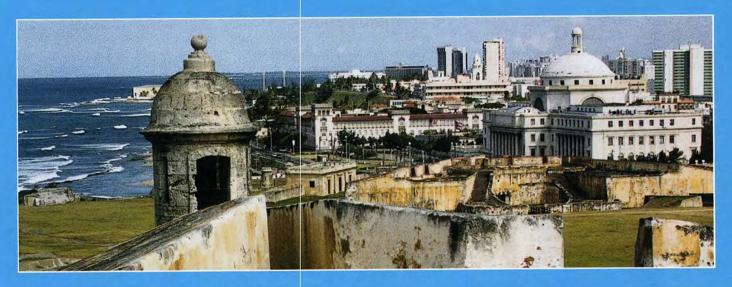
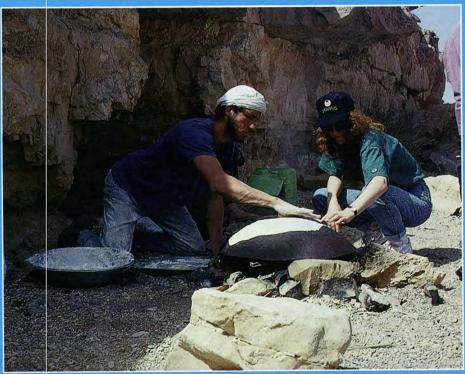
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#### Exploring the World as Classroom

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The global village notion may remain a dream, but shrinkage of planet Earth is ever more evident at Houghton. Last year well over 100 college-related people availed themselves of the information office's passport services—for study trips, short -term or regular missionary service, plus internationals or others renewing their documents.

During spring break some 50 students and six faculty traveled in three groups to England, Israel and Puerto Rico. (Cover: window in Canterbury cathedral, San Juan, PR, from El Morro Castle, a Bedouin in Israel bakes bread for his guest.) Each trip was an integral part of a semester-long Houghton course.

Drs. Cameron Airhart (history) and Charles Bressler (English) offered literary and historical perspectives in England. In liaison with Congressman Amory Houghton and former British Prime Minister Heath, a behind the scenes tour of parliament in London occurred. Those travelers also relived the days of pre-computer flight arrangements as all JFK terminal computers in New York were down because of the World Trade Center bombing on their departure day.

Students visiting Puerto Rico with Professor José Velazquez stayed in Spanish -speaking homes for greater language and cultural immersion, and beyond the routine events, met with the governor's wife. The environmental psychology group in Israel studied various aspects of Arab, Israeli and Palestinian Christian relations and enjoyed a rare visit with a Bedouin family. Leaders were Drs. Michael Lastoria and John VanWicklin. For most students these were initial trips abroad, extremely useful in giving insights into the host cultures and upsetting stereotypes of culture and politics, whetting appetites for more.

In conjunction with New York School of Urban Ministries and World Missions Fellowship, 19 students spent the break in an almost different country—New York City. They worked in soup kitchens, attended classes, witnessed to and prayed with the homeless, and visited prisons. Robin Shea wrote of her semester in Quebec (page 29).

Last summer Houghton students did business in Singapore (page 28). This summer at least a half- dozen Houghton alumni will have part in youth camp work in Russia (page 30). Veteran missionary alumna, public health nurse Esther Smeenge '44, traveled to Russia to facilitate arrangements and selection of Russian orphans for adoption in the United States (page 22). During February's Black History emphasis, the campus community met and heard Togo's Crown Prince Ayi in two days of lectures and individual contacts. (See page 14.)

Finally, the January *Milieu* was the first to use ISAL (International Surface Air Lift), a service which supposedly reduces delivery time for international mail by using air to a gateway city in the recipient nation. If you're living abroad and can document improved service for the January or April issues, let us know.—*DL* 

Milieu welcomes letters to the editor related to subjects addressed in the previous issue of the magazine. We ask correspondents to confine themselves to one typed page, and we reserve the right to edit for space available.

#### Dear Editor:

The January issue displayed several aspects of today's Houghton of interest to various generations of alumni ... It is [revealing to watch] as Houghton changes and to take an introspective look. Is it possible that now I fear the school is becoming what I thought I wanted it to be when I was a student? Now, older and wiser, do I no longer wish those changes?

In the article on Spiritual Formation for a New Generation, what means "Houghton students who opt for worship experiences in other traditions and places are matched by a significant number of individuals who have decided that corporate worship in the

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sanctuary does not speak to their spiritual needs and attend nowhere."? I would encourage students at Houghton to enjoy "the Holtkamp Organ and the *Gloria Patri*" for the four years they are exposed to these aids to worship. At the same time it is encouraging to see that Houghton traditionalists withhold harsh judgment against those who are "skeptical in the acceptance of traditional forms of spirituality, and eager to find a faith that will work for them."

... The article, *Preparing a New Gen*eration of Christian Leaders, was a thoughtful look at the struggles the "sponsoring denomination" faces. It may be that other denominations have gained more from The Wesleyan Church's excellent "gift" of higher education in a Christian environment than have the Wesleyans themselves. As a Baptist I say "thank you" to the Wesleyans... How difficult it must be for church and college leaders to make the right decisions. I am reminded of a song we sang at camp: "Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold."

Sincerely, Marilyn (Johnson) Driscoll '57

#### Dear Editor:

Thank you for including my prayer request on behalf of my wife in the January *Milieu*. We have been amazed at how many of our Houghton friends have called, or written, or visited us because of that brief notice about Nona's diagnosis. I am sure that many more are praying that the Lord's will may be done in her illness ... May the Lord guide your efforts to keep us all in touch and praying for one another.

Sincerely in Christ, Bob Bitner '50



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### The l Fak Marriages Ma

From the top: Lori LaQuay/ Brian Armen wedding and supporting Houghton players; Steve and Marge (Harbers) Johnson; Priscilla and John Edling

oughton College offers 42 majors and programs, says admissions literature. It doesn't say that if you attend Houghton, you stand a 1 in 3.7 chance of meeting someone here you will marry. Whether or not most entering students consciously consider matrimonial odds in selecting a college, Houghton's "match factory" reputation persists. And a quick survey of a half-dozen Christian colleges suggests that Houghton's marriage odds are marginally above average. Why? It's the rural setting sans alternatives, one cynic suggests.

What patterns might emerge from a survey of Houghton's 2,026 currently married (as of January) both-alumni couples? *Milieu* decided to find out and share results. First came a random printout of address files weighted to represent the decades proportionately—just a half-dozen couples on file before 1930, 45 from the '30s, 178 from the '40s. The '50s netted 322, the '60s produced 431. Things peaked in the '70s with 546 couples listed, with 414 for the '80s and 85 for the '90s— rates roughly parallel to student populations of those years.

The computer selected one in 15 for the survey. About a third of those couples responded—some with a few lines, others in multipage single-spaced typed documents. (The editor's creative favorite was Lori LaQuay and Brian Armen's "He said/She said" versions of each event in their relationship.) A smattering of these archival treasures will have to suffice here, though.

#### The Food of Love

"If music be the food of love, play on, "Shakes-peare wrote. Among those sur-

veyed, music seemed to be the leading catalyst for first dates. For example: James Bence '37 asked Florence Lytle '35 to attend the dedication of the "new" Wesleyan Church organ (Jim's roommate asked her too, but she went with Jim). Jim and Nancy (Hoyer) Foster (both '74) attended a *Regeneration* concert.

Mark Knox and Denise Servello were the other halves of two couples scheduled to attend an artist series concert. When their other halves decided to do something else, Mark and Denise went to the concert as "friends." The orchestra played Wagner's Wedding March from *Lohengrin*, and by evening's end Denise told her future maid of honor, "I'm going to marry Mark." Two years later she did.

Tom and Dana (Lehman '80) Britton '81 first-dated to a PDQ

Myra (Fuller '41) and Ernest Hollenbach '40; Vaughn (Dunham) and Frank Estep



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Bach concert. "Our first true date was attending some Shakespeare thing in Fancher Hall," David Crouch '79 and Marta Finch '78 recall. Ron Johns and Nancy Wight, both '62, attended church together to hear the trumpet trio. A week later she became a Christian and today says, "Because of what Christ [continues to do in our lives] we have weathered several tragedies."

Rohn Vogan '84 and Lisa Steensen '85 met when both showed up at tryouts for the outreach group Son Touched. Richard Wolfe and Carolyn Banks, both '65, became acquainted ministering in Youth in One Accord. Frank Estep and Vaughn Dunham, both '58, met in music theory class. Jerry Meloon and Marion Wilson, both '66, also first dated to an artist series concert, although WJSL staffer Jerry carried a transistor radio along so he could monitor progress of the program, "Odyssey," by ear phone during the evening

The Love of Food Food, or trying to get some, brought other couples together. Leon Swartout's ('47) marriage to Lois Taylor '46 (50 years come July) was predicated on the empty place at her dining hall table one Sunday morning. A mutual friend introduced Tom Ramsland and Brenda Rock, both '90, at breakfast on their first day as freshmen, while Curtis Taylor '53 and Virginia Sanders '52 struck up their first conversation while standing in a Gao dining hall line more than 40 years ago. Miles



The Sadie Hawkins' Day chase was a cementing factor in the relationship of Carl Lynch '71 and Elizabeth Kurtz '73. More about them in fune.

Weaver '40 was waiting tables, Ruth Luksch '42 was cleaning up. "The extra cream and sticky buns" brought her to his tables.

The Love of Knowledge Shared classes was another relational launching point. "Initially we met over fruit flies and shark bones in comparative vertebrae anatomy and genetics lab," say James Barton and Kirsten Dyal, both '83. But it took two years and racquetball to start a relationship. Then, "we became good friends, even praying together several mornings a week in the chapel. Very few things can draw a couple closer than that, and it was only a matter of time before we became romantically involved." Jerry Meloon and Marion Wilson met in linguistics class, then discovered it was linguistics which had prompted both to consider Houghton.

Steve Johnson '58 and Marge Harbers '57 first discovered each other in a design class "under the loving and astute eyes of [professor] Aimee Ortlip. Like many Houghton couples, they had little money so their dates were simple— "meals in Gao, sports events, free concerts, church programs, walks and visits to various faculty and staff families." Along with growing spiritual bonds their relationship was cemented in the joint project of constructing scale models of East Hall, Luckey Memorial and the (then) to-be-built Wesley Chapel. This was done to see how the scale of the buildings would fit on campus. (Like the Johnson's marriage, the models still endure.) Marge has also maintained a "Round Robin" correspondence with five alumni friends.

Chasing Love A Sadie Hawkins' Day chase moved John Edling '44 and Priscilla Perkins '45 beyond casual shared classes acquaintance. Similarly, Helen Godden '60 chased Art West '59 after two male students (already caught) ran him out of the library, earning a reprimand from Dr. Lynip. She gave him a "rubber snake corsage" and they drove his Henry J (an early compact car built by Henry J. Kaiser, also sold as the Sears Allstate) to a Letchworth pic-



nic first date. The car broke down and they hitched a ride back to Houghton.

Several couples met in the line of work or in mentoring situations. Mike Pollock '90 was Kristen Zike's ('91) PACE leader (she was a freshman,) but he kept a professional distance until after orientation. Then began a getting to know one another friendship. They found Houghton "wonderful for deep conversations about prayer, for long walks and cross country skiing," while adding, "We did not find East Hall lounge



a place to inspire passion." Secretly engaged, but separated—she studying in France, he in Kenya—was trying, but their 1990 Houghton wedding not only reunited them, but brought extended family, many of them also alumni, back to campus. Earlier, Jim Barton



From top: Al and Nancy Hoover then; Richard and Carolyn Wolfe now; Mark Knox and Denise Servello—after Wagner.

and Kirsten Dyal mentioned joint prayer times. Friendship and shared faith have been vital courtship elements for many Houghton couples. "We began our relationship as good friends, first," Alvin Hoover '78 and Nancy Smith '79 affirmed. "This formed a good basis for our relationship as we are still best friends."

Mark Churchman '81 and Natalie Giles '83 reiterated: "We got to know each other as friends first. As a teacher Natalie sees many high schoolers so physically involved at such young ages when they should be friends first... We attended many church services and Christian Life Emphasis services. These provided much to talk about, thus getting to know each other in the process."

Several couples recalled that Houghton used to discourage student marriages and more than one claimed to be the first exception to the rule. The Wolfes observed: "Special permission was given for us to complete our senior year as married students." John Glatz and Jann Thorn, both '60, came to Houghton as high school sweethearts, but married after their sophomore year (perhaps tiring of



being called into the dean's office for holding hands in public). They then lived in an upstairs apartment over the firehall. John called it "a hair-raising experience when the siren on the roof sounded at 3 a.m." Their baby didn't like it either! Alvin Barker '35 and Pauline Stairs '37, were also high school sweethearts, but married after his sophomore year at Houghton.

Jim and Florence Bence skirted the student marriage problem and took advantage of the ready presence of friends and family by marrying "in the rose arbor of Dr. Ries's rock garden an hour after commencement." Belle Moses, in whose home Jim had roomed, provided their wedding luncheon in her home where Reinhold Campus Center now stands—itself a popular place for receptions today.

In recent years it's become common for students and recent alumni to marry in Houghton, frequently with the local pastor officiating. Reasons range from family moves during college, invalidating the notion of "home" as being a geographical locale with church and friends, to Houghton being neutral ground for couples whose parents have divorced. Whether or not the wedding site was Houghton, for most couples surveyed, college friends formed the bulk of their wedding parties, including musicians.

Honeymoon recollections ranged from Europe or "an invigorating week in the Bahamas," to the practical "We registered for classes on Friday, married on Saturday and began classes on Monday. Our oneday honeymoon was spent in the Houghton Trailer Park."

The Match Factory will conclude in the June issue with a closer look at how couples built relationships, their subsequent lives, and some lasting influences of college days.



Alleged to be the first post World War II Houghton College Quartet, left to right are Calvin Hayes, Theodore Muller, Dean Gillitand and Merle Baer.

## "An Enriching Experience"

e had sung about Jesus's love to patients in a mental hospital. Afterward several came up to me and asked, 'Does Jesus really love even me?' I remember the tears in my eyes and the joy in theirs. The Lord truly cares about us all."

"I was singing a solo with the group, *Chapel 5*, when I noticed a beautiful blonde girl in the audience. Soon I was so concentrating on trying to impress her, that I forgot the song. I tried to repeat words until the others came in on their cue. But they all broke out laughing except the bass who finished the verse alone."

