the F.J. Seiler Research Lab at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado under the auspices of the USAF Office of Scientific Research Faculty Summer Research Program.

Drs. **Richard Pocock** and **Fred Shannon** participated in a Christian College Coalition workshop, "Christianity and the History of Science" at George Fox College in Oregon.



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- Founders' Day Convocation with Dr. Katherine Lindley and Alumnus of the Year Award presentation
- Alumni Career Day
- Artist Series with the Buffalo Guitar Quartet
- J.V.-Alumni Athletic Contests, 10K Race
- Homecoming Parade and Queen Coronation

- Dedication of Memorial Sculpture
- Carnival and Games
- Varsity Soccer Matches
- Alumni Banquet
- Senate Spot, Film
- Worship Services

Business Alumnus Award, programs planned, expanded

The college's business and economics department will honor a Business Alumnus of the Year during chapel on October 22 with the recipient speaking.

Candidates for future consideration must be Houghton business major graduates at least 10 years out of college, have made note-worthy contributions by their professional involvement with a profit or non-profit organization, be active in church and community affairs, and be willing to accept the award on campus. Nominations are welcome.

On September 25 the chair of comparative economic systems sponsored a campus lecture, "Is Federal Spending Out of Control?" John C. Moorhouse of

Wake Forest University spoke.

According to the department news letter, 21 applicants have been accepted for business internship placement this fall with more than half of the business seniors participating.

Business alumni of the greater Rochester area will meet there November 7, while on campus, the Young Administrators' Organization will sponsor the Kodak spectacular, "China: A Journey in Pictures," on November 22. Tickets may be ordered from the department for one dollar until November 1.

During June the department faculty held a planning and strategy retreat, paid for by special gifts from business alumni. Such gifts also paid for upgrading the departmental computer's memory from 256K to 640K, purchasing programs, films for class use and engaging outside speakers.

Calendar

Christian Life Emphasis Week—	
James Mathis	Sept. 9-14
Lecture: <i>Men, Women and Dual-Career Families: Exploring Some Christian Models—</i>	
Margaret M. Poloma	Sept. 18
Lecture: <i>Is Federal Spending Out of Control?—</i>	
John C. Moorhouse	Sept. 25
New dorm dedication	Sept. 26
Concert: Phil Keaggy and Brian Duncan	Sept. 27
Lecture: <i>New Knowledge of Marine Mammals—</i>	
David Owen Brown	Oct. 9
Artist Series: Jerome Rose, pianist	Oct. 24
Freshmen Parents' Weekend	Oct. 24-26
Lecture: <i>Theological Shift and Curricular Modifications: Yale—</i>	
Wesley Vanderhoof	Oct. 30
Upperclassmen Parents' Weekend	Oct. 31-Nov. 2
FMF Conquest Week	Nov. 3-7
Artist Series: Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra	Nov. 21
YAO Kodak Special—"China"	Nov. 22
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 26-30

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"They shall mount up with wings as eagles"

FIVE YEARS AGO this October, six Houghton seniors died in an auto accident as they were enroute to Buffalo on a trip related to Homecoming. The bronze sculpture that is their campus memorial (see cover), was erected over the summer. Its dedication will follow

crowning of the Homecoming Queen on October 11.

The search for an appropriate memorial began almost immediately after the accident. Various ideas were proposed; several were modeled, but none received student or college approval.

Then two summers ago, sculptor David Caccia of Sewall, NJ, brought his son to Houghton as a prospective student. During the campus visit David was surprised to see no sculpture and asked President Chamberlain if the school had ever considered commissioning any. Chamberlain described the memorial concept, observing, "any sculpture must evoke the best of what we stand for and convey the Christian hope that we'll see the students again."

Caccia's work is in private collections and public places from Harvard University to Callaway Gardens in Georgia. His recent credits include a bronze raven at the Edgar Allen Poe House and impressionistic stainless steel tetrahedron kites for Bell Telephone (both in Philadelphia), and a sailing motif for a Cooper River Center office building in New Jersey. He accepted the president's challenge.

Without knowing that Isaiah 40:31 had been quoted at the 1981 memorial services, he chose the phrase, "they shall mount up as eagles," as his theme, then constructed and submitted a concept model. It was endorsed here and commissioned.

Next Caccia studied videos of eagles taking off and in flight, observed, photographed and modeled Golden Eagles at the Philadelphia Zoo. For the 20-foot-high sculpture he worked in silicon bronze, fabricating the 75-100 pound birds from eighth-inch-thick sheeting, welding the pieces together and grinding seams smooth. He faced two problems: esthetically it was difficult to present so many elements; structurally the piece had to withstand wind and weather without destroying the sense of flight.

Though he confessed some anxious moments as final assembly occurred here in June, Caccia says he achieved the effect he sought. Campus visitors have been enthusiastic; one even penned a poem. Caccia concludes, "I hope the parents of the students will find some comfort in it."



Counter-clockwise from top: The sculpture in its setting surrounded by the memorial benches. Sculptor Caccia, with Poe raven, installation underway.

