

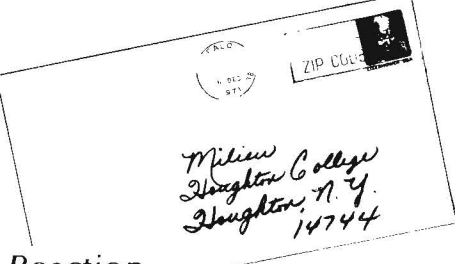
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Houghton MILIEU

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Reaction Time. . .

Dear Editor:

Linden and I just wanted to take the time to express to you, as editor of the MILIEU, our great pleasure in reading the article on sex roles in the recent Spring issue.

This article has encouraged us in the hope of Christian education providing realistic frames of reference for its students, something we and other alumni of Houghton and other Christian colleges feel was strongly lacking in our days of attendance . . . such an article has greatly re-ignited our interest in Houghton as an educational institution that is in touch with very far-reaching social issues . . . It's an incredible eye-opener to study each contact Jesus had with women, especially in the light of the historical and cultural context in which they took place . . .

Yours truly,
Linden and Heather Frederick (both '75)

Dear Editor,

May I commend you on the Summer '78 issue! It was one of the best! You seemed to strike a great balance between on-campus news and articles about alumni . . . I wholeheartedly liked and encourage the idea of future articles on grads and what they're doing now! . . .

Sincerely,
Sharon Huff Anderson '64

Dear Editor,

Two things before I get jumped on. The survey that I alluded to was not conducted by the NRB. It was actually done at Southern Illinois University, I believe. But it was presented at the NRB national convention last February at one of the seminars.

Next point . . . who is the guy in the second picture on the left in the photo layout? . . .

Sincerely,
Jerry Meloon '66

CORRECTION Jerry is referring in both cases to the story entitled "Radio!" in the June MILIEU. The "guy in the second picture" is Bob Stoddard, KCLD Minnesota.

— Editor

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Houghton College admits students of any race, color and national or ethnic origin. The college does not discriminate on these bases, or on the basis of sex in any college administered program.

WHAT does Houghton do to keep its costs down? Why can't the college be more competitive with state schools? Why don't you get more government help at Houghton?

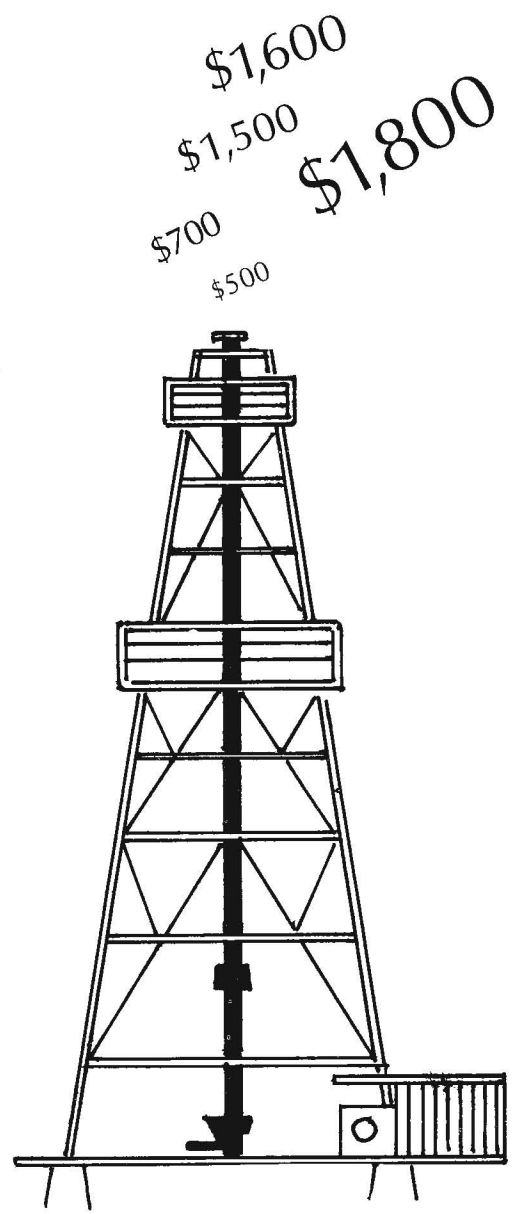
What follows won't satisfy all questions, but it will show the college's sensitivity to the money problems facing students and their families, and maybe surprise you with the scope and variety of help that is available. The financial crunch also focuses attention on people's changing priorities and the practical inevitability that commitment to Christian higher education is going to be costly.

Nearly half of the 10,000 plus households receiving MILIEU are in New York State. Sixty-one percent of Houghton's students are New Yorkers. This means that a majority of students and sponsors are beneficiaries of the state's Tuition Assistance Program, and as taxpayers, provide the money.

Eighty-five percent of the New York students qualify for some TAP aid. Houghton does not receive state support, known as Bundy aid, to the tune of about a quarter-million dollars a year because of her close church affiliation. While TAP money is restricted to New York residents, Bundy aid is figured on a school's total enrollment at \$250 per full-time student. Bundy aid is a limited state effort to compensate New York's independent colleges and universities for their costs — partial equalization for the huge tax dollar sums spent on state universities.

While Houghton College does not control the decision to maintain church ties and governance, it views that decision as reflecting the Wesleyan Churches' deep commitment to Christian higher education. Too, Houghton's independent status is underscored. Nevertheless, the money is not available to the college to equalize costs with other private colleges, which places a tacit responsibility on the denomination and the Christian community at large to back their belief in Christian higher education — a commitment not yet fully shouldered.

Following a lengthy legislative wrangle, carefully watchdogged by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York, of which Houghton is a member, TAP awards were raised this year from the previous maximum of



TAPping the well

financial aid at Houghton College

\$1,500 per year, to \$1,800. Significantly, the legislature made the higher rate retroactive to 1977, although payment will be to the students, not the college. Eligibility for TAP is on a scale based on family income, \$20,000 being the ceiling. Financial Aid Director, Robert Brown, estimated that 75 Houghton students qualify for the maximum award.

New York has also instituted a Tuition Tax Deduction. As passed by the legislature, this program permits a tuition tax deduction up to \$1,000 after TAP aid awarded is deducted from the tuition paid. Another recent bill approved a Parent and Student Saving Plan providing for tax deduction up to \$750 a year or a maximum of \$7,500 per child, when savings are placed in a qualified higher education fund.

Mr. Brown notes: "more students miss getting the education they want for lack of inquiring than are denied the chance because financial assistance is unavailable." In addition to TAP, New Yorkers may gain a \$250 per year Regents Scholarship, or qualify for awards as children of deceased or disabled veterans.

Generally, three kinds of aid are available to all students—grants, loans and work study. These funds may come from outside agencies or be college controlled. The college controls federally-funded Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants based on need. A student must take at least six hours to qualify. Houghton will consider tuition reduction Family Grants for families with more than two children simultaneously enrolled. Children of ministers or missionaries may receive a Parental Study Grant. Ministerial Study-Grants are open to persons taking the Bachelor of Science ministerial curriculum. Full members of the Wesleyan Church are eligible for assistance and a variety of college funded scholarships are designated based on need and/or ability.

Students taking at least six hours may qualify for grants from \$200 to \$1,600 a year from the federally-funded Basic Education Opportunity Grant program. Also available are NDSL loans and short-term loans for unusual financial situations arising during the year. Again, New York State's Higher Educational Services Corporation offers loans through various lending institutions up to \$2,500 a year. Contact a local bank or the college financial aid office for eligibility and re-payment details. Mr. Brown told MILIEU that 65 percent of Houghton's students receive some kind of aid, often from overlapping sources.

Asked if it isn't harder to finance college now than it was a generation ago, Mr. Brown cited a college survey which showed typical college costs increased relative to the cost of living since 1967 by 187 per-

cent. In that same period, Houghton's costs gained 167 percent, 20 points less than average. In that same time, disposable income increased 66.8 percent, suggesting that Houghton has essentially held the line despite intense inflationary pressures. A CICU survey says the average independent college tuition in New York is now \$3,100 yearly. Among its direct competition, this puts Houghton's \$2,573 tuition figure in a favorable light. Still, costs for independent colleges in New York have *risen* more since 1974 than the *total* tuition is at state university campuses today.

Mr. Brown cited other facts useful in assessing the cost impact of education now. A generation ago, parental support accounted for more than half of Houghton student bills in total. That figure has shrunk to 33 percent. Factors are emancipation of students, attitudes toward debt and the broadened range of available assistance. He said people seem much less willing to sacrifice for education than was the case 20 years ago. Then it was not unusual for families to skimp on many things to finance college. Now, many consider it an unwarranted imposition to sell a second car. So, changing perceptions of value have a place in determining the affordability of education.

Nevertheless, the college recognizes significant difficulties for persons trying to finance a Houghton education, and for the institution in maintaining the economic

"Future financial aid programs must help to meet the needs of out-of-state students if we are to keep our geographic diversity."

and geographic diversity essential to the definition of a liberal arts experience. Admissions and Records Director, Richard Alderman reminded alumni this summer: "Students are, of course, shopping for the best deal financially and we often lose excellent students because we cannot meet their financial needs. Increasing aid from New York State, and decreasing aid from other states has narrowed our effective market area to our home state. Future financial aid programs must help to meet the needs of out-of-state students if we are to keep our geographic diversity."