"It was an enriching experience to work with each of the groups I was part of during my college days. The friendships which develop are invaluable; the sense of being a minister to others through music is precious; it is a vital part of the maturing process which a Christian education affords."

These anecdotes from Helen (Mason '84) Atzenweiler, John by Patricia Buonocore '93

Hemenway '69 and Merle Baer '48, illustrate the immediate rewards, the danger of taking one's eyes off the Lord, and the enduring aspects of serving on Houghton College



Late '60s Ladies' Trio featured Joyce Larkin Schwingle, Brenda Markley Picazo, Carole Timberlake and Sandy Lawrence.

outreach teams. Over the past 50 years the college has fielded literally dozens of groups: from traditional favorites like quartets and bigger groups like Son Touched, to traditional large touring ensembles such as college choir, wind ensemble and chapel choir, or variations on them.

Other ministry groups have included trumpet trios, sports teams, mimes and clown ministry. In the '70s one men's summer team ran across the nation, taking speaking engagements enroute, while another bicycled coast to coast taking services along the way. Some groups have been college sponsored, others are independent, though operating with college approval or connection. Youth in One Accord, in operation under Dr. George Wells for 42 years, best exemplifies the latter. YOA has ministered in over 800 churches, camps, conferences, vacation Bible schools and youth meetings in the US and abroad with nearly 250 students participating.

For eight years, between 1974 and 1982, SonTouched, led by Ralph and Elaine Biesecker, traveled over 300,000 miles—over that time 70 team members filling nearly 1,400 engagements. In addition to ministry, these two groups are thought to have influenced more prospective





In the mid '80s Malachi (left) and Rejoice represented the college.

students to attend Houghton than any others. But whatever a particular group's specialty, its broad main goals have been the same: to bring honor and praise to God, to minister to others, to provide students with opportunity to witness, and to represent Houghton College.

#### Moments to Remember

A recent survey of 200 musical outreach group alumni of the past four decades brought 50 responses and a variety of anecdotal evidence that the outreach groups seem to fulfill all aspects of their mission, and recall memories profound and humorous. Examples of the latter follow.

Merle Baer, part of the 1948 Houghton College quartet, recalled a very warm Sunday morning when the quartet was to lead a congregation in music and praise. They were seated on the platform behind the pulpit. Behind the quartet was the organ. First tenor, Dean Gilliland, noticed that the Christian flag was immediately behind him. After the hymns and special music had been sung, it was time for the minister to speak. Dean suddenly noticed a movement of white behind him. Quickly he reached around to prevent what he thought was the Christian flag from falling over, only to grab the young church organist, dressed in a white dress, around the knees.

A pastor for 42 years, now living in Venice, FL, George Johnson '50, was part of another Houghton College quartet. He told how his quartet was to sing in a service led by the late faculty artist, H. Willard Ortlip. Just before he was to deliver his message, Ortlip asked the group to sing a song they had never practiced. The bass singer was supposed to lead off with the chorus. Instead he began to sing an entirely different song. Though suppressing laughter, the group managed to complete the song.

Patricia (Huff '69) Thompson, a pianist for Youth in One Accord, adds her version of an embarrassing moment. "One night we were at the halfway point in our concert and were going off stage to take a break. One of the guys led us out through a door off to the side of the stage and into an extremely small prayer room, about the size of a walk-in closet. All 15 to 20 of us kept filing in. It became more hysterical by the second. None of the team members still coming knew where they were going. But many in the audience knew the size of the room and the number we were trying to squeeze in. People began to laugh. Finally we all had to file back out and down to the back of the church, blushing and laughing."

What carryover has outreach group participation had for alumni? Helen Atzenweiler now conducts the music ministry of the American Indian Christian Mission in Arizona; Hemenway is music specialist at the Dr. Franklin Perkins' School in Lancaster, MA; Merle Baer computerizes data for a printing firm in Audobon, PA; and Pat Thompson directs marriage seminars and retreats.

#### Staying the Course

Clearly, neither humor nor a mission statement is sufficient to assure success or fidelity to a task, Dr. Wells explains what has motivated him to stay on the road for parts of five decades by quoting Christ's words: "My purpose is to do the will of Him that sent me."



First Son Touched group with founder Ralph Biesecker at center

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Wells also said the reason YOA has lasted is because the group has adult leadership, their primary emphasis is surrendering totally to the Lord, and the members refuse to let prayer time slip away even in the midst of hectic schedules.

Outreach group members from the early 1940s to the present attest to the truth that while outreach ministries take a great deal of time, commitment, and dedication, the rewards are enduring.

A former teacher, now caring for young children, Jennifer Wagner '90 said,"[Being in the group] was one of the hardest, most stretching experiences of my life, but also one of the most rewarding. I grew closer to God and He docs bless as you give your life in service to Him."

Writes Tim Schreck '68, now a piano and organ tuner and church musician: "I didn't know how to speak in front of people, but through the trio's encouragement and our prayer times, I learned to quote scripture and tell how it applied to my life. Now I can speak in front of 30, 300, or 3,000 people—which has been the case as the Lord has led my wife and me in our concerts throughout New England and the East Coast."

Outreach Groups Today

This year Houghton's church relations office sponsors two traveling groups, Dayspring and Heirborne. Dayspring could be described as a self-contained summer camp. Its six members do everything from camp counseling and song leading to recreation and even kitchen duty. They operate summers only. Heirborne travels two weekends a month within three to six hours of campus and summers. Its main objective is ministry through contemporary Christian vocal and instrumental music, together with a verbal sharing of faith by its seven members. Both groups travel throughout the northeast, parts of the Midwest, and occasionally in the south. This summer they will

travel for two months, between them, spending a week at each of 11 camps.

Music groups have proven to offer the most consistent outreach over the last 50 years, but since intercollegiate sports came in, the sports teams have also had ministry to students of other colleges; whether by controlled attitudes on the field, through faith shared verbally, or praise songs sung by the team members after games.

Multiple Expectations While the college fosters commitment to outreach groups, the fact remains that six years ago there were *four* groups. At a time when sister schools are expanding the numbers of groups they sponsor, why has Houghton's apparent commitment shrunk?

Answering that question requires a look back some 10 years when the number of qualified people auditioning for outreach groups began to decline. Consequently, when budget cuts were required in the late '80s, reducing outreach support made sense.

Today Houghton offers academic and ensemble credit for outreach participation and provides some scholarship assistance to group members with the result that interest is rising. Where once few music majors were involved in groups, today most participants are majors. Too, part-time music faculty member Virginia (Alexander ' 71) Halberg—herself a one time outreach group member—assists with group auditions and training.

A past member of the group known as *Malachi* said, "Our servanthood should stem from our desire to be obedient to God, and not [be] primarily motivated by the desire for rewards. Service is an outgrowth of our response to God's love and faithfulness and of our call to serve Him no matter what the cost." That emphaisis on ministry endures, but college relations director Lisa Bennett feels that a more pro-active recruitment role is also appropriate.

Consequently, outreach group members will receive more training in sharing factually about the college, both as a part of their main presentations, and in one-on-one discussions with youth.

Patricia Buonocore is a senior communications major from Auburn, NY, working as an intern in the college relations office. In preparing this piece she researched outreach group history in old yearbooks, and by contacting some 200 former team members.



Heirborne is one of two 1993 groups.



Front row center is Ray Calhoon with his E flat cornet.

## One in a Million

#### by Ray Calhoon '16

Editor's Note: In January, Milieu profiled Ray Calhoon as one of three alumni celebrating centennial birthdays last fall. Subsequently Mr. Calhoon agreed to share some of his Houghton recollections in the following reminiscence. For readers interested in learning more about early life in Houghton, four chapters of Ray Calhoon's book, Just One in a Million, are devoted to Houghton from 1907 to 1915. Born in a Wesleyan parsonage in lowa, he learned of the college through his aunt and uncle, Nell and Clark Bedford, who taught here. The book traces Calhoon's life from near-pioneer days in Montana and South Dakota through his career as an educator, and until 1986 when it was published. Copies may be obtained by writing North Country Books, Ulica, NY.

n the fall of 1907 I left Ohio to begin my high school education in Houghton, NY, entering what was known as the academic department, now Houghton Academy. In January of that year my father had died. That summer my mother moved the family from Ohio to Houghton, so that for a time I could again live at home *and* stay in school. Before I graduated in 1911 from the academic department, my family broke up and from then on I was entirely on my own.

The class of 1911 was one of the largest in the history of the school to that time. Most of the class remained for the first year of college. At the end of that year my funds were completely gone, so I decided to stay out for a year and work. After two years I returned to Houghton for my junior year of college. The college department was growing rapidly during that time and the junior class of about 20 was the largest in the history of the college. I was honored by being elected class president. We delighted President Luckey by putting on events which made the school seem more like a college.

That senior year two things happened which influenced my life. One was that I met Norah Riggall, who had come to Houghton as the first teacher of speech. Her classroom was next to the physics laboratory. President Luckey taught the physics class, but he engaged me as his assistant and to run the laboratory. As neighbors Norah and I soon became friends and before the year was over we had developed what was to be an enduring relationship. Three years after I returned from Europe after World War I we were married.

One of the highlights of commencement in those years was the annual Willard J. Houghton Oratorical Contest. To win this competition was considered as one of the highest things a student could accomplish. I had never done anthing like this before, but I decided to enter. Certain rules had to be followed, such as length of the oration and getting a faculty member to endorse the oration. I'd had professor Henry Smith as my English teacher in my freshman year. I liked him and asked him to be my sponsor. He agreed, giving me instruction in English writing.

My first draft was too long and professor Smith began to show me how, by wisely choosing words, I could express the same ideas more concisely. I rewrote parts of the oration several times before it was accepted. Then Norah helped with my delivery. The result was that I won the contest. Over the next several days several faculty members took me aside and asked where I'd found my conclusion, saying it was the best they'd ever heard. Clearly, some of them didn't believe me when I replied, "I didn't find it, I wrote it."

Winning that contest gave me needed self confidence. Since Houghton wasn't yet able to grant degrees, most juniors transferred to other colleges. With my new confidence, I selected Oberlin College where some of my friends had gone. I went there my senior year and received an A.B. degree.

That experience in the oratorical contest also helped me greatly years later when I became a high school principal-whether it was speaking at school functions or community affairs. As lay leader at Central Methodist Church Utica, NY] I gave the annual layman's talk. From this I gained a reputation and was invited to speak in various central New York churches. My last speech was given before the Utica Kiwanis Club when I was 95. The next day a big article with my picture appeared in the paper. When I called the reporter to thank her she claimed that I'd "kept the audience on the edge of their seats."

In my first year at Houghton there were several boys who could play band instruments. They proposed that the school form a real brass band. The school encouraged the idea by agreeing to buy the drums and big horns if the members would buy the rest.

At that time town bands were being organized all over and one instrument manufacterer offered to furnish what was needed to form a 25-unit band. I was eager to join and secured the necessary \$15 from my mother. When the instruments came, the older boys selected the ones they wanted, leaving me, as the youngest, with an E flat horn. I took it and learned to play it. The band began with 25 members but grew smaller each year until by the time I was ready for college it died out. I gave up the horn and got a used cornet which I took to Oberlin where I joined the college band.

After college I had few opportunities to play the cornet. Then in Utica I heard about the Ziyara Shrine Band, a top organization with professional musicians. In 1955 I joined the Shrine and discovered that the band had an alto horn but no player. I told the director of my experience. He tried me out and I became the first amateur member of this band. It was a great experience. Not only was I with real musicians, but the band played for Shrine events in all the cities and many villages of New York.

We played for parades in Utica and for national Shrine events in eastern cities as far west as Chicago and north to Montreal. I made many friends. For my last time with the band I was 95 years old and played in a July 4th concert on the lakeshore at Old Forge, NY. Originally I was one of four horn players and was the last to go. I always gave Houghton the credit for giving me the chance to enjoy this organization.

Again, I credit Houghton for a good start. My years there had a lasting impact. There I came to know some excellent teachers and their respect for good work influenced me profoundly. I owe much to those years.

#### **Remembering Houghton**

A tradition of individual and group support fosters the unique strength and diversity of American public and private higher education, and makes possible schools such as Houghton. Profiling friends significant in nurturing Houghton programs seeks to encourage that tradition, while showing that such help isn't just the province of the wealthy.

Students entering Houghton College this fall will confront a first year bill in excess of \$13,000. For some, enrollment will be possible only because of generous people like retired school teacher Jeanette Estes '44, who recently established the Jeanette Estes Endowed Scholarship—to be funded through her will. (She recalls her total first year costs were less than \$400.)

Jeanette's service on the college alumni board in the '80s re-introduced her to the college's efforts to keep Houghton affordable for present students and factored in her decision to establish the scholarship.

From Batavia, NY, Jeanette entered Houghton in the fall of 1940, her choice of college influenced by her cousin, Marcia Saile, who'd just graduated. Jeannette immersed herself in studies, while taking advantage of such co-curriculars as chapel choir, forensics, German, music and social science clubs. She nurtured her spiritual growth by participating in the extension ministries of Torchbearers.

Upon graduating, Jeanette taught social studies at Newark Valley, NY, then began an Ed.M in guidance counseling at the University of Buffalo. For the next 25 years she served as teacher and/or guidance counslor, beginning in Central New York, and ending with 20 years at Kenmore West Senior High. Jeanette found deep satisfaction in encouraging students to stay in school, advising them about their career choices, and helping them find work. She also continued her formal studies at five universities and colleges-frequently taking courses in the travel business.

When she was four, a trip to Watkins Glen with her grandfather triggered a lifelong wanderlust, and Jeanette has been to Europe nine times. She's also created Estes's Escapades, a travel counseling service which has netted her little cash, but many free tickets as an escort. She retired from teaching in 1980, but continues arranging bus tours ranging from Toronto to the Carolinas.

Jeanette cites Houghton's impacts on her life from her choice of a career in education—inspired by history and social science division chairman Phillip Aston—to 50-year friendships with eight schoolmates. She credits Garol (Gilliland '44) Stewart's spiritual impact for her own acceptance of Christ as saviour.

Miss Estes wanted to help make such Houghton educational benefits more accessible to today's youth. After remembering her church and the SPCA, she worked with Ralph Young to create the endowed scholarship—tangible thanks for Houghton's pivotal role in her own life, and empowerment for the kinds of young people to whom she devoted her career.



Shown wearing a jacket she bought in Budapest, Jeanette posed with a Danish Christmas plate collection in her Hamburg, NY, home along with Sandy, her cherished 13-year-old W. Highland Terrier/Poodle. Deeply involved in the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, she enjoys Buffalo's cultural opportunities, managing her rental propertics, planning future travels and researching new options for retirement home living.

The college will assist any person or organization wishing to explore ways to help underwrite Houghton's ministry – perhaps with donor tax advantages beyond Christian stewardship and personal satisfaction. For details call planned giving director Ralph Young at 1-800-777-2556.

## Life Aboard Kitty Hawk in Somalia in the Gulf



by Jeffrey West '86

ost of the US Navy ships here in the Persian Gulf are on what is called a Western Pacific deployment. What that is is six months at sea, round trip from homeport to homeport, with half of that time spent patrolling the Persian Gulf. The Kitty Hawk and all of the ships in our battle group save one, are homeported in Southern California. Our battle group is comprised of three cruisers, one frigate, two fast-attack submarines and a replenishment (supply) ship, which is based out of Bremerton, Washington.

The Kitty Hawk alone has over 5000 men on board. Add the crews on the other ships, and you have well over 7000 people who are away from their families for six months. It's hardest on the married folks and people with kids. I don't have any of my own, but I love my niece and nephew as if they were, and miss seeing them, especially during the holidays.

That's one reason why mail calls are so important. Mail is a reminder that a world outside of the ship still exists and that someone out there misses and cares for you. And for those with families of their own, mail helps keep the fears and worries that crop up almost neurotically from becoming all-consuming. You hear about earthquakes, storms and flu epidemics and wonder if your family is ok. If we go long periods without mail, you can feel the tension rise. A word to the wise: if we do have a long-awaited mail call and the newly-wed or recently engaged young guy in your shop doesn't get a letter—stand clear!

The Kitty Hawk battle group left Southern California last November 3. Since then, we've had four-day stops in Hong Kong, Singapore, and when this was written we're in Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates. Port calls are great if for no other reason than they give you a chance to have a change of surroundings. We're hoping that we get to go by Australia on our way home. Port calls and even hot meals and coffee made in a galley are "luxuries" our compatriots on the ground don't have, so I guess we should count our blessings.

Many of us see the sun only for a few minutes a day, and that's only if we make the time to go out and stand on one of the catwalks or take part in one of the FOD walkdowns on the flight deck or hangar bay. FOD (Foreign Object Damage) walkdowns are times set aside to pick up any debris that could foul a multi- million dollar aircraft engine. During flight evolutions on the flight deck, human bodies in the wrong place at the wrong time are considered FOD. Fortunately, an aircraft engine sucks up a body very rarely. Safety is vigilantly enforced.

The guys who daily experience weather (rain or shine) are the flight deck crews. You can easily tell who they are by the colored jerseys they wear. If they're not wearing a jersey, you can still tell they work the flight deck by looking at their weather-worn faces. Winds averaging around 35-40 miles an hour see to that.

Before we arrived in the Persian Gulf, we spent two weeks in December assisting in relief missions in Somalia. Because of my job and skills as a videographer, I was one of the few to get ashore. Kitty Hawk's 64-man Marine security detachment augmented pier security forces in Mogadishu, and our air traffic controllers established aid-flight procedures and landings until the US Air Force arrived. I spent one day in Mogadishu at the US Embassy compound. In those few hours, I got an appreciation for what the ground forces have to endure. It was hot and dusty, with flies everywhere. Ground troops live on Uncle Sam's sadistic version of a tv-dinner: freeze dried, prepackaged things known as MRE 's - Meals Ready to Eat. The only exception to this is the occasional junkfood and snack supplies sent in, which Kitty Hawk did while we were off the coast of Somalia, much to the joy of the ground forces there.

I did not personally see any of the dying and starving in Somalia, but plenty of the troops did. In fact, anyone who went to Somalia received training on how to deal with the horrors they might encounter. No one in the military enjoys separation from family and friends for months at a time, and especially not at Christmas time, but the fact that we were helping people made the separation more bearable. Many dinner conversations mentioned that it was better to be hot and humid and helping the Somalis, than to be cooler and doing circles in the Persian Gulf making sure Saddam doesn't do something stupid.

Speaking of Saddam . . . We were only involved in Operation Restore Hope for a few weeks when we were ordered full steam ahead to the Persian Gulf because Mr. Hussein had violated the 32nd Parallel. We were in the Gulf within three days, and have been here since, and will be here until mid-March when we do our turnover with the USS NIMITZ.

Now, even though the ship's ventilation / air conditioning system is not as big a treat here at this time of year as it was in the steamy waters off Somalia, there are things you do learn to appreciate. We had been at sea for 53 straight days when we pulled into Jebel Ali. Days run togetherit's hard to remember what day of the week it is. In fact, the only dates that are important are when our next port visit is, when we leave the Gulf and when we pull back into San Diego. To be honest, the only way to tell you when we were somewhere or did something is to go to a calendar and see if it is marked with that information. Ask any sailor to remember what he or the ship did while we are out here and you'll probably get a blank stare or a shrug of the shoulders. Not counting the days helps to make the time go by a little faster.

#### "Remember us, write us, and if inclined to, pray for us and for peace in this crazy world."

By the time we arrived in Jebel Ali, the ship's food had lost any appeal. Now, it's not that it really is bad—especially when compared to MRE's-but anything, when you have it day after day, gets monotonous. It's even worse when you have to wait in a very long line, one that winds and bends its way around the ship, to get to something that, though it looks a little different from what you had yesterday, pretty much tastes the same. I was so excited to see a Pizza Hut stall on the pier when we pulled into Jebel Ali, it reminded me of the days at Houghton when weekend Pizza Hut trips to Olean or Wellsville were the rage!

On January 13 we had our air strike on military targets in Southern Iraq. That was the busiest time for us and also the time when morale was at its highest. We were flooded with teams of media from television broadcasting companies and press agencies. The coverage they gave us rivaled anything any of the services had in the Gulf War. The Kitty Hawk alone had more stories in television newscasts and papers worldwide than any service has had so far in the US involvement with Iraq this year.

I received copies of many of those newscasts and aired them for the crew. The presence of the media and their coverage of the Kitty Hawk gave us all a feeling of pride and accomplishment. We felt involved: much more so than if we were just turning circles. Politically correct or not, most of us would much prefer to hit Saddam fast and hard and get this thing over with rather than lay the occasional small jab here and there and remain constantly vigilant awaiting possible retaliation.

Whether or not we strike Iraq again, as long as we are in the Persian Gulf we have personnel standing mine watches—a remnant of the gulf war and other disputes common to this area. Just days ago we spotted what was believed to be a mine. It turned out to be nothing more than a fishing trap, but everybody on this ship was alert until we learned that it was not a mine. And that is pretty much how life is on a ship: long periods of monotonous daily routine and drills, interspersed with short moments of adrenalincharged activity in response to or in preparation for an attack.

All of us want those back home to remember us, to write us, and if inclined to, pray for us and for peace in this crazy world we live in. We do the same for you.

JO2 Jeffrey West '86, is a Navy Journalist on board the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk which was on station in the Persian Gulf from December 28, '92 into March of this year. Her pilots spear-headed the airstrike on military targets in Southern Iraq that took place last January.

During the first three weeks of January, leading press and television news agencies (ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, FOX-TV, BBC, Associated Press and Reuters) had representatives on board Kitty Hawk. Jeff had charge of radio and television programming and broadcasting on board and worked closely with the visiting camera crews and correspondents. Upon leaving the service in August, Jeff hopes to find employment in New York City with one of the television broadcast companies while setting up housekeeping with Houghton romunate and classmate Glen Baird.

## My Shield is God Togo prince visits Houghton

he local newspaper interviewer called him "a charismatic figure, a dedicated, practicing Christian and a Willie Nelson fan." His story begins in 1663, in Togo-a nation the size of West Virginia on the West African coast. That's when the dynasty of Houghton's 1993 Black History month guest, Crown Prince François Ayi, was established. The crown prince, an exile in America for many of his 30 years, will return to Togo for coronation in August, taking with him the American wife he met at Michigan State, and the conviction that in facing down Togo's military dictator General Eyadema, "my shield is God."

Prince Ayi's Houghton connection began near Boca Raton in Florida where the prince became acquainted with '92 alumna Megan Pryor's father, who was attending a conference at which the prince was speaking. This past January when Megan's Sunday school class—taught by Houghton political science professor David Benedict—wanted a presentation

> about an African country, a light clicked on in Megan's mind. "Why not ask the leader of an African country to speak?"

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Megan recalled reaction to her suggestion: "Dr. Benedict wanted Prince Ayi to speak to his political science class, Dr. David Howard wanted him for African history class, Dr. Bence wanted him for chapel, and President Chamberlain wanted to welcome the prince to Houghton with a fancy dinner."

During two days of campus visits in February Prince Ayi met all those expectations and shared something of his story. Togo, a French colony until 1960, was briefly democratically ruled by a relative of the prince who was assassinated in a military coup. As recently as February five more of the prince's relatives were killed, but the Prince believes that a coming election and popular unrest will soon topple Eyadema. Meanwhile, he's been Togo's transitional ambassador to the U.S. He's drafted a constitution and bill of rights based on the U.S. Constitution for which 80 percent of Togo's people have voted. It's also been a model for other emerging democratic governments, including Somalia. The prince told a political science class that he's observed seven differences between developed western nations and the least developed countries-respect for law, limited governmental power, a tradition of public service, high

standards in education and civil service, absence of corruption in higher ranks of government and freedom of speech with acceptance of others who are culturally, socially, politically and religiously different.

Outside the classroom and work for his shadow government in the U.S., the prince has worked at a 7-11 and with gang members and the homeless in the DC area. The prince urges American friends to press for the establishment of a UN peacekeeping force in his country until elections can be held. To disseminate religious and democratic teachings and medical supplies to Togo's 3.75 million people, the prince has established Intercessors for Africa Foundation of Falls Church, VA.

Megan Pryor, who graduated from Houghton *magna cum laude* with a history major and minors in sociology and political science, has moved to Alexandria, VA, to work for the prince as a researcher for his newsletter, to help in communicating with Capitol Hill, the State Department and foreign dignitaries as the prince prepares for his admittedly perilous return home.





Prince Ayi with reporter (above), Megan Pryor

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grew up reading a book a week . . . long books let you develop images of characters . . . force you to use your imagination." When senior Deborah Cauvel was reading Calvin Miller's *Singer's Trilogy* as a high school senior in Bradford, PA, she little knew how persistent those images would be, or that producing a radio version would consume two semesters of her life as a Houghton communications major.

Since last summer when she conceived the idea of bringing the 1975 fantasy novel to radio for fun, Deb has spent nearly 500 hours making her dream reality—39 fiveto eight-minute segments being heard twice daily over campus station WJSL between February and April. She's also earning five hours of independent study credit.

Drawing on her experiences at WJSL, courses in radio drama and reader's theater, she began by gaining author Miller's permission to prepare edited scripts of the book for broadcast. Next she created manageable radio segments of the volume's 498 pages. Why the *Singer's Trilogy*? Says Deb, "It's a great story for non-Christians, though it carries the Christian message, and it's arranged in such a way as to allow division into chewable segments."

After scripting, Deb ran auditions. The 28 people selected for nearly 100 roles included "students who hang around the station, community residents, a couple of faculty." For most it was their first radio experience, though more than half had been in plays. During Saturday morning recording sessions over four months Deb worked to coax performances, not readings, from her cast. "It may be radio, but you've got to move around, gesticulate and have an animated face if it's to sound real," she observed.

Recording completed, Deb and several confederates—sophomore production manager Aron Kemmerly and Deejay Jeff Strickland

## **Radio Drama** Vision, Script, Actors, Editing



Saturday morning control room view, readers, director Cauvel

notable among them---selected and edited takes, then mixed down a master tape with music and sound effects. Imaginative engineers recorded dragging chains and wind, created creaking and gear grinding noises from a three-ring punch. Although airing had begun at press-time, Deb and her friends still labor to complete the last segments.

Her faculty advisor, communications professor/station manager David Manney says she's done a difficult job "with imagination, perception and vigor, dealing well with the disciplines of schedule and pressure." Moreover, he's pleased that Deb's effort has set a half-dozen other students to dreaming about original programming for the station. Manney adds, "I let them talk, get them to define their ideas and offer reality therapy, but it's great to see the MTV generation grapple with such challenges. Theater of the mind enhances thinking better than TV."

Deb says she's learned a lot about management, production and hiring, "but I learned more about myself than about radio." Does she want to do this kind of work professionally? Enthusiastically she exclaimed, "Yes, because it's so many elements going on all at once."

#### F. Gordon Stockin "A professor in whom there was no guile"

Probably the last faculty member who will surpass 40 years of teaching at Houghton, Dr. F. Gordon Stockin attended to details to the last. His personal papers suggest a college archivist's mindset. He had long since stipulated the text of his funeral meditation to Honghton's pastor, J. Michael Walters— Romans 12. He also suggested music and participants, even hinted at one aspect of Milieu's coverage.



In presenting him an honorary degree in 1982, President Chamberlain said Dr. Stockin possessed an "educated heart." This he defined in the words of Carnegie Commission President Earnest Boyer as: "A reverence for natural and human life and the respect for excellence . . . the development and appreciation of beauty, a tolerance of others, a reaching for mastery without arrogance, a courtesy toward opposing views, a dedication to fairness and social justice, an adherence to integrity and precision of thought and speech, an openness to change and a love for graceful expression and audacious intellect."

would laud Gordon Stockin with a compliment given by the Master to one of his disciples long ago-"Behold, an Israelite in whom there is no guile." Nathaniel should be the patron saint of all college professors. He expressed appropriate intellectual caution-also known as critical thinkingwhen first informed by Philip of a new prophet on the scene. "Can any good thing come from Nazareth," he inquired. But intellectual curiosity pushed him out of his comfort zone and he responded to the invitation to inquire further. After investigation and evaluation, his open-mindedness allowed him to acknowledge the validity of Jesus the teacher, Jesus the King. A critical approach to new ideas, an insatiable curiosity for learning, an openness to new truth: these were attributes of Nathaniel, and, Dr. Stockin.

And so this tribute-"in whom there is no guile." Guile is one of those words that we do not use in ordinary conversation. Nor is the concept of guilelessness one that we regularly extol in ethics or management classes. In Koine Greek, the word is dolos and its root meaning is "to fish with bait, to deceive." Without guile means no plastic worm covering the hook, no honey-flavored oatbran to mask the rat poison. "Without guile" is to get what you see . . . and to see what you get. Gordon Stockin was such a person. He was exactly what we saw.