Houghton might accomplish this by providing more scholarship aid or offering innovative payment plans. Several universities are promising students and their families a guaranteed four-year tuition rate if the money is paid in advance, the theory being that the cost of borrowing will be less than the likely cumulative annual increases. This assumes that the college has sufficient endowment to be its own lender at a modest rate. Houghton is not so endowed. In fact, endowment for scholarships currently produces about \$100,000 yearly, minimal considered against an annual tuition bill of \$3,000,000.

Endowment would seem to be the best hope for substantial aid gains, assuming the commitment of the Christian community. A recent poll conducted for H&R Block Company found a majority of citizens not in favor of tuition tax credits. Too, Christian colleges dare not assume an unending flow of tax aid for their students despite reasonable arguments and bureaucratic lip service to the idea of diverse educational opportunity.

Christian College Consortium head, Dr. John Dellenback warned that the issue of state and federal aid "will [eventually] put us in the courts." Three years ago Dr. Arthur W. Lynip cautioned a Houghton audience, "if a certain government that we know changes one little tail flick of its attitude towards private schools—validity of state scholarships, federal loan funds . . . a school like Houghton is going to feel as lonesome as a woodchuck in the middle of the game of the week."

Certainly that lonely time isn't here now. And, if Houghton continues to deliver distinctive value and Christians finance their expressed belief that faith and learning must complement each other, that prediction need not come true. ●

"TO CONTINUE RUNNING I had to think God thoughts. I would pray, sing, think of scripture . . . anything to keep my mind trained on my source of energy."

"We were coming out of the desert, about 400 miles

in the hospital getting stitches. I messed up my knee in a motorcycle accident and wasn't able to walk right for two weeks. I never ran a foot after the trip. I think the Lord wanted me to take a rest."

"I had to make a psycho-

lessons learned. Statistics like, 'how many pairs of shoes did you wear out?' seemed insignificant as the men described encounters with people and — through the trip — with God.

"When we finished and I positively knew that without

in a campground and called the Methodist pastor who came over and gave us permission to park at his church. The grocer invited us to his house for showers. I don't think he was even a member of that church."

Observed Dave Hagle, "we

Run with patience the race ... Looking unto Jesus

On their run from Pacific to Atlantic last summer, Houghton's Cross Country Team racked up 3,150 miles, shared in some 30 churches and camps and learned lessons in self-discipline and reliance on God

into the trip. I was on this gravel road running through a chain of hills . . . going down this one hill, it was so steep I had to go fast. It was a long hill, at least a mile. I was near the bottom when I heard this noise behind me. I turned around and there was this snake on the ground. Going back closer I saw it was a rattler about three feet long. I guess I just missed him . . . going over the top of him . . . It was the first time on the trip I'd really been running fast."

"Twenty-four hours after we got to Asbury Park I was

logical adjustment. I've never liked distance running. There were times when I wasn't tired, but didn't feel like running. I looked at it as an opportunity for growth doing something I don't like."

"I have no real cross country experience. I'm new at it. This will make me feel less inferior!"

Light weeks and 3,150 gruelling miles from Aberdeen, WA, and the Pacific coast, Houghton's Cross Country team was sitting around a table in the Campus Center recounting experiences, impressions, emotions and



God running for me I would not have made it — that was a great highlight. . . . I learned more about what it meant to live by faith." So commented Boyd Hannold, the only Senior of the group, now attending Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions in preparation for missionary service.

What kinds of people do six young men meet on the road? Recalled Rob Perkins, "In Pomeroy, WA, Boyd went to get groceries. He was beet red from sunburn and the storekeeper commented about it. After hearing our story he discouraged us from staying

met many people with no concept of a personal God, people walking around in a fog . . . witnessing is playing with a person's life."

Boyd Hannold noted, "reaction to our trip was superb. All were concerned and interested, including non-Christians we shared with along the way. Adults went out of their way to help us . . . God showed us we were in His will when He used our testimonies for His glory."

What kinds of services did the team conduct? Most scheduled meetings were for Monday or Tuesday nights.

Sunday opportunities ranged from brief questioning by a pastor, or giving of testimonies to running complete services. "One Sunday a pastor said he'd ask us some questions, but nothing major. We thought we'd have the day off. Five minutes before Sunday

ed, "Some seemed surprised that you could be a Christian and have fun." The team has received many letters from campers since returning to Houghton and several youth have indicated their intention to attend college here.

One woman heard the team

observed, "we ate one main meal a day, in the evening — big chef salads and a lot more vegetables than meat." Mused one runner, "before the trip there were a lot of vegetables I wouldn't eat. I'm still amazed at some of the stuff — like, I learned to like broccoli

daily when they had the motor home. Later they had to rely on gas stations for water or soda. "One day I was running on a 4-lane highway. It was raining and after about 18 miles, even with cars coming, I drank out of a mud puddle!" Dave Higl told



Left: Boyd Hammond presents devotional at Summer Alumni Weekend and team pauses to record crossing another state line. Above: Higl, Perkins, Blankley, Brantigan, Higl and Hammond run down the beach at Asbury Park, NJ. (Photo courtesy of Asbury Park Press)

School he assigned us classes to teach."

Congregations ranged from as few as 17 to 300 at Mitchell, SD. "There Boyd preached on our Call to Witness as Christians." Although the team had never sung together before, when a Clarkson, WA, pastor asked them to, they did, then incorporated singing into their programs — "usually *It Is Well With My Soul*. That was the class song for five of us so we knew all the words."

Commenting on reaction of youth at camps, one said, "We were floored by the enthusiasm." Another remark-

was coming to town, met them and asked them to accompany her to a nursing home to share with a sick friend.

When the motorhome they were using broke down in Minnesota — they didn't get it back until Pennsylvania — the team relied on gracious church people to lend them cars which served as a base for night-time camping and emergency backup. Most refused remuneration. An Albert Lea, MN man lent them his van for a week or more.

Discussing diet, the team

and beets!"

Breakfast was "lots of times eggs, or a baloney or peanut butter sandwich . . . When we had the motorhome we ate super, but then when we had to buy meals, it was MacDonalds and other quick stuff — really bad . . . We were fortunate that the motorhome broke down when it did because as we got farther east, there were more scheduled churches and people to take care of us."

Stories of thirst occupied a sizeable piece of conversation. The team drank three or more gallons of lemonade

MILIEU, "Boyd and I had the same experience with heat. His was in Pennsylvania, mine in Montana. It was on my second set of running for the day — through the Crow Indian Reservation. I don't remember seeing anything, I was just aware of the pounding of my feet. I felt like lying down and sleeping, not caring what happened. It could have been a combination of salt and fluid loss." The hottest days with temperatures in the 90s came in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

What was their running
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Highlander Sports by William Greenway

"Burke celebrates 100th triumph"

5 PLAYERS MAKE EMPIRE STATE SQUADS

New York State has initiated a state-wide sports program called The Empire State Games to bring the best athletes in the state into an Olympic-type competition. Three varsity soccer players made the Region VI men's team: Sr. Ron Barnett, Jr. Steve Burke, and Soph. John Ortiip. Jr. Corinne Munn made the women's soccer squad for Region VI and Jr. Lynn Hamill made the Region V field hockey team.

HIGHLANDER SOCCER BEST EVER?

Coach Doug Burke's soccer squad could be the best he has ever fielded. The Highlanders face a tough seventeen game schedule plus play-off games.

The season began with a two-game swing to the mid-West where Houghton shut out both Marion and Spring Arbor. The Marion shutout saw Houghton tally nine goals. Steve Burke, playing for his father for the first time, scored the first goal unassisted. Steve went on to score twice more and also chipped in an assist on Ron Barnett's goal. Two Freshmen came through in top fashion as Ken Obiorah picked up two goals and an assist and Doug Johnson, son of Professor Paul Johnson, got a goal and an assist. The other two goals were scored by reliable John "Cool" Ikegwuonu.

The Spring Arbor shutout was significant for several reasons. It was Coach Burke's 100th win. It was a shutout win over a team which had been 20-0 in 1977. It was a shutout of Howard Taylor, the nation's leading scorer in 1977 with 37 goals. Frosh Doug Johnson put the winning goal in the net at the five minute mark of the first half. The teams continued to play hard, aggressive soccer on an even basis for the next eighty minutes until Rob Jacobson netted the final goal with assists to Ron Barnett and Dewey Landon. Transfer goalie Kevin Austin made several outstanding saves in recording his second shutout in as many games. Coach Burke had praise for his entire squad and their execution on both offense and defense.

The Highlanders opened their home season with a hard fought 1-0 win over SUNY Binghamton as Steve Burke headed in a Dan Irwin corner kick. The Highlanders recorded their fourth shutout with a 7-0 victory over Eisenhower. Frosh Doug Johnson led the way with three goals while Frosh Ken Obiorah had two goals and two assists. Goal scoring leaders are: Johnson, 5; Burke and Obiorah 4 each.

AWAY SCHEDULE FOR INTERESTED ALUMNI

Soccer:			Women's Basketball:		
Oct. 17	Fredonia		Nov. 29	Brookport	
28	Behrend		Dec. 7	Buffalo State	
Nov. 1	Hobart		13	U. of Buffalo	
Field Hockey:			Volleyball:		
Oct. 19	Syracuse		Oct. 14	Gannon	
Nov. 4	Messiah		16	Ithaca	
Cross Country:			20	Alfred	
Oct. 18	Roberts		23	Oswego	
Men's Basketball:			26	Liskenower	
Nov. 16-18	Nyack		28	Binghamton	
30	Brock		Nov. 1	RIT	
Dec. 4	St. Jn. Fisher				

Run with patience . . .

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strategy? "It was a slow run, jogging and running. We saw [Cross Country] Coach Shire in Mitchell, SD, and asked him if there was some kind of pace we should run. He replied, 'just make it.' We were tired enough when we got done."

Alan Blankley said the team preferred to run on road shoulders, but that these were sometimes non-existent. He recalled his best run was on a dirt road in South Dakota. None of the team liked interstate highway running and they avoided it whenever possible. Banked, curved and high crowned roads caused problems for the leg on the high side.

Team members agreed that the concentration required to make the trip was enervating. "It was a 24-hour a day job. Even at night you were planning the next day or writing a quick note to family . . . The

biggest adjustment was being on a schedule — having to be at a certain place before the end of the day."

"It wasn't the running for me but the pressure of time. Then if somebody gets hurt, it's up to you."

Would they do it again? During the trip the general response would have been "no!" In retrospect, all would consider it. "We've kicked around the idea of a Florida to Maine run next summer."

College has resumed for the five runners who are now Seniors at Houghton. But Boyd Hannold plans to keep running in graduate school. He wrote, "I took about seven weeks off to let my body heal, but I've started running again and I hope to train hard enough to participate in a marathon down here later this year. It's a great way to stay in shape and God may yet use me through that capacity again."

While college has resumed, all is not the same for the runners. Alan Blankley's father died suddenly in early September. Alan is helping his mother get settled in Florida before returning to college. Dwight Brautigam is out of cross-country because of a stress fracture. Doctors say x-rays suggest he incurred the break in June. Ken Heck and Dave Hagle quit cross country to be designated runners in baseball. Rob Perkins is captain for a rookie cross-country team.

As to enduring benefits or changes, Dwight Brautigam noted, "the trip has affected my career goals. I'm interested in the west. There is a different mindset there, an openness." Said another, "I have a new sense of personal responsibility . . . difficult things are possible." ●



Runner Heck less than 15 minutes after encounter with a rattlesnake.

HOUGHTON COLLEGE accurately and proudly labels itself a Christian liberal arts college. This label, the Christian liberal arts college, is filled with meaning and significance but the finest creeds and the clearest labels may easily degenerate into hollow, empty words without frequent re-examination of their meaning and re-commitment to their purposes and values. An annual report provides a timely and natural opportunity for such a re-examination and re-commitment.

First, we are a Christian college. Our descriptive label begins with Christ and as an institution and individuals we begin with Christ. We honor Him as the second person of the Trinity, but we also recognize Him as the Living Word, as God's highest and clearest revelation to man. As fallen people we accept Christ as our Saviour and Lord. As a community pursuing truth we recognize Him as the ultimate source of Truth and as our supreme example in pursuing truth.

While our Christian label means that we begin with the Person of Christ, it also carries important implications for everyone associated with Houghton College. It means that every member of the Trustees, Faculty, Administration and contract Staff have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and a commitment to live a godly life under the Lordship of Christ. It means further that through a variety of programs and people we actively strive to encourage spiritual life, growth and development in every member of our college community. We attempt to provide a Christian environment designed to promote wholesome living experiences and spiritual growth. We sponsor and encourage such distinctively Christian activities as regular chapel, Bible study groups, prayer meetings, Christian service opportunities and weeks of special spiritual emphasis. But our Christian commitment also permeates every aspect of our living and learning together. Professors and students alike strive to relate the facts and findings of their disciplines with the implications and applications of a living faith. Christian courtesy and deep respect for the differences God gives in ability, accomplishment and growth are also important marks of a Christian college community that we aim to recognize and incorporate into our community.

Houghton College is clearly and deliberately Christian, but it is also a liberal arts college. But what are the special meanings and obligations of such a college as we enter the final fourth of the 20th century? In his inaugural address at St. Andrews University in 1867, John Stuart Mill declared: "Men are men before they are lawyers or physicians or merchants or manufacturers; and if you make them capable and sensible men, they will make themselves capable and sensible lawyers, or physicians." (And he could have added ministers, missionaries, Christian workers, etc.) Mill's statement is close to the heart of the liberal arts college. He was arguing that no matter how well a college prepares students for their future vocations, it would be derelict in its duty if it did not instruct them all,

Report of the President



Houghton College 1977-78

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regardless of their career goals, in the broader responsibilities of life and in the deeper meanings of what being truly human implies.

Ortega y Gasset wrote in 1930 that "... the contemporary university ... has abandoned almost entirely the teaching or transmission of culture. It is evident that the change has been pernicious. Europe today is taking its sinister consequences." The resulting tragedy and barbarism of World War II was sad fulfillment of Ortega's observations and predictions. America would be well advised to examine carefully its educational programs which emphasize narrow professionalism often coupled with unconcern about moral and spiritual development.

Larl D. Pullias, a favorite graduate professor of mine, captures and includes the important mission of the liberal arts college in the following statement:

"The essence of the higher learning is the search for truth and its relation to all of life: a search expressed through (a) the study of the experience and achievement of man, especially the best he has achieved, (b) the "imaginative consideration" of the implications of that achievement for the present and the future, and (c) the persistent study of all aspects of reality by direct observation. This interaction among students, teachers and the records of man's experience goes on in an atmosphere characterized in some degree by freedom, adventure, imagination, endless inquiry and Socratic humility. The central goal is the full development of the whole person and it involves knowledge, attitudes, values and skills. The man so educated will be somewhat wiser than he would have been because of what he learns and what he is, or perhaps even more because of his awareness of what he does not know and has not become; he catches the vision of man as he can be and should be."

While being a Christian liberal arts college is not easy, it is essential to the preservation and the improvement of our society and the important institutions so essential in that society. Houghton College pledges itself to be true to that mission. I am convinced that as we succeed in that purpose we will serve our constituency and our society in the most positive and effective ways.

We have looked briefly at our purposes and at the kind of commitments people must possess to achieve those purposes. The balance of this report examines the efforts and activities designed to sustain and support our purposes. ●



President Chamberlain

Academic Activities

Frederick D. Shannon provides administrative leadership for our academic activities. His service is characterized by careful attention to detail, firmness, fairness and good humor. This year has been complicated by late and unexpected faculty resignations, but with his leadership and the excellent assistance of Divisional Chairmen, loads have been adjusted, or new faculty have been recruited so that our programs will move ahead with quality and integrity.

Faculty Growth and Development

During the past year there has been healthy emphasis and activity relating to faculty growth and development. A faculty development committee was named with Dr. James Barcus serving as its chairman. He set a fine pace for others to follow by being named a reader for ETS and College Boards, publishing several articles, serving as a regional judge for the NCTE awards program in writing and being selected as a visiting professor at Baylor University while he is on sabbatical this Fall. Nancy Barcus also authored several articles and Inter Varsity Press published her book *Developing A Christian Mind*. She too, will serve as a visiting professor at Baylor this Fall.

For several years professor John Leax has been a frequent contributor to the fine arts magazine *For the Time Being*. During the summer Houghton College became the new headquarters for this publication and professor Leax assumed the duties as editor-in-chief. This lively publication will be one more important way of encouraging the creative gifts of our faculty and students.

Professor Keith Clark of the music department was on sabbatical during the Fall of 1977. That time of research, study and travel has led to the publication of several articles in professional journals.

During the past year three faculty members have completed their doctoral studies. Anne Schriener earned her doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado in counseling. Professor Kingdon completed his studies under the auspices of Bethel Seminary and received the Doctor of Ministry degree. Victor Carpenter completed his thesis, successfully passed his oral examination and received the Ph.D. in German from the University of Pennsylvania.

Numerous other faculty members continue to pursue advanced study. These include Robert Galloway, Jean Reigles, Roger Rozendal, Herschel Ries, Ruth Hutton, and Ken Boon.

Dr. Carl Schultz and Dr. Hubert Morken brought high honor to themselves and Houghton College by their selection to participate in NEH summer institutes. Dr. Morken's fellowship led to his study at Rutgers while Dr. Schultz participated in a program at Yale.

Other faculty development activities have included attendance at a Servicemaster Management Training Institute by Drs. Bailey, Calhoun, Huff, Massey and Worthington. Lola Haller spent much of the past summer in education workshops and renewal including a week at Southern Illinois with the Institute in Internationalism in Children's Literature. Professors Leax and Munro pursued sabbatical



From top left: Mr. Mellick, Mrs. Canfield, Mr. Wenger, Mr. Wright, Dr. Lynip and Dr. Perkins

programs during the past year in Kentucky and in Africa respectively.