"Without guile" suggests several characteristics. It suggests first, veracity. Oh, I might just as well have said truthfulness. But that is an Anglo-Saxon word. At the full-honse January 25 memorial service, Dr. Stockin's son, Philip, spoke movingly and with humor about his father's life, while Christian life and ministries dean Bence offered the following tribute. (Obituary on page 32.)

The Latin cognate seemed more appropriate, and (Gordon would argue) more precise. Veritas, verus, meaning genuine, corresponding to reality. Gordon was lover of veracity. His world was words ... ancient words that underlie our modern English language. As a word craftsmen, he handled his materials with expertise. Truth was a matter of precision . . . the right word, the right action, at the right time. And we were awed by his deft handling of words whether in class, in Bible study, or even in casual conversation. I could ask Gordon to explain a word ... and 1 would invariably receive a two- or three-page analysis, complete with citations and allusions to the ancient writers. In speaking and in living, he was a man of veracity.

Sincerity too. From the Latin sincerus, with etymological roots that take us back to Ceres, the goddess of agriculture. To be sincere is essentially to be "home-grown." No hothouse tomatoes from California, no sweet corn from the Market Basket. Sincere means it was produced in the backyard where its genuiness could be established by long periods of observation and cultivation.

Gordon Stockin was homegrown. Raised on a farm not far distant from the Genesee, he was a product of Houghton College, who studied classic languages under the tutelage of Edith Arlin and Claude Ries and the hotshot new arrival to the faculty, Stephen Paine. Given the diminishing number of farmers and classical scholars, I suspect he is the last of his kind—a *sui generis* of sort . . . farmboy turned Latin teacher. Fifty-nine years tied to this same village. That was long enough for us to know who he was, and the stuff he was made of. Gordon Stockin was of the homegrown variety. He was sincere.

Veracity, sincerity and finally, simplicity ... From the Latin simplex, simplicus. The word means without folds, in contrast to complicated-with pleats or folds. Think of convoluted draperies, with their ripples and shadows and obscure hiding places. Then envision a plain sheet of paperunpretentious, straightforward, clear. Professor Stockin was uncomplicated, a simple teacher of classical languages. Say what you will about the students who registered for Latin or Greek in order to avoid the general education math course. Not all of them were motivated by the thoughts of an easy course, a gentle grader, a kind gentleman. Many recognized in this scholar the craft of teaching that made the rigors of learning a foreign language an enjoyable task for students because it was a joyful enterprise for the professor as well.

Ave atque vale. Hail and farewell." Dr. Gordon Stockin penned these words on the flyleaf of a book from his own personal library presented last May to a graduating senior from Houghton College. She, a literature major, who needed an appreciation of her roots in classical literature in order to be liberally educated. She, the daughter of an academic dean who loved verbal sparring with his mentor and friend. She, the granddaughter of a classmate (Class of 37') from the school that was, next to his Master, his life.

Ave atque vale. Not his words, but a quotation from the ancient Latin poet, Catullus, upon the death of his brother. And so this school, this community, echoes the phrase again to a professor in whom there was no guile.

Ave atque vale, Gordon Stockin. Hail and farewell.— C. L. Bence

#### "His patience and humility were irresistible."

(Editor's note: Following Dr Paine's death a year ago, his longtime colleague, Dr. Stockin penned "A Retrospective on My Hero," for Milieu. As I left his home with the manuscript Dr. Stockin remarked: "Dean, if you consider doing something like this when I go, I'd like to have Bob Cummings write it." So, Dr. Stockin, your former student and faculty colleague, himself now emeritus professor of German— and Milieu honor your request.)

When a bout with flu confined me to my home last summer, I received a card from Dr. Stockin. The front showed a strange looking physician and the message: "Hope you're up and out of the hospital real soon!"

Dr. Stockin had crossed out "the hospital" and substituted "home arrest." A small red square at the bottom of the card read: "In fact, here's the unauthorized permit for your immediate release." An arrow directed my attention to the message inside—"To whom it may concern: This is to certify that this hospital (hospital crossed out and replaced with home) exit visa entitles little Bobby Cummings to reenter the outside world at his convenience—but the sconer the better." It was signed "Dr. Knarf Nodrog Nikcots, official well wisher Emeritus." Ill and as uncomfortable as he was, Dr. Stockin took time to send *me* his well-wishes.

I first met him in 1946, when I arrived in Houghton as a freshman. Circumstances and plans were such that I intended to stay as short a time as possible in this strange place. But the Lord used Dr. Stockin in such a way that my life took a completely different direction. It wasn't just his love for the Greek language that caught my fancy. It was his love and gentle spirit which seemed to melt all resistance and break down barriers which so many of us returning veterans had then. His patience and humility were irresistible. The spiritual change wrought in my heart by the grace of God can be traced back in a real sense to Dr. Stockin's class devotions—centered around some Greek work followed by his prayers to his Father in our behalf. He knew his Heavenly Father!

I was gone from Houghton about 10 years during which we exchanged letters—especially each time we entered a new decade. Then a letter arrived from Dr. Paine inviting me to return to campus in the capacity of German language instructor. Soon after came Dr. Stockin's letter welcoming me into the '60s. In the same letter he expressed his pleasure that I had been contacted to come to Houghton to teach in his department. I struggled with the invitation, but his letter made the difference in my decision to return.

Thirty years later, I've had the privilege of serving under Dr. Stockin's chairmanship, and as a teaching colleague. He often invited me to attend professional meetings with him at other colleges and universities. Once, at the University of Delaware, the welcome and the praise heaped on him by the language division chairman surprised Dr. Stockin and amazed me. Many people in his field knew and appreciated him. In all those years of close association I never saw him mistreat anyone or act in any un-christian manner, although at times, in his position as chairman, he was on the opposite side of a question from colleagues or administration, sometimes standing alone. His desire to do God's will was foremost. And he did it always in a spirit of love and obedience.

I'm not sure when, after I returned to Houghton, that Dr. Stockin started writing me notes and letters as "Dear Friend Robert." It meant a lot to me that acquaintance had grown into friendship, since none of us can ever have too many real friends. We will never know how many lives Dr. Stockin touched, but when I've met college-days colleagues they've usually asked how Dr. Stockin is doing, then told me ways in which he was important to them. The last time I visited Dr. Stockin was the January morning after the fall that sent him to the hospital. He told me that this was serious for a person of his age. He mentioned pneumonia, then added, "Robert, if this is the way God wants to take me, I am perfectly satisfied." Dr. Stockin had a word for every situation. Recently he told some of us, "I have gone from a cane, to crutches, and now to this wheelchair. Next it will be the fiery chariot."

As I began *my* 70s in February, there was no welcoming letter from my friend, only assurance that when I, too, take that step into the presence of our Lord, that broken circle of loved ones and friends will once more be complete.—*Robert L. Cummings* 





#### Alumni President's Message by David White '79

My wife, Debby, and I recently received a cassette tape "letter" from close friends living in another state. At the end of the tape our friends expressed their appreciation for us as being"friends with a history." I immediately thought, "That's just like my Houghton friendships!"

#### Fostering a Heritage of Relationships

At your alumni association's March board meeting, our opening devotional focused on the fact that Houghton relationships really are "friendships with a history." Thus, one of your association's goals is to pass on to future generations of Houghthon alumni our college's rich history and the special nature of Houghton relationships.

During our meetings, the directors reviewed and prioritized association tasks and responsibilities. We also shared our joint vision for Houghton College and the alumni association. It became clear that passing on the "Houghton heritage" is a vital element for the organization to perpetuate. To that end, I invite alumni to submit to the alumni office anecdotal histories, stories of special friendships forged at Houghton, etc. These contributions will enrich our plans for future alumni chapel presentations.

The board is also eager to make even more attractive and exciting the overwhelmingly popular Summer Alumni Weekends in July. Both of these weekends fill college facilities almost to capacity. I would encourage all fellow alumni to finalize your summer plans now. Don't miss what we have planned for you. If you have not yet been contacted about your five-year class reunions, look forward to receiving this information soon.

#### Helping a New Generation

Each year your gifts to the alumni association scholarships fund assist selected incoming freshmen with "Houghton alumni roots." The board met with five of the scholarship winners who convey their thanks to you—the alumni—for helping to make their Houghton education a reality.

#### **Revising the Bylaws**

Our association was incorporated as a New York not-for-profit membership corporation in 1938. Since then the focus of your association has shifted and bylaw modifications have periodically occurred. Now the board again sees need to recommend revisions to the governance documents since a sub-committee has reviewed all the corporation's legal documents to determine necessary updating to meet more accurately and efficiently the needs of a 21st century alumni organization. We received the sub-committee's initial report and anticipate that a final recommendation will be made at the July board meeting for general membership approval of bylaw changes. Watch upcoming issues of *Milieu* for details about our Homecoming annual meeting and about the recommended changes in our corporate governance documents.

#### Attending to Business

On a personal note, I'm enthusiastic for what Houghton College is and is *doing* in the '90s. Do visit campus within the next year. Each time I travel to Houghton, the campus "refreshes" me. If it has been some time since your last visit, you will see new or revitalized buildings. You will sense the students' pervading enthusiasm for learning. Each time I dine with current students, I'm challenged by the scope and breadth of their world view and their ability to articulate the integration of their Christian faith with the academic discipline. Houghton's historic mission is being undergirded daily as the faculty, staff and administration outfit the next generation of "scholar-servants." 29 Wilfred Bain, former dean of the Indiana University School of Music, was recently honored by that university through a benefit concert presented by Gyorgy Sebok, Miriam Fried, and Janos Starker. Starker and Sebok were hired into the school of music by Bain. He was dean for 26 years.

**42** Beulah (Knapp) Reimherr will review My Soul's High Song: The Collected Writings of Countie Cullen, voice of the Harlem Renaissance, 1991, for the Friends of the James Brown Library in Williamsport, PA. She and her husband, Otto, live in Lewisburg, PA.

**52** Professor of history at LaGrange College in LaGrange, GA, Frederick Mills, Sr. is the author of an article recently published in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of the American Revolution* called, "Bishops and Other Ecclesiastical Issues, to 1776". He has been on the LaGrange faculty since 1967.

Chaplain (Colonel) David I. Wilson, US Army, RET, has retired after six years as minister of Oakland (VA) United Church of Christ. He has been selected for "Who's Who in the South and Southwest".

**54** David J. Houck has retired from the faculty of the department of biological sciences at State University College at Cortland, NY. He is now associate professor emeritus of biological sciences. Over the past decade he has been on the board of directors for the Interfaith Center on campus and has worked on four area houses with Habitat for Humanity.

Scott Webber has received a \$200,000 New York State budget grant to start a Camp Shanks museum which will open at Orangeburg, NY, this year (see Oct. '91 *Milieu*). It will focus on the World War II period with the 20th century as a backdrop. Scott retired from the post office last year, took a 10-day Caribbean cruise, and a trip to Berlin, Germany.



**56** Donald Lindburg, research behaviorist with the Zoological Society of San Diego's Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species (CRES), has been invited by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Edward Angell, former Houghton pastor, has been on chemotherapy for cancer of the jaw. He may be having surgery in April. Address for cards of encouragement: 17716 Caddy Dr., Derwood, MD 20855.

to serve a four-year term as a member of the Comparative Medicine Review Committee (CMRC), National Center for Research Resources (NCRR). The committee is advisory to the directors of both NIH and NCRR. Donald has studied macaques for 28 years and has contributed significant research findings to the studies of reproduction and social interaction in captive lion-tailed macaque populations. He is the editor of *Zoo Biology* and served as chairperson of the Cheetah Research Council for the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums.

In 1990, Eleanor (Hacking)Watts retired to Crystal River, FL, with her husband, Ivan, after 34 years with the Fairhaven (MA) Public School system. She works part-time in a Christian school, structuring a special needs/gifted program. Recently she became the president of the West Central Florida alumni chapter, Brooksville.

Donnabelle (Pagett) Doan and her 57 Donnabelle (ragett) Foundation . year as directors of West Indies Self Help (WISH), a relief and development organization for the island of LaGonave, 15 miles off the western coast of Haiti. During their time there they have worked on pure water for the people, road maintenance, oversight of a girls' sewing school, transportation of donated food, maintenance of the island's only library, and hospital and school and church building projects. They have also built, equipped, and maintain the island's first ice plant. Presently, they are building the island's first airstrip, a project that is funded by Wood-Mizer Corp. of Indianapo-lis, IN. It will help to strengthen the island's ties with the mainland, make medical emergency evacuation possible, and save time for mission organization personnel who need to do business in Port-au-Prince.

**58** Having been in Brazil for 33 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Carole (Wheeler) Harrison and her husband, Carl, have translated the New Testament into the Guajajara Indian language and are presently promoting scripture use and training Brazilian Bible translators.

**59** Two Houghton alumni recently worked together on the publication of a mathematics text called *Precalculus*, 1993, by Prentice Hall. Enid (Schmidt) Nagel, as senior mathematics editor of Prentice Hall, worked with Theron Rockhill, professor of mathematics at the State University of New York, Brockport, who was co-author of the text.

60 Lois (Hess) Lupole and her husband, Bernie, spent last summer at Delta Lake Bible Conference Center operating the This 'N' That Shoppe. They are in their 12th year with Successful Living, "demonstrating and sharing the life and love of Jesus Christ through quality books and products."

61 Marilyn (Asp) Kirkwold recently became a volunteer community coordinator for International Education Forum, finding homes for foreign students. She and her husband, Dennis '63, hosted a student for three years. Marilyn also teaches piano. Dennis is head of the math department at Kennedy High School in Bloomington, MN.

Gerald and Barbara (Conant '62) Wibberly have been teaching at a Bible school in Thailand for 14 years; in Thailand since 1966. Gerald has held positions as academic dean and dean of men, but now is business manager and carries a full teaching load. His wife, Barbara, also teaches fulltime and has responsibilities in alumni relations. They work with and under Thai staff.

62 Harold Burchel was featured in a recent CNN news segment discussing medical relief efforts in Somalia. He is serving there with the relief agency, Samaritan's Purse.

**63** Eunice Rosner has worked for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA, for three years. She helped start the Pennsylvania office of the National Laboratory Training Network as a CDC field representative. Currently she is a training development specialist at CDC.

**66** Paul Lovestrand was recently reelected for a two-year term as commissioner and was selected mayor of Longwood, FL. His wife, Gail, was a staff nurse at Houghton ('63-'66).

**67** Richard Lawyer works in Philadelphia, PA, as Pennsylvania broadcast editor for The Associated Press. He and his wife, Linda (Booth '66), live in Boothwyn, PA; they have three children and one grandchild.