Changing Leadership

During the past year several individuals have performed outstanding service after assuming new roles. Mr. Alderman has added the duties of the Registrar's Office to his crucial responsibilities as Director of Admissions. He has provided excellent leadership in both of these important functions. Dr. Bailey and Dr. Worthington both gave excellent leadership to their respective divisions as first year chairmen. Mrs. Joyce Moore has filled an important role very effectively as the successor to former head librarian, Dr. Esther Jane Carrier.

New Faculty

Several new faculty members have joined the Houghton College family for the 1978-79 academic year. Mr. James

Mellick is a new art teacher and head of the Art Department. Already he is giving dynamic and creative leadership to this department. A second new member in the Art Department is Mr. Bruce Wenger who replaces Mr. Roger Richardson who resigned to pursue seminary preparation for the ministry. Mrs. Debra Canfield, a Houghton College graduate, returns as an instructor in Business Administration. Her addition to the faculty is another indication of the growth in the quantity and quality of our Business Department under the firm and able leadership of Mr. Arnold Cook. While not new to Houghton, Dr. Arthur Lynip has returned to campus to serve as the Acting Chairman for the Division of English and Speech during the sabbatical of Dr. James Barcus. He brings wisdom, academic stature and excellent perspective to his duties. Another interim faculty member is Mr. Robert Wright who is assisting in the English department during the first semester while Mrs. Barcus is on leave. Dr. Richard B. Perkins is Associate Professor of Sociology. He has taught at Westminster and Jefferson Colleges.

Program Enrichment

During the year the Academic Affairs Council and the Faculty have taken several significant actions. These include formalizing an affiliation with Central College so that Houghton students can participate in their junior year abroad and maintain their New York residency. We have also affiliated with The King's College study abroad program in an effort to broaden the educational opportunities for language majors and other students wishing exposure and experience in another culture.

The faculty bestowed special honor upon two of its members last Spring. They designated Dr. Nolan Huijenga as the individual to fill the Davidson Chair in Fine Arts and Dr. Ed Willett as the occupant of the Davidson Chair in Social Science. During the October Founders' Day convocation special honors will go to retired faculty member Hugh Paine and to alumnus John DeBrine as both receive honorary doctorates.

I will have more to say about the Physical Education Center and the renovation of Fancher in the Development section of this report. However, we must always remember that the major goal of every campus effort is to maintain and improve the quality of the Christian Liberal Arts education we provide to our students. I am confident that beginning the new gymnasium will assist us to recruit students and I am equally certain that when it is completed its use will enable us to serve our students more effectively. Renovating Fancher will have a positive impact upon the conditions of many classrooms and faculty offices which in turn will maintain faculty morale which eventually benefits the students we serve.

Houghton College must continue to search for imaginative and innovative ways to discover and develop programs which allow great flexibility for individual faculty and students to teach and learn in ways that suit them best. At the same time we must maintain the high and objective standards of quality that have enabled Houghton to achieve its reputation for educational excellence. ●

Student Development Activities

The 1977-78 academic year was the first for Dr. Charles Massey as Dean of Student Development. He has given perceptive, informed and creative leadership to the many facets of that office. His talents have been thoughtfully applied in helping the college achieve its purposes.

Dean Massey recommended that the name of his area of responsibility be changed from Student Affairs to Student Development. He and his staff have worked hard and successfully to live up to this new name. Students demonstrated their appreciation of Dean Massey by awarding him the Senate Excellence award for the 1977-78 academic year. In the letter read when this award was presented Rick Dickson, president of the Student Senate, stated: "You have made strides in changing the image of the office of Dean of Students from one which merely enforces rules to one which strives to develop people in every aspect of their lives. You are respected by the student body because of your openness and your firmness. You have developed rapport with students which greatly enhances the image of your office as well as your own prospects for success."

Affirmative Approaches

The concept of helping students develop has been carefully considered and followed in applying discipline. Students have been dealt with in firm but fair ways which involved as few people as possible in the proceedings. This approach has protected the integrity of the disciplinary process and has enabled students to profit from their mistakes without becoming community scapegoats or spectacles. While the primary purpose of this approach is its benefit to the individuals involved, the College and its ministry are strengthened by the same process.

Jim Spurrier, Kathy Harrington and Jeff Long have all left their positions in Student Development to pursue additional graduate study. The Director of Counseling services, Anne Schroer, completed her Ph.D. during the past school year and Chaplain Richard Bareiss in his new role as Coordinator of Christian Life continues to make good progress toward completing his doctoral program.

The various service areas in the Student Development office continue to make excellent contributions to the life of the community. Dr. Schroer has begun her second year as Director of Counseling Services. She receives able assistance from Dr. Daniel Ross who is beginning his second year as a member of the faculty and counseling staff. Besides personal counseling, Dr. Schroer gives overall administrative leadership to the Career Development center. The services of this office are being rapidly increased to meet the ever greater demand for assisting students as they enter careers and as they change positions.

Athletics Oversight

The governance structure calls for the Dean of Students to give administrative oversight to inter-collegiate athletics and intra-mural and recreational programs. This new arrangement



Left: Dean Massey receives Senate Award. Below: Dr. Schroer directs counseling service.



will receive increased attention in the coming year with assistance from Bob Rhoades as director of Inter-collegiate Athletics and Doris Nielsen and Tom Kettelkamp as the co-directors of Intra-mural and Recreational programs. Already the percentage of students involved in intra-mural and recreational programs is increasing and the prospects of a new gymnasium will make possible even stronger programs involving many more students.

The Health Center is also a part of the administrative responsibility of the Dean of Students. The new Health Center director is Mrs. Dionne Parker. She replaces Mrs. Betty Paine who has given many years of faithful, dedicated service. In the coming year, the Center will emphasize its educational responsibilities including health counseling and preventive medicine. As this report mentioned earlier, Chaplain Richard Bareiss has a new title and role as Coordinator of Christian Life. While he continues to give some of his time and energy to counseling, he has increased his administrative assistance to the various Christian outreach groups. The Student Ministerial Association has grown in numbers and in vitality this past year largely because Chaplain Bareiss has aided them with his time and energy. One of the most exciting and promising efforts to encourage and increase Christian life activities in the residence halls has been the appointment of Resident Coordinators. The students filling this position in each dormitory have the same status and remuneration as a Resident Assistant. They will work carefully with the Coordinator of Christian Life in developing the floor chaplaincy programs and in encouraging and assisting dormitory Bible study and prayer groups.

Retention Study

Houghton College is one of more than 50 institutions belonging to the Small College Consortium. Through this organization we receive substantial funding each year to study our needs and develop programs to meet those needs. This year the focus of our study will be on Student Retention and Attrition. A special task force under the leadership of Dean



Left: Living Light ministry has been effective in presenting the Buffalo Suburban Campus. Below: Dean Strumbeck (right), chats with Faculty Retreat guest speaker, Dr. John Noonan, a specialist in improving teacher effectiveness. Spruced up Lyon Hall serves Buffalo needs as auditorium and dining hall.



Massey will examine this area carefully and make proposals for improvement. The on-campus coordinator for this project will be Mrs. Beaver Perkins who is our new Director of Residence Life.

During the past year a special Ad Hoc Committee on Space Utilization developed a plan for more efficient use of the lower level of the Campus Center. The result has been the re-location of several offices and the eventual expansion and improvement of the Snack Bar area. We must now give careful attention to the future of the Health Center facility as well as Gaoyadeo dormitory.

1977-78 was a good year for the Student Development Office and the coming year promises to build effectively upon the excellent foundations laid in the previous months. ●

Buffalo Suburban Campus

The 1977-78 academic year was Dr. Ronald E. Strumbeck's first full year as Dean of the Buffalo Suburban Campus. He has given positive leadership in planning, formulating and executing various programs at West Seneca. His leadership has helped produce a sense of optimistic realism about that campus and its programs.

For the past two years there have been few changes in course offerings or faculty in regular collegiate degree granting programs at Buffalo. However, full-time equivalent enrollment increased more than 6% last year and this year it appears that we will have an even greater percentage increase. The special committee that helps to guide Buffalo Suburban Campus has requested that careful studies be conducted to determine whether the collegiate program should be further enlarged by adding or increasing areas that have special appeal to the student clientele attracted there.

Internships and Cooperative Programs

The Buffalo Suburban Campus offers two important tracks for supplementing and strengthening programs from the main

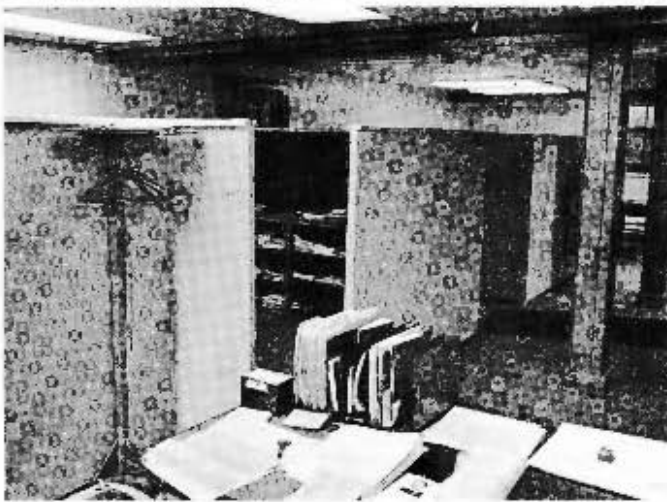
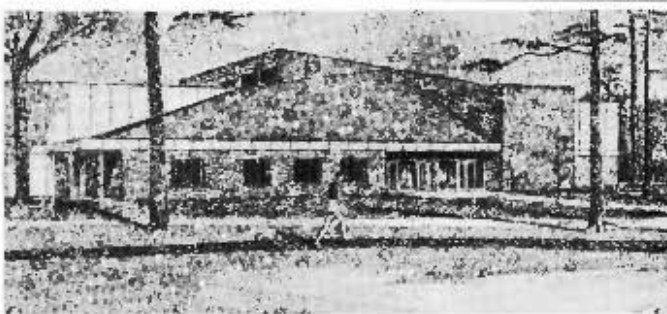
campus. At present students with majors in Business and Sociology are able to spend a one semester internship at the branch campus. These programs provide practical and applied experiences to help add meaning and understanding to more theoretical studies. Other disciplines may be able to develop similar internships. During the 1978 May term, eight students from the main campus attended the Early Childhood Internship program for Education majors at Buffalo. During four weeks these students were able to rotate among several day care centers in the metropolitan area.

We have now consummated a cooperative agreement with the State University College of Buffalo whereby a student may take some courses at our Buffalo Campus while completing other courses at State University leading to a major which would not otherwise be available to Houghton students. Full implementation of this program awaits approval by the State Education Department.

Continuing Education and Community Service

Continuing Education programs at Buffalo were greatly expanded during the past year. In fact, 427 persons enrolled in 37 different Continuing Education courses during the 1977-78 academic year. While most of these courses were short term ones, meeting for six or eight weeks, they have greatly increased campus interest and utilization. They have also enabled Houghton College to serve the evangelical population of greater Buffalo in such areas as Bible, Christian Education, communications, business, art and music. While this is primarily a community service program, it has great potential for increasing the enrollment in regular degree programs at both Buffalo and the main campus.

Another important dimension of community outreach has been the availability of Buffalo Campus for conferences and retreats. Numerous groups have rented the facilities for seminars and banquets and the Christian Athletic Softball League has used our ball diamond regularly from May through August. These programs have increased Houghton's visibility



Above: Ground was broken for this Physical Education Center on September 8. Luckey Administration Building basement was remodeled to contain development, church relations, secretarial and public information offices.

in the greater Buffalo area and they have also added to our auxiliary activities and income. Several additional efforts have been launched to increase student body size so that dormitories and instructional spaces are more efficiently used. One of our most important efforts was the creation of a contemporary gospel music team called Living Light. During July and August this group ministered in 17 churches and camps and several students have come to campus this year as a result of their efforts and other students were influenced to attend who will be completing high school in another year or two. We have also added to the Buffalo staff Mr. Alan Graffam who will devote half of his time to student recruitment. His initiative, his knowledge of the Buffalo area and his former relationships with BBI combine to give us great confidence about his effectiveness in this important task of student recruitment.

Plant Renovation

Among the more visible activities in campus development has been the work on Lyon Hall (the Buffalo Campus dining hall). The roof has been replaced and new windows installed. The building has also been painted to match more nearly the Lambein Learning Center.

The Buffalo Campus is a closely-knit, warm, supportive community. It offers many excellent educational opportunities for students from both campuses. Significantly the number of students studying at the main campus after two years at the branch campus has been increasing. However, in spite of potential and progress much work remains to be done before the branch campus is fully utilized. The coming year will be crucial in those efforts. ●

Institutional Advancement

At Houghton College approximately 80% of our operating revenues are received from student tuition fees and from auxiliary income. This means that 20% of operating costs and all of our capital expenses must be met by gifts and bequests from loyal friends and supporters. In spite of illness and accident the development staff has worked hard to make the past year one of the best in fund-raising that Houghton College has ever known.

P.E. Center Begun

Total gift receipts for the 1977-78 year will exceed \$700,000 which is \$100,000 more than was raised the previous year. Income from the church has increased approximately 20% and giving to current funds and to the Buffalo Campus nearly doubled while income from annuities and trusts had a modest increase. Major fund-raising efforts were focused upon the need for a new gymnasium. In September, 1977, we had \$134,000 in our gymnasium account. By September, 1978 that total exceeded one million dollars. While much work remains to be done to achieve the goal of 2.7 million dollars, it is gratifying to have reached this first important plateau. In fact this initial success led the Executive Committee of the Board to vote unanimously to have ground-breaking and begin construction this Fall. It was their judgment that a September beginning would give impetus to our fund-raising efforts, avoid additional inflation and permit the builders to take advantage of the better construction weather available in the Fall. The complete Board sustained this position and accordingly ground-breaking was held on September 8th. The previous evening a special re-convened session of the Western New York District of the Wesleyan Church agreed to sell a portion of their camp grounds to the College as the gymnasium site. The groundbreaking ceremony itself was a time of remembering the past, celebrating the present and anticipating the future.

Staff and Structure

Several important changes have been made in the structure and personnel of the Institutional Advancement Office. First, Mr. Don Johnson who has served Houghton College effectively for many years has retired because of ill health. Mr. Richard Wing has just joined the staff to fill that vacancy. The tasks of the Development staff are now assigned regionally, thus each Development Officer has a primary geographic area in which he will work with individuals, foundations, independent businesses and corporations. We believe this new approach will increase the effectiveness of all of our Institutional Advancement efforts.

During the past year increased emphasis was placed upon church relations. Dr. George Wells has devoted one-half of his time to this important responsibility and the result has been increased and improved communications with our congregations. Dr. Wells has initiated a quarterly publication which goes to all pastors and his office coordinated a special youth retreat which brought many church young people to campus.

Inflation, tax law changes and increasing competition for



Three stories up, CETA worker chips out old pointing on Fancher Hall. President Chamberlain consulted with Congressman Stanley Lundine (r.) about erosion of Houghton Creek affecting Brookside Residence (background).



the charitable gift all present special challenges to Houghton's Institutional Advancement efforts. However, we are blessed with a strong staff and a loyal constituency. I am convinced that as the former share our needs with the latter, they will continue to support us so that we can maintain strong programs. Of special concern in the coming years will be increasing our endowment. That in turn will require additional emphasis upon annuities and bequests. (To succeed, this effort must have the support of us all. ●

Business Activities

Fiscal 1977-78 presented its share of challenges, problems and opportunities in the financial affairs of Houghton College. The past year has required conservative budgeting and careful budget control. First, tuition during the regular year was nearly \$21,000 less than we had budgeted. Fortunately, May term tuition exceeded the budget estimates by \$15,620 offsetting much of this short fall. Expenses for auxiliary enterprises continue to increase faster than our charges. A long cold winter added to these problems.

The faculty and staff have cooperated carefully in helping us stay within the budget. Indeed, their frugality has helped enough areas to stay under budgeted expense that it appears likely that these savings will off-set uncontrollable overspendings in other areas.

Campus Improvements and Maintenance

This year has been an exceptionally busy and productive one for campus improvements. Immediately visible is the boulevard type entrance to campus including a new permanent sign. Allegany County deserves our gratitude for the new road at the entrance and the resurfacing of Genesee Street in front of the Campus Center and East Hall. We are grateful also to the town of Caneadea for their efforts in helping us to resurface Willard Avenue plus two large parking areas.

In July we began the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act renovation project on the exterior of Fancher Hall. This renovation will include a new roof, tuck pointing of the brick and replacing of the broken cement sills and lintels and the installation of new windows. A second CETA program has now been funded for the renovation of the interior of Fancher Hall. These funds will pay for the labor costs involved and we must now raise additional money to pay for the supplies needed for both the inside and the outside of this building. When completed, Fancher will have new electrical service, new heating, ventilation and flooring plus numerous other alterations and complete re-decorating.

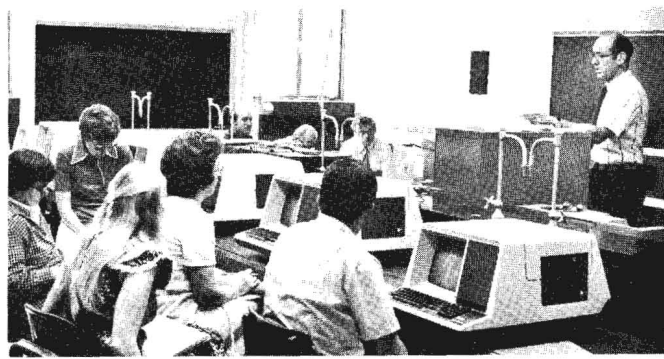
Other maintenance and renovation projects have included repairing and cleaning out the Houghton ditch to reduce the likelihood of flooding along Route 19. We have also made numerous local, state and federal proposals for controlling flooding of the Houghton Creek. Work is already underway at the community sewer station and it appears likely that flood control work will be done behind Brookside Residence and at the Genesee street bridge in the very near future.