**68** Sharon (Simons) Stewart teaches first year university math courses at the Central Newfoundland Regional College in Grand Falls, NFLD, Canada.

**69** Kenneth Babcock has retired after 20 years as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. He now works full-time as a security officer for Welch's Foods in North East, IPA, and has a part-time pastoral appointment at the North Harmony UM Church near Chautauqua, NY. He and his wife, Naomi, have five children. Ruth is a junior at Houghton.

Tom Hilgeman was on the steering committee for the Missionary Kids of the Americas conference in Quito, Ecuador, in January 1993, where he presented two

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For further information about any of these items write or call the college alumni office at (716) 567-9353 or1-800-777-2256.

#### Golden Agers' Program

Did you graduate from or attend Houghton 51 years or more ago? Then you're invited to be on campus from noon July 8 until 10 a.m. July 9 for fellowship, music, good food and a presentation on Houghton's new linguistics major.

#### Summer Alumni Weekend Reminder

SAW I will be in session July 9-11. Reunions for classes of 1943,1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968. SAW II will run July 16-18. Reunions for 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988.

#### **Keeping in Touch**

Do you spend part of the year in Florida, Arizona or elsewhere than your primary residence. If so, please send the alumni office that address and the dates of residence. The computer can track these moves and assure you a timely, uninterrupted flow of *Houghton Milieu*, chapter notices and other college mail.

#### Missing a Yearbook?

If you've lost one of your Houghton yearbooks since graduating, call on the alumni office. You may be able to get a replacement from its collection of hundreds of these classic volumes—some dating back to the '30s. Cost is \$10—five dollars for the book, five dollars for postage and handling.

#### **Canal Trip**

There's still time to sign up for the September 1-3 alumni cruise along the Champlain Canal. Relax and enjoy this Albany to Whitehall voyage with other alumni and friends. For information call 1-800-777-2556.

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workshops. He is also on the accrediting team of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) for MK schools in Latin America. He and his wife, Mariellyn (Jones '71), continue to serve at Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center in Bolivia.

70 A real estate broker, Gary Brewer is also very involved in mission work. He has been to Albania six times in the past two years, taking medicines, clothing and the Gospel message. He and his wife, Carol, live in Newark, NY, and have four children.

David Ramsdale has been named editor of *Beyond*, the official publication of JAARS, which is the technical service arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

**71** Arthur "Bob" Gregory and his wife, Lois, live in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, where Bob works in the oil industry. They would be pleased to host Houghton alumni passing through the area. Recreational facilities include a beach, golf course, tennis and camel riding.

74 Now residing in New Milford, NJ, Peter Huddy teaches 7th/8th grade math in the Basic Skills Program of the ethnically diverse Benjamin Franklin School in Teaneck, NJ. He also doubles as an adult elective Bible school teacher in "Psignificant Psalms" at Northern Valley Evangelical Free Church in Cresskill.

**75** Marjorie (Dunham) Miller and her husband, Jack, live in Media, PA, where Marjorie is a substitute teacher in French. They have three children (see *Future Alumni* column).

Stephen Sawada has been the principle researcher in the development of the Dobutamine Stress Echocardiography, a test designed as a method for diagnosing blockage of the arteries that supply the heart in people who for one reason or another cannot perform routine treadmill exercise. The drug Dobutamine, which is like adrenalin, substitutes for exercise as the agent that stresses the heart. Some of Sawada's research was done in conjunction with fellow Indiana University faculty member, Stephen Lalka '76. One of Lalka's patients was the first person to undergo the test in 1988. The test has since been adopted by a number of institutions including the Mayo Clinic

Darrell Waddell graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary in September 1992, with a master's of divinity and has joined the pastoral staff of Eastside Foursquare Church in Bothell, WA. His wife, Kathryn (French '77), is manager of occupational therapy at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle and holds a clinical associate appointment in the school of rehabilitation medicine. They live in Kirkland, WA, with their daughter, Allison.

78 Randy Gafner is a television producer/director for the Mayor's Office of Cable Television in Washington, DC.

After seven years in a professional music career and two youth pastorates, Mark and Susan (Hawke '75) Moore graduated from Providence Theological Seminary in May 1992, both with master's degrees in Biblical Counseling. They are now part-time faculty at the seminary and work for Winnipeg Christian Counselling Group in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, where they live with their two daughters.

79 Dorianne (Reinhardt) Paul is secretary of the board of directors of the ARC of Washington County, Oregon. She has been active in lobbying the Oregon legislature on behalf of children with disabilities and their families. She lives in Beaverton, OR, with her husband, Mark, and their three children (see *Future Alumni* column).

81 Stephen Johnson recently accepted the position of manager of the Roberts Wesleyan College bookstore. His wife, Lori (Raterman '81), teaches Spanish at

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#### **Future Alumni**

Andrew & Nancy (Adler '79) Abrahamson Farel Y. & Cindy ( Chamberlain '83) Becker Derek & Cristy (Muller '93) Blaakman '92 Jamie & Erma (Mekeel '84) Boswell '83

Timothy & Lori Brinkerhoff '84 John & Laurie (Spinelli '86) Cannon Andrew & Martha (Paine '90) Carrigan '88 Carl & Cindy Chapman, Jr. '86 David & Melissa (Goodrich '87) Christy '87

Tim & Cheryl (Yuhnke '82) Delventhal '81 Douglas & Suzanne Doan '82

Jonathan & Nancy (James '88) Gates '85 Irving & Margaret (Heil '82) Gibbs '82 David & Meredith (Rapp '85) Gillespie Ken & Kathleen (Merrill '84) Golde '91 Michel & Mary (Maxwell '88) Haché

Eric A. & Elaine (Shank '82) Hahn Greg & Kathy (Paine '78) Harriman '79 Daniel & Terrie Irwin '79

Bruce & Katharine Johnson '80

Kurt & Greta Johnson '86 Jeff Jones '84 & Kathy Readyoff Jones '84

Harold & Becky Kuehler '85 Robert & Marth (Winters '80) Maholic Jack & Marjorie (Dunham '75) Miller Jeff & Melanie (Murphy '83) Myer Brian & Tammy (Crane '86) Newville Mark & Dorianne (Reinhardt '79) Paul

Michael Pollock '90 & Kristen Zike Pollock '91 Sean & Sandra (Spurlock '89) Randall Jay & Shelley (Shannon '90) Rosen Jim & Jan (Causer '79) Russell Garry Waggamon & Patricia Salamone '84 Ed & Holly (Gumaer '80) Schrom John Thomas & Nancy (Watkins '83) Sutton Gary & Melody (Funk '79) Taylor Craig & Deborah (McDowell '87) Thomas Graham & Charyl (Ropp '85) Whiting

Hannah Rose	1-18-93
Farel Jamin	11-25-92
Joshua Daniel	4-11-92
Stephen James	11-22-90
Zachary Bennett	6- 4-92
Jonathan	892
Rachel Evangelyn	1-23-93
Andrew David	1-20-93
Michelle Elizabeth	6-17-92
Elizabeth Ann	11-21-90
Rachel Marie	8-10-92
James Ernest	8-23-92
Justin Michael	3- 8-90
Olivia Suzanne	1-16-93
Christopher Harry	1-28-92
Zachary Samuel	11-30-92
Justin David	9-30-92
Casey Alan	4-19-92
Monique France	10- 4-90
Étienne Marco	7-29-92
Evan Matthew	10-15-92
Lorna Alane	12- 4-92
Christopher Luke	11- 4-90
Danielle Joy	4-22-92
Nicholas Charles	5-29-90
Peter Elliott	2- 8-92
Daniel Fuller	2- 8-92
Luke Peter	4-24-92
Joshua Hunsche	10- 3-90
Gabriel Winslow	12-21-92
Kathryn Grace	8-20-90
Johnathan William	5-23-92
Jaclyn Rae	1-26-93
Ryan Michael	1- 3-93
Ireland Elizabeth	6-25-92
Stefanie Caroline	2- 5-87
Jennifer Meredith	9- 4-89
Christian Markus	3-13-92
Abigail Ellyn	8- 2-91
Allyson Brianne	11-20-92
Amos Jonathon	7-22-92
Kaitlyn Michelle	2-17-93
Garry Leon Waggamon, Jr.	7-15-92
Peter Andrew	2-11-92
David Windsor	8-11-92
Benjamin Duke	11-24-92 8-11-92
lan Michael	10-16-92
Alison Joy	10-10-92

Notre Dame High School in Batavia, NY, where they live with their two children.

82 Doug Doan is working on a master's degree in counseling from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and works full-time in a residential home for the mentally ill. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in S. Hamilton, MA, and have two children (see *Future Alumni* column).

84 Timothy Brinkerhoff was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America on November 29, 1992, at the Knowlton Presbyterian Church of Columbia, NJ. He is assistant pastor there. He and his wife, Lori, have three children (see Future Alumni column).

Kathleen (Merrill) Golde and her husband, Ken '91, report that 1992 was an exciting year for them. In February, Ken was hired by Sayett Group, Inc. of Honeoye Falls, NY, as a cost/plant accountant; in April, Kathleen gave birth to their first child (see *Future Alumni* column), and in May, Kathleen graduated from Brockport State University with a master's degree in education with an emphasis in interdisciplinary arts for children. In December, they bought an over 100-year-old house in Silver Springs, NY.

Joan Kirchner has recently accepted a position as music director at the Church of the Nativity in Raleigh, NC. She will be responsible for four choirs and the installation of a new organ. She leaves St. Paul's, Nantucket after four years of ministry. Her last solo appearance on the island was as soprano soloist in Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass.

Patricia Salamone has been a Prince George's County (MD) police officer since 1989. Her husband, Garry Waggamon, is a city police officer in Laurel, MD, where they live. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

85 Billie (Crane) Bedford is a student services counselor at Finger Lakes Community College. She and her husband, Brent, live in Geneva, NY. (See Down the Aisle column.)

Jan (Merz '85) Kennedy graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary the day following the birth of Justin George Kennedy on 6-12-92. She has been working as a therapist in Los Angeles County and plans to complete her master's degree in theology in June. Her husband, Paul, (former Gayo R.D. and assistant dean of students, '83-'88) recently completed his Ph.D. in sociology with specializations in gender and religion at the University of Southern California. His dissertation was on "Sacrilizing Secularization: A Sociological Examination of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship." They live in San Marino, CA, at El Molino Viego ('fhe Old Mill c. 1816), an adobe museum where they are the caretakers. Surrounded by lemon, olive and



Jan Kennedy '85, and one-day-old son Justin, receiving degree from Richard Monte '61

pomagranite trees, Paul comments that by far it lacks the old charm and faded elegance of Gayo in its last days!

Harold Kuehler is a manager for Servicemaster at Worcester (MA) Hospital. (See Future Alumni column.)

For the past four years Kathy (Peterson) Mountain has been an intensive case manager at the Erie County (PA) Mental Health Base Service Unit, working with people who are seriously and persistently mentally ill. She lives in East Springfield, PA, with her husband, Jerry (see *Down the Aisle* column).

86 Laurie (Spinelli) Cannon was a research lab technician at the University of Rochester (NY) and was a volunteer counselor for a crisis pregnancy center before becoming a full-time mom. (See Future Alumni column.)

Kurt Johnson is senior pastor of the Kenwood Heights Alliance Church in Oneida, NY. (See Future Alumni column.)

Cynthia (Cornwell) Rymer teaches kindergarten in Virginia Beach, VA, half days, spending the rest of the day with her two children. She plans to start a master's program at Regent University next fall.

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87 Mary Pat Callanan is attending chiropractic college in Davenport, IA. Matthew Hess, who teaches third grade in the bilingual program at School 9 in Rochester, NY, was featured in the Feb. 5, 1993, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle column, "Introducing."

**88** Amanda Clemens has been promoted to director of career services at The Savannah College of Art and Design. She has been with the college since September 1992, as assistant director of career services. She earned a master's degree in career and resource development from Rochester Institute of Technology and holds certification for interpretation of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator from the Consulting Psychologists Association.

Mary (Maxwell) Haché is a counselor in the Early Intervention Program in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. She works with developmentally handicapped children from birth to kindergarten. She and her husband, Michel, live in Saint John with their two children (see Future Alumni column).

Janet (Rhine) Linahan is on the staff of the daily radio broadcast of Dr. John MacArthur's *Grace to You*. She attends Master's College in the evening. She and her husband, Kirk, live in Canyon Country, CA. Scott Linder recently passed the

CPA exam in the state of Delaware.

Ellen (Hecht) Lindblom works for the Good Samaritan Hospi tal as a community health nurse. She and her husband, Jon, live in Dix Hills, NY. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

89 Helen Durling teaches fourth grade at Kotzebue Elementary School in Kotzebue, AK.

Kelly Knott teaches second grade at Fredericksburg Christian School in Fredericksburg, VA.

Sandra (Špurlock) Randall lives in Overland Park, KS, where her husband, Sean, is attending Nazarene Theological

#### Down the Aisle

Brent & Billie (Crane '85) Bedford Dennis & Robyn Beth Dill '72 Michael & Kristin (McMaster '90) Everett '90 Edward & Linda (Geiger '90) Fleth '90 Nathan & Christie (Goodling '90) French Shawn & Karen (McKnight '92) Hotchkiss '89 Nolan & Denise (Dillenbeck '92) Huizenga '90 Matthew & Michelle (Thompson '92) Huil '92 Hans & Julie (Peabody '90) Kaffenberger Jon & Ellen (Hecht '88) Lindblom Jerry & Kathy (Peterson '85) Mountain, Jr. Nicholas & Brangwynne (Caves '91) Purcell Jay & Shelley (Shannon '90) Rosen Peter & Renee Smith II '82 11-28-92 5- 2-92 12-19-92 2-29-92 1-11-92 12-19-92 8-15-92 8- 1-92 1-23-93 6- 6-92 9-19-92 8-24-91 8-26-90 7-11-92

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Ms. Smeenge makes another friend in Moscow. Luidmila, age 6, and Nadia, age 10, were slated to move to their new American homes in April.

#### <u>From Russia for Love</u> Esther Smeenge works for adoptions

Why would a 67-year-old veteran missionary, now a Michigan township nurse, agree to go to Siberia at the onset of winter? Esther Smeenge '47 wondered that herself after she caught double pneumonia there last year while serving as a volunteer for Holt International Children's Service, but she knows the answer whenever she recalls the joy of her own now married adoptive children; more poignantly, whenever she sees afresh in her mind the sights of packed Russian orphanages, or hears anew a child's plead, "Won't you be my mother?"