A geodetic survey has shown the high probability of natural gas deposits on college property. We anticipate federal assistance in a drilling operation to begin later this Fall, with the only costs to the college being for the well head and the pipe to the nearest buildings.

Among the many additional tasks undertaken and completed by the maintenance staff has been the renovation of the Luckey basement to accommodate our Institutional Advancement staff as well as the college-wide secretarial office. Extensive remodeling is also underway in the ground floor of the Campus Center to improve space utilization in that building.



Left: Summer conferences result in student inquiries as well as revenue. Right: Instructor from computer software supplier instructs college staffers in "conversing" with new DEC computer. Sixteen terminals are being installed to facilitate access by various components of the campus community.



Summer Conferences

This summer Houghton College served as host to 19 different conference groups. This summer conference programs produced income in excess of \$100,000. Of equal or greater importance are the many parents, ministers and prospective students who are introduced to Houghton College in this way. These summer programs also provide summer work opportunities for approximately 65 students and many additional staff. Barbara Hora deserves special commendation for her untiring and successful efforts to serve more people every summer and to serve them better. Miss Hora also serves as Director of Personnel and during the past summer she has worked most effectively with many campus supervisors to fill 23 staff vacancies.

During the past year Mr. Larry Whitehead joined the Business office as Assistant to the Business Manager and Security Director. This new role merged two former positions and we are grateful to Mr. Whitehead for the fine way he is discharging these important responsibilities. Mr. Don Frase continues to provide outstanding service as the college controller. In addition to his many other responsibilities he has served as the chairman of a special computer users group during the past year.

The Houghton College staff is a dedicated and hardworking group. Their contributions to the success of the college are often unheralded, but they fill a crucial role in providing many services and in helping to set the tone of the entire campus community. They deserve our deep appreciation and support. ●

Alumni Affairs

Deserving special mention and attention is the whole area of Alumni Affairs. Dr. William Tromble has served very ably this past year as the first full time director of alumni. His untiring efforts helped us to have a successful homecoming, the best attended alumni weekend ever and an alumni sponsored tour to Israel. The alumni have also initiated a group insurance program and responded in overwhelming numbers to a questionnaire about their present activities as well as their evaluation of their Houghton College experience. The alumni officers have given generously of their time and themselves to produce programs that were interesting as well as helpful to our graduates. The increasing life and activity of many of our alumni chapters are good signs for the future.

Houghton College alumni show their loyalty to their alma mater in many ways. Perhaps one of the most visible and impressive forms of support is the number of second, third and even fourth generation students now attending Houghton. Such deep loyalty also exhibits itself in the prayers and financial support we receive in increasing measure from our alumni each year. ●

Computer Center

This report would not be complete without at least a brief reference to the new computer acquired during the 1977-78 academic year. Eighteen months ago I appointed a special ad hoc committee to study our computer operation and our management information systems. That group did an excellent and extensive study reaching the conclusion that a new computer was needed for us to keep pace with both the curricular and management information needs of a high quality college. A generous discount from the Digital Equipment Corporation enabled us to obtain the computer we felt was best suited to meet our need but which our original studies indicated might be too expensive. Since the new computer arrived on campus last May, Mr. Roeske and his staff have been working unceasingly at the difficult and time consuming task of converting to a new system. When that task is completed this winter it will enable us to be more efficient in our record keeping and more current in our educational offerings to students. Indeed, it is our long range plan to increase our computer course offerings. ●

Pace

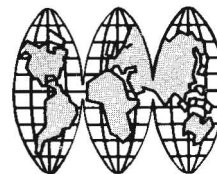
1977 also saw the initiation of the President's Advisory Council on Excellence (PACE). This group has met on several occasions and already their advice and assistance is proving to be helpful and valuable. ●

Conclusion

Houghton College has a 95 year history of effective Christian service. Her past is cause for rejoicing, but it dare not lull us into relaxation and self-satisfaction. We must continue to dream, plan and build for the future. Houghton College has reached its present stature through the providence of God and the support of its friends. Future greatness will require that same combination. It cannot be achieved by human labor and sacrifice alone, nor will God bestow greatness upon us from His bounty and goodness. Our future must combine proper proportions of God's providence and our sacrifice. That combination will enable Houghton College to serve its students and constituencies in ways that will glorify God and contribute to His kingdom on earth and in heaven. ●



1978-79 ALUMNI DIRECTORY UPDATE will be off the press and available in October. The booklet of 32-40 pages will contain an alphabetical listing with addresses of 1978 graduates and the more than 2,000 alumni who have moved since the 1977 edition was published. Get yours by sending \$2.00 to the Alumni Office in care of the college.



Alumni In Action

1920-1949

This summer the Houghton Academy Alumni Association presented retired math and Bible teacher ZOLA (KITTERMAN '26) FANCHER with a plaque citing her for 30 years of service to the school. Mrs. Fancher taught at the Academy after the death of her husband in 1934 until her retirement in 1964.

'31 PRICE & HELEN (DAVISON '25) STARK celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 1978, at their home in Wesleyan Village, Brooksville, FL. Members of the community attended an open house given in their honor by their children RUTH ANN (STARK ex'59) MILLER and BETTY (STARK '57) SITTING.

Married in 1939, ERNEST & THELMA (HARDING ex'42) SWARTHOUT '39 pastored churches in New York State until 1951 when they moved to Western Canada to pastor in the Church of the Nazarene. They retired in August, 1977 to Claresholm, Alberta.

Since returning to the states from Sierra Leone after four terms of medical evangelism with the American Wesleyan Mission, ESTHER SMEENGE '47 has been working as the Med-Surg Head Nurse and now as Director of Social Services at North Ottawa Community Hospital, Grand Haven MI. She says her real challenge, however, comes in mothering her two adopted daughters - Jeri Linn 12 and Jeni SunOk 10.

Fillmore (NY) Central School supervising principal LEON SWARTOUT '47 retired this spring after 30 years with the school, 14 as a science teacher and 16 as principal. Extremely active in church, community, civic and professional organizations, he taught chemistry at Houghton College for five years; directed the Fillmore summer recreational program; advised senior classes; coached junior varsity basketball; and directed science fairs.

1950s

Pastor of Holly Oak United Methodist Church, FREDERICK SEYFERT '51 earned his Doctor of Ministry degree at Drew University, Madison, NJ.

After 11 years in surgical practice in the Detroit (MI) area, FRANK YOUNG '52 left in 1975 to become a surgeon at ELWA Hospital with the Sudan Interior Mission in Monrovia. As of June 1st, he has been appointed Medical Director of the hospital. In addition he has been serving as Bible Teacher at the Monrovia Bible Institute located nearby.

Missionaries RON TRAIL '58 and his wife Gail planned to move their Wycliffe Bible translation work from Seoul, Korea to Kabul, Afghanistan, where they will stay until 1980 when their next furlough is due. In Afghanistan, they plan to enroll in Kabul University as language students taking the special course for foreigners. Their son Dan entered Houghton College this fall.

Wycliffe Bible Translators JOHN & CAROLYN (PAINE '60) MILLER '57 have

completed the Bru New Testament manuscripts and recorded a series of 32 scripts in Bru to be broadcast weekly on shortwave by a Christian radio station in Manila. The Millers have since moved to Sabah, Malaysia to begin study of the Malay language.

1960s

'61 RONALD STUCKEY, Executive Director of the Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aging, Brooklyn, NY, and of the recently acquired Smithtown (NY) Nursing Home, has been appointed to the Governor's Select Committee for Long Term Care. He is also serving as a consultant for the Concord Nursing Home, Brooklyn.

'62 RON JOHNS has graduated from Asbury Seminary Wilmore, KY, and is now pastoring the Free Methodist Church in Cortland, NY.

'66 WILLIAM SCOTT received his doctor of ministry degree last May from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, the same school that conferred his M. Div. and Th.M. degrees previously.

His A.A.S. degree in data processing completed at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY, FRANK DOHRAU '67 is a computer programmer for the New York State Department of Social Services. He previously served as Director of Christian Education for a Butler, PA, church for three years and

managed a restaurant for three years.

His M.A. degree in English completed at Georgia Southern, RONALD EDINGTON '67 is Chairman of the English Department and teaches senior English at Savannah (GA) Christian School.

ex'68 GORDON BAKER works as Air Traffic Controller at Peoria (IL) Airport. His wife BETH (WARREN ex'68) is a nurse working in an allergy doctor's office.

A research chemist with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, TOM GURLEY '68 lives with his family in North Canton, OH. He completed his Ph.D. in 1976 at Case Western Reserve. His wife JAYNE (LOOMAN '68) has published six children's books with Fleming Revell called the "Butterfly Books."

Senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Pueblo, CO, MIKE HOLMES '68 is working on his doctor of ministry degree through the Atlanta Theological Association. His wife JANET (PAPE '68) is editing and publishing *Colorado Galaxy* a book by Colorado author/historian Ralph Taylor.

ex'68 DOROTHY PARTRIDGE completed her bachelors degree at Wheaton College, then spent three years in Europe serving as a house-mother in boy's boarding schools in Germany and England. Following that she earned her masters in library media at Georgia State University. Currently she is librarian for the Heiskell School, a private Christian elementary school in GA.

Future Alumni

Herb & Sharon (Minor '68) Armes	Alan	5-4-74
Ed & Sharon (Bump '66) Bean '68	Brian	11-18-77
Venn & Mary (Morse ex'77) Blakely '76	Annette Marlaina	4-12-78
Bruce & Karen (Alderman ex'76) Bossard	Annalisa Lynne	4-12-78
Max & Beverly (Hatfield '68) Bowman	Laurel Marenn	5-17-78
Bud & Joan (Garner '77) Chandler (S)	Kyle William	7-22-78
Daniel & Carol (Knudsen '68) Cummings '68	Kimberli Eve	1974
Bruce & Judy DiMaria '80	Bryce Hatfield	1978
Rich & Sheryl (Wood '71) Fulkerson '71	Chad Lewis	7-11-78
Tom & Lucy (Cellamare '73) Fuller '73	Nathan Scott	8-6-76
Bob & Ruth (Smith '73) Keller ex'74	Brian Daniel	2-11-78
Leo & Linda (Billingsley '73) Klotzbach	Christiana Joy	7-14-78
Bob & Pat (Alderman '64) Krein	Michael Charles	6-1-78
William & Adele Lambert '71	Thomas Anthony	2-28-78
Joe & Esther (Foster ex'74) Liddick '72	Judith Erin	1978
John & Myra Ludeman '70	Nathan Aaron	4-6-76
Rich & Cyndi Ludeman '75	Rachel Esther	7-2-78
Larry & Debbie (Mott '73) Lundgren '73	David Earnest	11-21-77
David & Elizabeth Meade '72	Melissa Anne	5-1-78
John & Karen (Richardson ex'73) Miller	Heidi Marie	4-20-78
Michael & Susan (Peabody ex'71) Mosher	Chad Jason	5-21-78
Bob & Betty Jo (Austin '73) Ogden '74	Lara Eve	7-26-77
Dave & Nancy Jo (Hutton '74) Pullen '70	Kara LeAnne	6-16-78
Mike & Beth (Stewart '73) Ricci '79	Sarah Ann	1978
Roger & Reda (Hunt '73) Rozendal (F)	Keith Michael	5-31-78
Jay & Karen Russel ex'73	Nathaniel Philip	
Steve & Karlyn (Cutting ex'79) Sentz	Seth David	6-27-78
Mike & Debbie (Bender '73) West '72	Carrie Lynn	2-17-78
	Emily Suzanne	7-6-78
	Julie	
	Jill	
	Carrie Lynn	4-9-78
	Julia Anne	6-1-76
	Amy Lynn	8-6-78



Diane Lytle Emmons

Down the Aisle

Rob & Tricia (Arnet '78) Ambrose '79
Lars & Darlene (Ort '75) Axelsson
Richard & Linda (Johnson ex'75) Barany
Donald & Sherry (Fuller '74) Barton
Jay & Kim (Ruthenbuhler '77) Button '77
Norman & Susan Campbell '71
Richard & Gloria (Fitzsimmons '73) Christian
David & Nadine Coddington '76
Donald & Marie (Hammersma ex'78) Cool '78
David & Peggy (Breckenridge '77) Cunningham
Ted & Kathy (Freeman '75) Davis
Daniel & Brenda (Cummings '75) Dix '76
Larry & Joan (Fitch '77) Eiss
Bob & Dianne (Abbink '73) Everett
Roger & Cindy (Hutton '78) Farney (S)
Chico & Cathy (Hammersma '78) Fernandez
Wally & Mary (Grazioplene '76) Fleming '76
Randy & Maureen Frey '68
Greg & Kathy (Paine '78) Harriman '79
Steve & Cheryl (Alderman '78) Harris '77
Steven & Marsha (Billingsley ex'75) Harris
Richard & Susan (Roorbach '77) Hellings
Steve & Cheryl (Kolosen '77) Horst '77
Craig & Karen Long '74
Paul & Charlene (Wicks '78) Martens '78
Dan & Julie (McNiel '78) McCollister ex'78
Curt & Linda Morgan '77
Gary & Pat (Speirs '78) Morris '76
Brian & Darlene (Marsteller '73) Narloch
Robert & Marge (Harnes ex'77) Ostrander ex'79
Dick & Jean (Burmester '68) Palmer
Robert & Deborah (Heritage '68) Patrum
Edward & Janet (Suhay '78) Peterson '78
Nick & Anita (Hill '78) Placido '76
Richard & Barbara (Mullen ex'78) Pointer '77
Wayne & Barbara (Schultz '78) Rhodes '80
Tom & Julie (Johnson '78) Roland
Howard & Colleen (Hyde '73) Ronolder
Jerome & Linda (Brubaker '73) Rudy
Scott & Judie (Small '78) Shalkowski '78
John & Sharon (McMinn '77) Snowberger '77
Robert & Robin (Thor '77) Songer
Gordon & Karen (Lambert '73) Storms
David & Carla (Crockett ex'74) Thompson
John & Nancy (Smith '76) Weaver
Marshall & Eileen (Lindley '77) Williams
Matt & Barb (Bowman '76) Woolsey '76
Michael & Patricia (Masemer '75) Zartman

'68 DALE & RUTH (WARREN ex') SLEFELDT are missionaries in India working on a modern translation of the New Testament into Hindi.

His M.Div. degree completed in 197 United Theological Seminary, MERLE SHOWERS '68 is pastoring the Dunkirk United Methodist Church. He and wife Carolyn have two children: Darren 4, and Sandra 2.

'69 PAUL & DEBBIE (GREENMEY '69) SHEA left in September for the first term of missionary service with the Wesleyan Church in Sierra Leone, West Africa. There they will concentrate on youth ministries. For the past five years they have pastored in Ottawa, IL and they have two children - Heidi 4 and Christy 2.

A Houghton faculty member from 1969-71, MALCOLM ELLIS of Upland, IN, has received his L.D.D. from Indiana University, Bloomington, in early August. He was also initiated into the Phi Delta Kappa international educational honor society. He and his wife Lois served as missionaries in Sierra Leone for many years.

'69 PAT WALEGIR received her B.S. in nursing science from Columbia University and practiced three years in Columbia's Medical Intensive Care Unit. She then transferred to Booth Memorial Medical Center where she is now assistant head nurse in the respiratory intensive care unit. Also a first lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, she serves with the 69th Medical Air Evacuation Squadron out of McGuire AFB.

1970s

In 1976 WILLIAM LAMBERT '71 earned his Th.M. in missions from Dallas (TX) Theological Seminary in May, got married in August and taught briefly at Christian Heritage College. Since then he's been pastoring the Calvary Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, and was ordained in April 1978.

'71 CARL LYNCH completed his M.D. and Ph.D. in physiology graduating with honors from the University of Rochester, NY. For the next three years he will be an intern/resident in anesthesiology at the University of VA Medical Center in Charlottesville.

A self-employed freelance writer since 1977, SUE ECKERT '72 has published an article in *Christianity Today* - a Refiner's Fire piece on two Catholic novelists named Powers.

Having completed his M.Div. degree, GORDON FINNEY '72 has been ordained into the Anglican Church and is now third on the staff of St. Paul's Church in downtown Toronto. His wife ADOLF (DURKEE '71) studies literary criticism at the University of Toronto and teaches at Richmond College.

After six years as a child care worker and bilingual examiner with Monroe County Department of Social Services, KATHY

'73 SHARYL HILL is a physicist to Combustion Engineering of CT.

'73 BRUCE HOWELL received his B.D. degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1976. Since then he's been pastoring at Kalamazoo (MI) Wesleyan Church, and served as vice-president of Kalamazoo (MI) Evangelical Minister's Association.

A customer service representative with Taco, Inc., SHARON (TUCKER '73) trains employees, inspects units and serves customers. Her husband Jim is a hospital administrator in Long Beach, CA.

'73 DICK & LYN (SHELDON '71) have moved back to Houghton to work at Academy - he as a math teacher and she as the school secretary.

Her juris doctorate completed in 1976 at Catholic University of America, Colum School of Law, JAN KOCKRIE '73 is attorney with the Public Integrity Section of the Justice Department. She is currently working on an investigation of Korean buying in Congress.

'73 DEANNA (JEWELL) MCKINN her husband Gary are interpreter/teacher stationed in Bogota, Colombia with World With A Mission.

ex'73 PEGGY MEEKER completed her degree in psychology in 1976 at the University of Rochester. Currently enrolled in a masters program in Community service, she is a secretary in the computer science department.

'73 DARLENE (COATS) SHERWOOD received a master's degree in elementary education at Elmira (NY) College in June.

SUNY at Buffalo, NY, conferred a degree with thesis honors upon JONATHAN WOODCOCK '73 in 1977. He is currently finishing a medical internship at the University Hospitals of Cleveland, OH, where his wife Nancy is a pediatric nurse. In July 1978, anticipate moving to Boston so Jonathan can a neurology residency at Massachusetts General Hospital.

'74 JOANNA DOITS has received a diploma of osteopathy degree from Philadelphia of Osteopathic Medicine, and is internist at Delaware Valley Hospital, Bristol, PA.