It began last summer when Esther answered Holt's queery about her availability with an "I don't see why not." She and other volunteers received orientation at the Christian adoption agency's Eugene, OR, headquarters. Then in September she and five others flew to Moscow to learn the workings of the Russian system, begin assessing children's needs and to establish an adoption program. She said it is currently illegal for Russians to adopt these children, nor could most afford to do so. People used to government guarantees of work, housing and food, fear that the new free-market system threatens their survival.

Esther found orphanage conditions included the best and worst of the Russian system. Children were physically well looked after, seemingly cared about by their care-givers, but with little hope for improved lives apart from adoption. She learned there were some 22,000 orphans in Moscow alone, most abandoned or abused, not a few with signs of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Accurately or not, she said, that all were diagnosed as being—by loose translation—"feeble-minded." In Moscow and Siberia she helped complete physical and emotional case studies of some 150 children, profiles eventually used to help match children with American families.

While she's gratified that a third of these children are now in the U S, or enroute through the Byzantine bureaucracy which ultimately requires prospective parents to appear in Russia, Esther remembers those left behind in a country where neglect and decay are the lasting impression.

Remembering a four-hour wait for a loaf of bread in a Moscow que or the numbing cold in her living quarters, she now feels guilty in a supermarket, and when she advances her thermostat. "It's good to get out in the real world where people have to fight to stay alive," she says. From her Grand Haven home, Esther speaks about her experiences before church groups and seeks prospective adoptive parents. She is also a volunteer escort for children coming to America from other countries. Seminary. (See Future Alumni column.)

Mark Tibbles is a territory manager for Professional Medical Products. He and his wife, Julie, have one daughter and live in Chanhassen, MN.

**Rebeccah (Chaves) Young** received a master's degree in molecular biology from the Roswell Park division of the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1992. She now does research for the cardiology department there. She and her husband, David, live in Lancaster, NY.

**90** LuAnne (Miller) Brubaker teaches preschool at the State University of New York HSC Child Care Center in Syracuse, NY.

Luiza Cafengiu received a master's degree in French in August 1992 from Middlebury College upon completing the Year in Paris program. While studying abroad, she also had the opportunity to teach English once a week in a French high school and be involved in the Paris chapter of International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. She now works as a trainee administrator in the Human Resources Department of the Société Générale, a French investment bank in New York City. She works closely with the head office in Paris as well as the French American Chamber of Commerce in Manhattan, organizing and coordinating the internships (yearround and summer) of French business students who come to the U.S.

David Campbell teaches fifth grade and coaches boys' junior varsity basketball at Letchworth Elementary School in Gainesville, NY.

Randy Glasner recently completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, and was promoted to Pfc.

Nolan Huizenga is working on a master's degree in intellectual history from Drew University (NJ) and is a staff assistant in the Office of the Provost at Harvard University. His wife, Denise (Dillenbeck '92), plans to graduate this May from the New England Conservatory with a bachelor of music degree in violin performance. They live in Boston, MA. (See Datent the Aisle column.)

Julie (Peabody) Kaffenberger is the business administrator for Habitat For Humanity in Malaur, Central Africa. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

**Daniel Meade** teaches physical education (K-12) at Avoca Central School in Avoca, NY.

Michael Pollock teaches pre-first grade at St. Paul's School in Brookland ville, MD, and is assistant manager of Perry Hall Copy & Print. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

**91** Michelle Bays teaches preschool (integration with autistic children) at Lexington (MA) Playcare Center.

Mary Biglow is studying at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. David Fairley and his wife, Diane, completed Wycliffe Bible Translators' "Quest" program in May 1992 and were accepted as missionary candidates. They next worked for four months in King's Canyon National Park in California for "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks." Currently, David is youth pastor at the Church of the Brethren in Lindsay, CA.

Kelly (Harralson) Hildreth teaches first grade at Sauquoit Valley Central School where she grew up. Her husband, Jody '92, is the elementary library/media specialist there. They live in Utica, NY.

Melissa Macdonald is now the creative services director for WBEN AM and Q102.5 FM in Buffalo, NY.

**92** Derek Blaakman will graduate from Rochester Institute of Technology (NY) in May with a BS degree in nuclear medicine. His wife, Cristy (Muller '93), will graduate from the University of Rochester in May with a BS degree in nursing. They then plan to move to New York City where Cristy will work with the AIDS/HIV population. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

#### In Memoriam

'64 Joanne (Abbink) Ashworth died at home in Bainbridge, NY, October 11, 1992, following a lengthy illness. She was 50. A member of the First Baptist Church of Afton, she taught the junior high school girls' Sunday school class for more than 20 years, served on the Christian Education and Mission boards, and was president of the Ladies Fellowship for many years. After attending Houghton Mrs. Ashworth taught English one year at the Oregon Avenue Junior High School in Patchogue, NY, then left teaching to raise her five children. Later she was appointed town and village court clerk in Bainbridge, where she served until her illness. Joanne was active in the community as a volunteer for several service organizations. Besides her husband, Roger Ashworth '64, she is survived by three daughters, Elizabeth '87, Nancy Otero '89, and Diane; two sons; one grandchild; her mother; one brother, Henry '67; one sister, Dianne Everett '73; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

**'27 Pauline Cook** died October 12, 1992, in Hultquist Infirmary, Jamestown, NY. Miss Cook taught French, English and Latin in the Southwestern Central School System for more than 42 years. Surviving are a niece; two nephews; and a close friend who cared for her. Services and burial were held in Highland Cemetery, Avoca, NY.

'61 Barbara Day died February 13, 1993, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in South Carolina. Miss Day attended elementary school in Waldron, MI; was a graduate of Frontier Central High (Cont. on third column, page 24)

#### **Bethany Christian Home**

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Motorists heading into Buffalo on Broadway, watching traffic and dodging potholes, may not notice #558, a large white house in Lancaster, nor see the modest sign proclaiming **Bethany Christian Home**. But from the sign logo, designed by an art student, to the home's top staff, and its legal representation there are Houghton ties. A home for developmentally disabled adults, said to be the only Christian facility of its kind in western New York, Bethany presently houses two women and 10 men from their 20s to retirement age.

Its director since 1991 is Kimberly Johnson '88, the youngest such administrator in the state. Her assistant, Deborah Russell '92, first began working weekend shifts at Bethany as a collegian interning at the Buffalo Christian Center where she heard Kim's recruitment pitch. Deb "has a servant's heart," Kim says, explaining that her duties range from record keeping to handling 3 a.m. calls authorizing hospital transport for a resident with breathing problems. Deb is also studying to earn state case management certification and Kim is working to arrange internships for Houghton students.

In college Kim had worked summers as a maid at Bethany. In 1990 she returned from work in Chicago to assist the founding administrator, replacing him when he retired at the age of 74. Apart from donations, and volunteer work, the home was attempting to operate on the \$24 per day per resident which New York State allows. Kim says actual individual costs are more like \$37 daily, even though the home gets much of its food through Food Bank of Western New York, and has benefitted from military food liquidations, such as those following Desert Storm. Obvious Christian caring enhances living conditions and impresses inspecting agencies, as does a guileless and open administration.

The outlook for continuation improved in 1992 when attorneys Susan Facer Kreidler '82 and David White '79, helped Bethany to negotiate the home's purchase by the Christian League for the Handicapped of Wisconsin. That organization has several decades of experience in home operation and their backing as a pilot project put Bethany on a better financial footing while affording solid managerial advice. Other Houghtonians who've worked as volunteers or staff include: Randy and Jacqueline Duttweiler, both '88, Brad Snyder, 87, Tom Staebell '90, and cook, James Paris '88.



Relief construction of the home done by a volunteer; Kim Johnson and Deb Russell

#### Looking for Lost Family

Houghton College seeks to recover ties with some 2,000 lost alumni. This list is all women with maiden names included. Please read the list and write to Tim Fuller or Bruce Campbell at the alumni office with the addresses of people you know.

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#### Send your alumni news

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

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School in Buffalo, NY; and earned a bachelor's degree in French from Houghton. She taught French in the Indian Lake Central School (NY) district for over 30 years, where she was also a guidance counselor. Last May she earned a master's degree and certificate of advanced study in education from State University College, Plattsburgh, NY. Besides her parents, Clair and Olive (Price '56) Day '56, survivors include one brother, David '60, and two sisters.

'39 Herschel C. Gamble died January 1. 1993, at the Samaritan-Keep Home (Watertown, NY) after an extended illness. He was 76. Gamble received a master's degree at Alfred University and took courses at various colleges and universities, including Hamilton, Colgate and St. Lawrence. Gamble taught science at Copenhagen Central School for 20 years, retiring in 1975. He was a hunter, fisherman, bowler and showed beagles in field trials. He was a member of the New York State Teachers Association, the North Side Improvement League and the Black River Valley Beagle Club. Mr. Gamble lived in Copenhagen, NY, for many years and attended the United Church of Copenhagen. Survivors include his widow; three sons; two daughters; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a brother; and nieces and nephews.

'28 Carmelita (Kelly) Gayton of Olean, NY, died February 26, 1993, of an apparent heart attack at her home. Gayton was a graduate of St. Elizabeth's Academy and the former West Broeck Academy. She was employed at the Bestway Pharmacy for many years and later at Jayne's Fashion Shop until her retirement. Carmelita was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Church and its altar society. She was a member of Olean Senior League and Catholic Daughters of America. One daughter; one son; and four grandchildren survive. Her husband predeceased her in 1961.

Śeward Noyes Hartman (S), manager of the college farm from 1959-63, died January 11, 1993, in Glens Falls, NY. His wife, Laura, died in November 1992 after 61 years of marriage. Both services were held in Glens Falls Wesleyan Church, where they were members. Survivors include a son; two daughters, Marilyn Eber '63 and Rita Capuano '64; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

'58 Mary Jane Hopper died November 5, 1992. She was 56. Ms. Hopper was a teacher at various religious schools, most recently teaching art at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Brooklyn, NY. She was a volunteer at the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City. Survivors include a daughter; a granddaughter; and a brother.

Hon. '44 Roy S. Nicholson died at his High Point, NC, home on March 2, 1993. Following U.S. Navy service after WW1, he completed college at Central Wesleyan College (SC), and became the first southerner

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to gain national leadership in the Wesleyan Church, assuming direction of denominational youth work in 1934. Subsequently Nicholson was Sunday school and education secretary, home missions secretary and church editor, then was named general conference president in 1944, a post he held until 1959. Dr. Nicholson was active in NAE, CHA and Wesleyan Church merger efforts and permed several denominational histories. Upon retiring he briefly headed Central College's religion department, then moved to Brooksville, FL, as pastor, lecturer and writer. Dr. Nicholson and Ethel, his wife of 61 years, had two sons. Upon her death he married Winifred Bisbing in 1986. They were living at The Wesleyan Arms retirement complex in High Point, where he had been in declining health for several years. Winifred, his sons, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive. Funeral services were held in Colfax, NC, with interment in his hometown of Wahalla, SC.

'77 Sheryl Osgood died December 24, 1992, at her Friendship, NY, home after a long illness. For a short time she coached girls' basketball in Belfast and Angelica schools and for several years she was a physical education teacher at Arkport Central School. She became a lab technician at Friendship Dairies in 1985. Sheryl was a referee at girls' basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball games in the area, was a member of the Friendship women's softball team, and was an avid bowler. She attended Friendship United Methodist Church. Survivors include her parents, Ted and Phyllis Osgood '51; paternal grandparents, George and Arlene Osgood '33; two brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

H.S. '26 Phoebe (Lusk) Shea died February 7, 1993, in Kissimmee, FL, after a brief illness. Mrs. Shea moved from Akron,OH, to Houghton in 1934, where her husband was a professor at Houghton College for 40 years. She served as cashier at Houghton from 1958-1965, and assisted her husband as lay pastor of United Methodist churches in Wiscoy and Short Tract, NY. Mrs. Shea was a member of the Houghton Wesleyan Church for 60 years and was a charter member of Anna Houghton Daughters. Survivors include her widower, J. Whitney '33; a daughter, Sally Syme '56; three grandchildren; a brother, Chester Lusk '48; and several nieces and nephews.

'35 Francis S. Terry died January 9, 1993, in Stony Brook, NY. He was a lay member of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and a member of the Rapid City (SD) Lodge #25 A.F. & A.M. He was the instrumental music teacher at the Gatelot and Grundy Ave. Schools of the Sachem School District for 29 years. Surviving are his widow, Frances; a son and daughter; and six grandchildren.

'36 Harlow Terwilliger died December

28, 1992, in Johnson City, NY. He is survived by his widow, Florence (McComb '42).

'66 Alice J. (Bowers) Totten died March 1, 1993, at Nyack Hospital. She was 49. A real estate appraiser for over 10 years, Mrs. Totter was employed for the past five years by Kerr Appraisers of Montvale, NJ. She was a member of the Grace Conservative Baptist Church of Nanuet. She is survived by her husband, George; a son; a daughter; three sisters, Ruth Hazzard, Martha Roy '49 and Clara Maffucci '53. Memorial donations may be sent to United Cerebral Palsy of Rockland, 260 N. Little Tor Rd., New City, NY 10956.

'87 Jon Walberg died February 2, 1993, at his home in West Rockberry, MA, of apparent heart failure. He is survived by his widow, Barbara (Felder '87), and their two children.

Milieu has received several incomplete death notices. Names of the deceased, and dates, if given, are listed here: Robert Brairton '48; Owen Fox '42, December 5, 1992; Beverly Jones '51; Clair McCarty '34, September 17, 1992, of a heart attack.

#### **Memorial Gifts**

Memorial and In Honor Gifts were instituted by the alumni board in the early '70s. Today, donors to the fall annual fund may stipulate that their gift honor or memorialize individuals. Occasionally gifts made for other purposes are designated in writing as given in honor or in memory of a specific person. Either way, donor and honoree names are preserved in a permanent college record. This Milieu column was derived from that record as of March 16, 1993. Father of Constance Umland by Dr. & Mrs. William Umland.

C. Nolan Huizenga by Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Taylor and Dr. & Mrs. Donald Bailey. S. W. Paine by Dr. & Mrs. John VanGordon, Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Syswerda, Mr. & Mrs. Albin Winckler, Mrs. Jennie

Lemcio, and Mr. & Mrs. H. Allan McCartney.

F. Gordon Stockin by Mrs. Geraldine Hughes-Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Brenneman, Mr. & Mrs. David Morrison, Mr. & Mrs. George Forsyth, Mr. Charles Pocock, Helen and Pauline Powers, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Hempel, Dr. Katharine and Dr. Kenneth Lindley, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Niequist, Dr. Paul and Dr. Mary Ortlip, Sylvia O'Connor, Alma Foss, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Doubleday, Mr. & Mrs. Willet Albro, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Black, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Fuller, Dr. & Mrs. Richard Fuller, Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Lynip, Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Smith, Rev. & Mrs. Warren Woolsey, Martin and Helen Tschantz, Dr. & Mrs. Willis Beardsley, Mr. & Mrs. William Thorn, Dr. & Mrs. George Wells, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Scott Davis, Ms. Lucille Drake, Rev. & Mrs. Harold Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Klotzbach, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Williams, Mrs. Sarah

Dorsey, Mr. & Mrs. Deyo Montanye, Dr. & Mrs. Donald Munro, Ms. Sara Anne Robertson, Ms. Mary Hackman, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Alderman, D. A. Schaefer, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Feller, Mr. & Mrs. H. Allan McCartney, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pease, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Ahlquist, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Cipolla, Dane County Title Company, Ms. Janet Sayers, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Kleppinger, and Mrs. Helen Paine. Herbert Stevenson by Rev. & Mrs. Mac Wells.

John Frith by Mrs. Corinne Frith. Ruth Whitaker by Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Smith and Ms. Joyce Frederick. Esther Benjamen by Dr. Robert Claxton. Dora Burnell by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Sastic and Mrs. Mary Torrey.

Elizabeth Rennick by Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Crossman.

Violet Adams Corson by Dr. Thomas Adams Corson.

Daniel Cutter by Mr. & Mrs. Albin

Winckler. George Cutter by Mr. & Mrs. Albin Winckler.

Pierce Woolsey by Mr. & Mrs. Albin Winckler

Esther Mae Hall Christy by Mrs. Velma Hewson.

Lucele Hatch Wilson by Rev. William A. Perry and Rev. Orville Wilson.

Sheryl Osgood by Alma Foss.

Lela Smith by Harold I. Smith.

Bess Fancher by Ms. Winifred Jacobson and Mr. & Mrs. H. Allan McCartney.

Frieda Gillette by Mr. & Mrs. H. Allan McCartney.

Josephine Rickard by Mr. & Mrs. H. Allan McCartney.

James Buffan by Mr. & Mrs. William. Buffan.

Phoebe Shea by Employees of Packaging Specialties and Mr. & Mrs. Earle Lusk. Caro Carapetyan by Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson.

James Francis by Mrs. Mary Inez Francis. Alton Liddick by Mrs. Ruth Liddick.

#### In Honor Giffs

Daniel Chamberlain by Mrs. Wilda Adair. Katharine Lindley by Ms. Charlotte Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Ramsley. Daniel Woolsey by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Davis. May Faw by Panosian Enterprises. Ralph Young by Frealyn O. Stark, Jr. Richard Halberg by Frealyn O. Stark, Jr. Al Gurley by Frealyn O. Stark, Jr. Bud Bence by Alma Foss. John and Lila Andrews by Dr. & Mrs. Alton Cronk.

Mike Lastoria by Dr. & Mrs. John Cannon. Warren Woolsey by Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Ramsley.

Richard Troutman by Dr. & Mrs. Donald Housley.

Willard Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Beach.



THE LADY HIGHLANDER basketball team completed its most successful season ever, posting a 21-6 record. Head coach "Skip" Lord passed the 100-win plateau, having reached the century mark for volleyball last fall.

by David Mee, Sports Information Director

#### Athletic Hall of Honor Inducts Five

When the Highlander Sports Association established its Athletic Hall of Honor in 1991, emeritus professor Dr. George Wells was the first inductee, honored for 41 year of service. On February 20, five more alumni were inducted before a varsity basketball game crowd. They are: the father and son coaching team of Doug and Steve Burke '79, Marvin Eyler '42, Darlene Ort-Axelsson'75, and Harold Spooner '74.

Douglas Burke, who first came to Houghton in 1958, is now senior member of the athletic faculty. His service spans the college's intercollegiate sports history and he's the only soccer coach Houghton has ever had. Distinguishing career milestones include induction into the NAIA hall of fame, multiple coach of the year recognitions from NAIA and NCCAA. Burke's teams have gone to national championship play, won district championships and his players are consistently named All-Americans. He is a frequent counsel on matters affecting the quality and integrity of college soccer. But Coach Burke also initiated downhill and cross country skiing at Houghton, promoted the initiatives course and wilderness learning program.

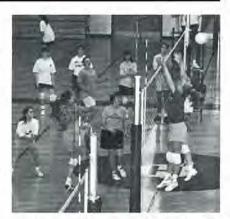
Steve Burke began his soccer career at Wheaton College then transferred to Houghton to play out his college soccer career under his father. Among his honors is the standing record of six goals in one game. At graduation the Buffalo Stallions of the major indoor soccer league drafted him. Following two other teaching / coaching assignments Steve became athletic director and soccer coach at ludson College (IL) where his teams have won consecutive NCCAA national championships. The first soccer player to be inducted into this hall of fame, Steve is married to the former Sharon Busching '82, and they have three children.

Houghton's 1972 Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Eyler's long career in and contribution to athletics includes broad participation in Houghton sports as a student and as one-time physical education teacher, to being dean of the college of physical education at the University of Maryland. During his career Dr. Eyler edited Quest, the national college physical education journal, wrote widely on sports topics, served on regional and national committees, and was a consultant to several international and U.S. Olympic programs.

Darlene Ort-Axelsson is the hall of honor's first female inductee. Known to her college friends as "Skip," Darlene was leading scorer through her four years on the women's basketball team and still holds the record of



Mr. Spooner, Mrs. Axelsson, Doug and Steve Burke. Dr. Eyler was honored in absentia.



Highlander Sports Associates' fund-raising efforts have made possible installation of a state-of-the-art volleyball net system on the physical education center's three courts.

43 points for a single game.

After graduation she taught math at Houghton Academy for two years, coached girls' varsity teams in soccer, volleyball and basketball there and was noted for her commitment to overall excellence, her caring spirit and strong spiritual life. Her former student there, Harvard AIDS researcher Yung-Kang Chow, cited her as one of *the* influential teachers in his life. Darlene makes her home in North Cape May, NJ, where she and her husband are parents of six children.

Harold Spooner became one of the first true stars of Houghton basketball. From 1970-74 he scored an impressive 1,300 points, still a top 10 Houghton record.

Since college he has been regional director for Young Life in Chicago where he also directed the Tubman Center. Now Harold is director of diversity, associate dean and associate director of admissions at The Stony Brook School, Long Island, NY, where he is known as an exemplary role model. A former colleague at Mid-America Leadership Foundation observed, "We all have one or two friends that we would like our un-churched friends to meet because they embody the gospel. Harold ranks at the top of my list." Spooner and his wife, Cheryl (Gretz '75), have two children.





Houghton College trustees welcomed seven new members to their March session, five alumni and a forner assistant registrar among them. Attending new trustee orientation were (left to right); Dr. Ron Mitchell, retired president of Bethany Bible College, NB; Rev. Pierre Ferdinand '65, a New York City social worker, pastor of a Haitian church and Ph.D. candidate representing the PennJersey district; Rev. Darrell Lamos '77 of Cobleskill, NY, representing the Champlain district; J. Anthony Lloyd '79, assistant dean at Gordon College, MA; Rev. Wayne Wager '75 of Syracuse, Wesleyan district superintendent for Central New York; Mrs. Evelyn Barnett '69, an executive at Xerox Corporation from Churchwille, NY; Dr. Keith Drury, Wesleyan General Board of Administration, Indianapolis, IN.

#### Costs to Rise, Budget Gap Remains

During March Houghton's trustees passed on faculty and staff contracts and promotions, and grappled with and approved a 1993-94 budget, the executive committee having approved cost increases in late January.

President Chamberlain announced that tuition for the fall term will be \$9,435; tuition and fees rising by 5.31 percent. Room and board will be up 4.58 and 4.05 percent respectively for a total cost of \$13,120. Officials expect these increases will not move Houghton from its present middle relative cost position among Christian College Consortium schools.

Despite these increases, the college must find ways to eliminate a \$300,000 gap between projected income and probable costs in the new year. The ever-upward spiral of college-funded student aid in the face of declining federal and state funds is the chief culprit, since no faculty/staff raises are projected unless personnel reductions via retirement or consolidations underwrite them.

For a second year budgets for supplies, travel and student wages will be frozen, but utilities, taxes and insurance budgets will risethe latter by 16 percent. Vice president for finance Kenneth Nielsen called this "the toughest budget I've ever tried to do." Reconciling the \$300,000 gap will be a major task for the spring months.

Trustees approved promotions to associate professor for David Manney (communications), and James Wardwell (English); to full professor for Thomas Kettelkamp (recreation and physical education) and Richard Wing (writing). Professor David Frasier was appointed to the Hoselton Chair in business.

The board instructed the administration to increase the faculty/student ratio from the current 14.16:1 to 16:1 by 1995-96. The president noted that a preliminary Middle States Accreditation visit is expected in April with a full 10year re-evaluation coming next year. He also said that consortium schools are being urged to forge stronger federal liaisons because of ever-increasing regulations.

Dr. Chamberlain reported that the fine arts building committee is prioritizing features for that structure seeking a viable reduced cost package. While not in gifts designated for the fine arts project, he noted that overall giving this year is up 30 percent from 1992.

#### Mannoia Named Academic VP

Dr. James Mannoia has accepted an invitation to become Houghton's academic vice president and dean of the college, succeeding interim dean Dr. Paul Young, effective July 1.

For the past 15 years Mannoia has been professor of philosophy at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA. Five years of that time he was also associate academic dean there. He holds the M.A. and Ph.D. from Washington University of St. Louis, has been a post-doctoral fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities at Johns Hopkins University, and for two years he was a visiting lecturer at the Uni

turer at the University of Zimbabwe in Africa.

Dr. Mannoia has also taught at Grove City College (PA). An ordained elder of the Free Methodist Church, he is the author of numerous profes-



sional papers and Dr. Mannoia articles and a book, and has conducted various semester-abroad and other overseas tours. Dr. and Mrs. (Ellen) Mannoia and their two children will move here in June.

#### Houghton Hosting

Houghton's student development office will host the Association of Christians in Student Development national conference in June. Speakers will include *How College Effects Students* author Ernest Pascarella.

Some 300 deans, counselors, resident directors and chaplains from 70-80 Christian colleges are expected to attend.

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#### Pastor of the Year

Rev. Thomas C. Bunting, pastor of the Salisbury, MD, Wesleyan Church, received the 1993 Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award on March 23, during the college's annual theological institute.

A Delaware native, Bunting was raised in a non-Christian home. After marrying he operated several farms and a large chicken ranch. The Buntings sporadically attended a Wesleyan church where he first sensed God's call, but it was several years before he committed his life to Christ. Convinced that he should preach, he sold the farms to enter a small Bible school.

While he attended school and bagged groceries for income, he pastored a tiny church, building the congregation to 80. The Buntings moved to Graham, NC, where he pastored while study ing at Central Wesleyan College. Sixty persons came to Christ, attendance increased one third, a new parsonage was built and the church mortgage was retired.

Since 1986, when the Buntings and their four children returned to Maryland, Salisbury church has nearly trippled its membership and morning worship attendance averages 526. For six years the fastest growing church in the district, it's now among the top 20 Wesleyan churches in North America. Rev. Bunting is also assistant district superintendent and Mrs. Bunting is assistant pastor, directing an interchurch support group for women county-wide.

#### Singapore Business Practicum

If discovering opportunities and establishing business partnerships in and with Pacific Rim countries is where future international business success lies, shouldn't business students gain experience doing that as part of their curriculum? Christian College Consortium deans thought so and asked Taylor University business professor Chris Bennett to set up a pilot program.

Taylor has a satellite campus in Singapore—a hotbed of free enterprise—so that's where Houghton business professor Ken Bates and 14 students from Houghton, Taylor and Gordon joined for 24 days last summer, consulting for two firms seeking a cooperative venture.

The American company Bennett and Bates selected was Sayett Technology, Inc. of Rochester, NY, where Houghton alumnus and former business professor Jeff Spear is CFO. Sayett was matched with HIS Intermedia Marketing in Singapore; both companies were selected for their size, project compatibility, Christian management and potential to form an international business alliance. They agreed to participate in a feasibility study for manufacturing Sayett's product in Singapore—Datashow 480—a device permitting large screen projection of computer images for group viewing and interaction.

One group of students solicited a production proposal from HIS, the other studyed the direct investment option for Sayett. They developed a complete business plan including research in such areas as labor costs, tax law real estate and facilities costs and availability, insurance requirements, environmental issues and concerns.

Whether or not a deal results, the students demonstrated "synergy and efficiencies that could develop to the benefit of both parties," and gained invaluable know-how.



At Houghton's March 25th annual recognition banquet president Chamberlain cited 27 faculty, staff, trustees and pastor for an aggregate 546 years of service to the college. Pictured above are retirees and recipients of service awards for 25 or more years as noted. Left to right they are: printer Harold Grant and Bible and philosophy professor Laurence Mullen (both retiring), biology professor Anne Whiting (25 years), nusic education professor Edgar Norton (retiring), classics professor Richard Gould (25 years), chemistry professor Fred Shannon and purchasing agent Esther Burke (retiring), English professor John Leax and academic records office clerk Marilyn Byerly (25 each), and education professor E. Douglas Burke (35 years).

Twenty year awardees were: Donald Frase and Ralph Young. Fifteen-year gifts were presented to Mary Conklin, Karen Dickerson, Diane Galloway, Richard Perkins, Harriet Rothfus, Bonnie Sylor, Lois and Richard Wing. Honored for 10 years were: Lana Chamberlain, pastor J. Michael Walters and trustee Priscilla Ries.



Brown and Martin

#### Brown Moves to Deferred Giving

In what might be seen as a reversal of roles, Robert Brown, director of financial aid since 1970, has moved to the college development office. There he will have special responsibility for obtaining gifts to underwrite student financial aid, primarily through deferred giving. Brown has long been active in the New York State Financial Aid Administrators' Association, served as a trainer and wrote a chapter in their training manual. Earlier in his 26 years at Hougthon, Brown directed the placement bureau and was assistant registrar.

Succeeding Brown will be Troy Martin '83, a financial aid counselor here from 1984-91, and financial aid director at Asbury College (KY) since then. He, his wife Sue (Gurney '84) and their three sons will return to campus in May.

During Brown's tenure financial aid has moved from a \$100,000 a year operation benefiting perhaps 200 students to well in excess of \$7,000,000 annually dispensed to 1,000 students.

#### **AIDS Researcher**

News of Harvard researcher Yung-Kang Chow's possible breakthrough AIDS research flooded media reports in late February and March. At Houghton Academy faculty and friends followed the stories with special interest since Chow was 1979 Academy valedictorian. (He then attended Houghton College for two years before completing his undergraduate work in biochemistry and molecular biology at Rutgers.)

Now 31, Mr. Chow arrived in Houghton, a junior at age 14. Originally from Taiwan, his family was living in Tripoli, while he and his brother were at the Academy. Chow fondly recalls former Academy science teacher Walt Sinnamon '69 for introducing him to biology, and observed: "I owe a lot to Mr. Sinnamon and Miss Ort [Darlene Axelsson'75—his math teacher]." Academy teachers remember Yung-Kang-Chow as "an intense, but pleasant student, friendly to everyone, fatherly to younger students—especially other internationals."

Now married with one child, Mr. Chow maintains a keen interest in his Academy classmates and in the Academy.

#### A Letter from Quebec

I didn't think it would quite be a study abroad, but just a semester at another college, and in a different language. Well, it isn't exactly abroad—it's only a 12-hour drive from Houghton—but it *is* another world and culture. It's Quebec City, Canada: home of the speediest snow plows, and home to thousands who speak only French (or a version of that language, according to some).

I arrived here January 1st and after feeling my ribs clatter together from the below-zero weather, I wondered first of all who had decided to build a city this far north and, secondly, what was I, an MK from Africa, doing here for the winter semester? (The university doesn't even bother to call it the spring semester; they know better!)

I came to Quebec to immerse myself in French for a semester, and to complete my French major so as to be able to teach high school French and to use my French on the mission field in the future.

Université Laval has 36,000 students-just a little bit bigger than Houghton. There are 300 people in the program of French for non-Francophones. I tested into the third level (there are four) where I've been swimming in French grammar since. I decided my professor must dream about verbs and conjugations and all the different tenses, but I'm thankful because it's exactly what I need. I was surprised to be the only American in my class. The student body here is fairly diverse; there are many Africans studying here in order to return to their home countries. All the classes are in French, of course, but understanding the professors is not difficult at all since Université Laval teaches international French.

In the street it's another story, something like comparing the accent of someone from Britain with the accent of someone from New York City, or maybe Boston— with a southern U.S. twist.

I'm living with a francophone family near the university. They are bilingual and Christian, and they have been very helpful in aiding my learning of French. I'm learning to pray in French and to be able to express all those everyday emotions in French (like being upset when I couldn't figure out the bus system the first day of school). The family has a dog, Capitain, and I tried speaking English to him but he's not bilingual.



Quebec City is a taste of Europe, especially down in the old city. The original stone walls remain, surrounding vieux-Quebec and there are only two entrances in the wall to the old city. Inside are tiny streets crammed with cafés, crépe shops and movie theaters with the latest American movies dubbed into French. I rode a city bus for the first time in my life when I got here, and now I'm a pro on three lines of the system. I learned quickly that Quebec is the only place you can say Bonjour when greeting and when leaving, and it's probably Florida's main advertising target.

By the end of the semester I'm sure I'll still be up to my ears in the *subjonctif*, the *imparfait* (and a million other tenses), but I'll be more fluent (without any undesired accent, I pray), and I'll be dreaming about Florida. Or better yet, Africa—I can use my French there. Salut! Bonjour!—*Robin Shea* '94

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#### Phonathon Gifts Surpass Goal

Phonathon '93—*Bridging the Gap*—went a long way toward doing just that as nearly 7,000 alumni and other friends of the college pledged \$280,000 for scholarships, \$15,000 above the stated goal.

Under the leadership of phoning programs coordinator Diane Galloway, 8,123 phone contacts were made by some 250 faculty, staff, community and student volunteers.

The success of the campaign is particularly gratifying in a year of recession when donor job security may be threatened and some major matching gift firms are reducing their commitments. Admissions personnel hope there is little attrition between what has been pledged and actual receipts since reduced governmental aid makes phonathon assistance ever more crucial in the decisions of students considering coming to Houghton.



Alice Parker: "Sing so as to make a three-yearold want to join in."

#### Making Melody

February and March brought unusual music opportunities to the Houghton campus family. Featured for the annual spring festival was famed arranger Alice Parker, who shared views on and developments in church music and its interpretation. Ms. Parker focused on the importance and technique of conveying textual meaning in congregational singing and choral interpretation. Her visit ended with

#### To Russia With Love-Alumni in Ministry

With a surprising scope and cooperation evangelicals are responding to opportunities for the gospel in the former Soviet Union. The Wesleyan Church, in partnership with Co-Mission, a confederation of evangelical para-church agencies and denominations seeking to systematically evangelize the nation, is planning major participation. How many Houghton alumni are involved overall is unknown, but a half-dozen are finding roles through a summer camp effort.

Three road hours east of Moscow is Vladimir, larger in population than Buffalo, NY, but with a downtown more reminiscent of Olean. A college there with access to a suburban camp typical of those once used to train young communists, has turned it over to The Wesleyan Church from July 12-August 30, so that 2,000 high school juniors can receive basic Bible instruction, explore ethical and moral implications of Christian faith, and experience music and worship settings.

Former Houghton development vice president Wayne MacBeth '75now with Wesleyan World Missions—scouted the facilities in April. Tim Nielsen '90, director of Camp Sandy Hill in North East, MD, flew to Moscow in March to help coordinate camp management. Houghton Church youth pastor Ron Duttweiler '85, will serve as a counselor and do basic Bible studies. Career civil servant Richard Downs '76 will use his extensive knowledge of Russian language and culture during a month donated to helping establish administrative procedures for professional missionaries who will follow the summer volunteers. Among these will be Kevin and Cindy (Prentice '82) Austin '81, being re-assigned from Wesleyan mission work in Germany to Russia.

Word of mouth will obviate need to recruit for the youth camp, Russians say. The problem will be deciding who to turn away. Few of an artist series concert by her group, Musicians of Melodious Accord.

A first-time instrumental collaboration featured the combined Houghton philharmonia under Dr. Stephen Bird, and the Alfred University orchestra playing in concert with Houghton organist Dr. Judith Congdon.

Under an adjunct lectureship Ken Medema made his third and fourth visits of the year. Mr. Medema explored instrumental and vocal improvisation, accompaniment, notions of how music is taught and generally interacted with students in seminars, individually and in chapel.



these youth speak English, so interpreters—readily available for \$20 a week—will be employed. Participant cost for three weeks of volunteer service is \$2,000 (from Chicago). A small portion of each \$2,000 will fund modest scholarship assistance to some Russian youth.

Is this hazardous duty? With election tensions postponed till fall, general enthusiasm for the Bible and interest in meeting Americans running high, MacBeth feels physical danger is unlikely. But enormous environmental problems do pose health risks for long-term visitors. Regardless, stakes are high as the ethical/moral vacuum in Russia parallels that of post WWII Japan when Douglas MacArthur is said to have urged the Church to massively deploy missionaries. (Those interested in learning about Co-Mission's overall strategy may contact them at 4201 N. Peachtree Rd., Atlanta, GA 30341.)

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#### **Faculty News**

Two faculty members have had books published. John Leax, professor of English and associate dean for professional development, has written *Grace is Where I Live*, a collection of essays summarizing his experiences seeking to integrate faith and writing over the past 20 years. Published by Raven's Ridge Books (a division of Baker Book House), *Grace is Where I Live* is available at Christian bookstores for \$12.95.

Prentice Hall is publishing *Literary Criticism: Theory and Practice*, a textbook for college sophomores and beyond. Dr. Charles Bressler, professor of English and associate dean for curricula, wrote the critically acclaimed book as a result of a 1987 classroom discussion of an abstruse text then in use. Bressler's book features essays by four Houghton students.

"I was sobered by everything I saw," said associate professor of mathematics Fred Parker about his trip to Homestead, Florida, to help with clean-up efforts January 3-10, 1993, five months after Hurricane Andrew. Volunteers Parker and 12 friends from an Ithaca, NY, church (he'd attended during his 1986 sabbatical at Cornell University) did roofing and interior work under the auspices of Samaritan's Purse.

#### Cooperative Efforts at Buffalo Lauded

Universities and Community Schools, a publication of the University of Pennsylvania, devoted much of its winter '92 issue to a series of articles about the work of the Western New York Consortium of Higher Education, which the editors called "the most significant example" of higher learning institutions cooperating to spark efforts to overcome community and societal problems.

Prime focus of the articles was development of the King Urban

Life Center in Buffalo and its programs, several of which were written by Drs. Charles and Claity Massey and Gray Harriman of Houghton's Buffalo campus. Other authors credit them as major influences in program success.

#### Applications Pass Previous Record

As of March 30 1,011 applications for fall admission are on hand, according to admissions and alumni director Tim Fuller; and he expects to reach 1,100 before the new class enrolls. Already last year's record has been eclipsed by 68. Some 400 new students are expected this fall, 310 of them frosh.

The challenge is to create viable financial aid packages for them, since nearly 90 percent of Houghton students qualify for aid compared with about 50 percent at competitive schools. This reflects the fact that Houghton generally attracts superior students from below average economic backgrounds.

#### Business Students Offer Fee Tax Help

Thirty-five students, senior citizens, and other community members have taken advantage of Houghton's first participation in VITA or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a free tax-help program offered by assistant professor of accounting Rhea Reed and some of her students. At press time they were expecting a pre-15th rush on their services.

Beginning in January Ms. Reed's students have held regular office hours, employing a computer software package, and standard tax forms to answer tax questions. Besides a student manager, associate professor of business Ken Bates has assisted, and Ms. Reed checked all taxes before they left the office. She hopes to offer VITA again next year.

#### An Unusual CLEW

Spiritual formation and renewal are serious priorities at Houghton. A traditional vehicle for these are fall and spring Christian Life Emphasis Weeks (CLEW) when the community concertedly examines individual and corporate spiritual life and progress. Historically, results range from dramatic "revivals" to unseen incremental growth.

January's CLEW featured Jimmy Johnson and was different because of Johnson's style, and for its ongoing results. Alabaman Johnson's 30 years' ministry ranges from working with youth in California to being a Wesleyan district superintendent in Mississippi. Students accepted him with a warmth he'd not anticipated and CLEW attendance topped 800 nightly.

Chapel and evening audiences vocally granted Johnson time extensions to pursue such topics as spiritual accountability, sexual purity and what it means to be Christ's yokefellow. Practical jokes and intense individual counseling manifested the regard he engendered. Enduring application of his messages has included accountability group formation and a men's prayer breakfast.

CLEW attendees Denny and Linda Perry, parents of one student, rejoiced in the positive community response to Johnson's challenges, but recognized the ongoing academic, social and spiritual pressures of campus life. Consequently they urged friends, faculty and students at other schools to write letters of personal encouragement to all Houghton students and faculty. Two dozen people participated with multiple form letters or lengthy handwritten messages. Recipient reaction has ranged from puzzlement to appreciation.

#### The Last Farm Boy Turned Latin Teacher

Arcade (NY) High School's 1933 valedictorian rode a horse to school daily from the family farm in nearby Chaffee. He called himself "a poor boy, the son of a hard-working and ex-acting dairy farmer." The fact that Houghton College then billed itself as "a place poor boys and girls can get an education" may have attracted Frank Gordon Stockin to attend the college, but it wasn't the motivation that made him Houghton's 1937 salutatorian, or sparked his subsequent 43 years at the college. Although he was born in Dobbs Ferry, NY, at his funeral he was characterized as "the last of his kind ... a farmboy turned Latin teacher."

When Dr. Stockin died on January 23rd after a 14-year battle against several forms of cancer, his Houghton career (1938-81) had included being instructor in Latin, assistant and associate professor of Greek and Latin, serving as principal of Houghton Academy from 1943-46, chairing the college's foreign language division for 18 years, and, during the late '60s, teaching the largest beginning Latin class at any eastern college or university.

By the end of his first day in first grade, Gordon Stockin knew he wanted to teach. After his first high school Latin class he knew in what field. Latin, Classical Association of the Atlantic States (of which he'd been treasurer and vice president), and the Danforth Associates. He consulted in developing New York's Regents examination for Latin level III.



Frank Gordon Stockin Nov. 23, 1915-Jan. 23, 1993

Three times he was Houghton students' choice for yearbook dedicatee, was selected college Alumnus of the Year in 1979, and Layman of the Year for the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church in 1989. During its 1982-83 centennial, Houghton College named Dr. Stockin

"As long as Christ predominates, as long as He is foremost and the center of all activity, Houghton will remain the Christian institution it originally set out to be. This cannot change."—F. Gordon Stockin

Greek and the classics became his passion. But his agricultural roots endured—only a few years ago he milked the herd of a sick dairy farmer friend.

His professional distinctions included lifetime membership in the American Philological Association, the among its Houghton Hundred, and presented him with an honorary Litt.D. He and his wife Marjorie were the only Houghton faculty to have married another faculty member.

He relinquished the division chairmanship in 1975 and retired from teaching in 1981, but Dr. Stockin was later a frequent Elderhostel lecturer, occasionally taught Latin or philology at Houghton Academy and continued his volumninous correspondence—including nearly 4,000 recommendation letters for former students.

Professor Stockin earned his M.A. from the University of Cincinnati, and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois-the latter the equivalent of two doctorates, since on the eve of defending his dissertation, his program chairman died, obliging Dr. Stockin to begin a different line of inquiry for a successor chairman-all told, a 13-year effort. During graduate school he taught briefly at Our Lady of Cincinnati College and Ohio Wesleyan University. He spent a 1964 sabbatical leave studying in Italy and Greece.

Dr. Stockin's hallmarks included unstinting scholarship, unfailing courtesy to all in every situation, wide-ranging community service from volunteer fireman to Sunday school teacher, Christian fortitude in adversity, a gentle and pervading good humor.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Marjorie (Ortlip); son Philip '67, principal of Houghton Academy; and three daughters: Audrey Eyler '64, professor of English at Pacific Lutheran University, Gig Harbor, WA; Judith Ganch '70, employed in the land title office of Dade County of Madison, WI; and Lora Beth Norton '77, an editor with the David C. Cook Co., West Chicago, IL. He leaves seven grandchildren; a brother, Bruce Stockin '56, of Santa Barbara, CA; sisters Shirley Watkins '42, of Baton Rouge, LA, and Nancy Kelly, Buena Park, CA. Memorial gifts may be made to Houghton Academy or Houghton College.

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