DIANE LYTLE EMMONS '74, major in music, but that hasn't deterred her from tackling major tasks in the construction of a new house. Diane and her husband Hank Dining Hall fame, recently moved into house on Tucker Hill Rd, which boasts spectacular view of the Genesee Valley. She also teaches instrumental music at Bel Air Anglican under a BOCES program.

Pastor of the Ashton (ID) Community United Methodist Church, MARK ROBERT '74 received his M.Div. degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, last May.

'74 SHARON SCHWAB has been called as an Elder in the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. She pastors the three church charge - Fenelon, and McKee Chapel.

corporation, TOM COLEMAN '72 recently bought a home in Middleport, NY. His wife LUCY (CELLAMARE '73) is a math teacher and varsity swim coach at Royalton-Hartland Central School.



Munros Conduct Kenya Alumni Chapter Meeting

Recently returned from nine months' sabbatical leave in Kenya, Biology Department Head, Dr. Donald Munro and his wife, Joyce, conducted an alumni chapter meeting last June while they were at the Africa Inland Mission Station of Kijabe. Pictured above, next to the Munros in the front is BETTY DE GOLIER '47, an AIM Christian Education worker at El Doret. To the rear left are RUTH and LEONARD GUCHU '62. He pastors a Bible Fellowship Church, teaches in the church Bible School and in five primary schools. They have four children. BETTY LOU and DAVID POLLOCK '63 are involved in a three-year teaching/Bible School/family seminar mission for AIM. BOB and DONNA (CODDINGTON) '75 are serving with Daystar, a communications mission studying tribal languages. SALLY (FULTON) '68 and ROBERT CHRISTIAN are now on furlough, but he is Rift Valley Academy Business Manager. Other alumni in Kenya will be covered in December MILIEU.

Granted the M.Div. degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL, FRANK BILLMAN '75 was also awarded the Christian Education Diploma by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. He is now enrolled in the master of theology program in pastoral counseling and psychology there.

'75 JEFFREY CLAY received his juris doctor degree from Dickinson School of Law, Madison, NJ.

ex'75 MARSHA (BILLINGSLEY) HARRIS graduated with honors from Virginia Computer College in July, 1973. Since then she has worked as a computer operator at Brockway (PA) Pressed Metals and at Betsy Ross Foods, Inc., Akron, OH. She is currently working as computer programmer for Brockway (PA) Glass Co., Inc. Her husband Steven is a University of Akron alumnus.

Navy lieutenant THOMAS LITTLE '75 is an officer assigned to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Two based at North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego, CA.

After two years as secretary to the Dean of Freshmen at Harvard University, SHIRLEY WALTER '75 is a student at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and a resident director at Endicott College (Beverly, MA). This summer she worked on the young adult staff at Park Street Church, Boston, MA.

'75 SANDRA YAEGLER received her M.Ed. degree in special education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA.

Entering their second year of training at the Salvation Army's School for Officer's Training in Suffern, NY, JULIA BEADLE '76 and CARL CARVILL '74 expect to be commissioned as lieutenants in June 1979. This summer Julia worked at the Salvation Army's Wayside Home School for Girls; Carl served in

a church and prison ministry in Danbury, CT.

'76 WANETA EGLI is an M.Div. student at Melodyland School of Theology, Anaheim, CA.

ex'77 WENDY CALLA received her B.A. degree in English and Spanish from the University of Delaware in January. Since then she has taught Spanish in West Chester, PA, but this fall began graduate studies in linguistics at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, where she is also teaching English as a second language.

Since earning a B.S. degree in geography, ROB CAMPBELL ex'77 has been drafting maps and travel books for Exxon Corporation through General Drafting Company of Convent Station, NJ.

'78 DAVE OLSEN is employed by Maine National Bank in Portland, ME.

'78 HOLLY SMITH is teaching eighth grade English at Spencerport (NY) Central School.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Presently doing missionary translation in Peru, HARIET KNEELAND '63, was portrayed in a recent *National Geographic* special on the Amazon River. Hattie was shown in footage about a Missionary Aviation Fellowship plane outfitted with a public address system, and being used to speak in the tribal language to persons in an inaccessible spot.

Members of the Class of '73 will remember concerts by "JIM NEWHARD and his Door." Well, ability will out, they say, and Jim — now pastoring a Baptist church — showed up on a talent segment of ABC TV's *Merv Griffin Show* during August . . . still playing the door. No, he didn't win. That honor went to some guy playing his cheeks! MILIEU doesn't know where Jim is living. He went on the college's Address Unknown list some two years ago.

In Memoriam

'08 MYRTLE (GARDNER) DOOLITTLE of Honeoye Falls, NY, died November 20, 1977.

ex'13 MAURICE GIBBS, pastor and missionary to Japan, died at the Heritage Village Retirement Home in Gerry, NY, July 28, 1978 at the age of 95. He is survived by his widow OPAL (SMITH ex'15) and three daughters.

I.L.S. '17 MABEL (BENTON) REES of Elmira, NY, died May 3, 1978. The wife of Dr. DAVID REES ex'27, superintendent emeritus of the Central NY District of the Wesleyan Church, she is survived by her husband, one son ARLAND '50, and two grandchildren, JOHN REES '75 and CAROL (REES '72) AUSTIN.

ex'23 RICHARD DAVIES of Westfield, NY, has died.

ex'23 FENNO DENSMORE of Hillsdale, MI, died April 4, 1978 in the Hillsdale Community Health Center. He was a retired minister and school teacher. He is survived by his widow Gladys and two daughters.

ex'26 JOSEPH CLINEFELTER of Rushford, NY died June 5, 1978 at Cuba Memorial Hospital. A Wesleyan Methodist minister, he was married to the former VERA (STEAR ex'25) who survives.

ex'28 VIRGIL STEBBINS of Shinglehouse, PA, died May 26, 1976.

'31 JAMES FISK of Middleport, NY, died July 31, 1978 in Buffalo General Hospital. He was principal of Middleport Union School several years before joining the staff of Marine Midland Bank. He became manager of the Middleport branch several years ago and retired in 1974. He is survived by his widow ALICE (FOLGER '31), a son David and daughter Bets.

ex'43 FLEANOR (MOORE) STORMS of Wellsville, NY, died August 11, 1978 at Jones Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband ROBERT ex'43 and two married daughters, Audrey and Patricia.

DOROTHY ANGELL, wife of the Rev. Edward Angell (12 years pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Church), died of cancer, July 26, 1978 in Bartlesville, OK, where her husband is a faculty associate of Bartlesville Wesleyan College. She is survived by her husband, one son JONATHAN '66 and two granddaughters.

Living Memorials

MRS. DOROTHY ANGELL by Dr. Frieda Gillette; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Luckey; and Mr. and Mrs. Lindol Hutton.

MR. LESLIE V. LANE by Mrs. Hazel Lane.
DR. JUSTUS A. PRENTICE by Dr. William Olcott.

DR. CLAUDE RIFS by Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Benson; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pocock; and Dr. A.G. Augustine.

OCLC Operating, As Library Classifying

Since April the Willard J. Houghton Library has been one of more than 1,400 participating institutions "on-line" with the Ohio College Library Center's Union Catalog System, a national computerized bibliographic data exchange based in Columbus, Ohio. Terminal equipment was purchased and library personnel were trained through the funding of an \$8,000 W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant awarded in 1976 (see MILIFU, Summer 1976).

According to Mrs. Joyce Moore, Librarian, the OCLC system is "fantastic" noting it is used to gather information for ordering new books, to generate pre-sorted catalog cards customized to the specific requirements of Houghton's library, and to aid in interlibrary loan requests. OCLC capabilities being developed for future use include interlibrary communications permitting direct contact between participating institutions; a subject bibliography; and expansion of the present English monograph cataloging system to incorporate foreign language and audio visual materials.

Mrs. Moore envisions long term benefits of the system to include eventual relocation of some technical staff to the public service areas, and perhaps the acquisition of a reference librarian to engage in more direct service to students. As an added feature, senior honors research projects are being entered on the OCLC cataloging system. Should any of these Houghton students become prolific writers, the OCLC data base will list the Houghton honors paper among their other works.

This summer the library staff reclassified approximately one-half of the reference section according to the Library of Congress system. Reclassifying of the reference shelves is partially a result of the OCLC hook-up but is being done primarily because the Library of Congress (LC) format is more efficient and uniform.

Because better and more efficient methods of cataloging - microform and computer terminal accessing - are increasingly available, card catalogs such as Houghton's are becoming outdated. Mrs. Moore believes that in order to compete



Lathe operator is leading soccer scorer Doug Johnson, making trim for Fancher Tower restoration

Facelifts, Restoration and Renovation

At a plant the size of Houghton's, routine maintenance is a major activity. But efforts this summer and fall go beyond the usual. Since July when the college received a \$37,000 CETA grant toward renovating Fancher Hall, workmen have been busy re-roofing the 72-year old combination classroom-faculty office building, replacing crumbling window sills and lintels, cleaning and painting the trim and tuck pointing brick.

Fifty-three new windows are on order Artist Series

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra opens the 1978-79 Artist Series season October 6 during Homecoming; classical guitarist Michael Newman appears October 20 in conjunction with Parents Weekend.

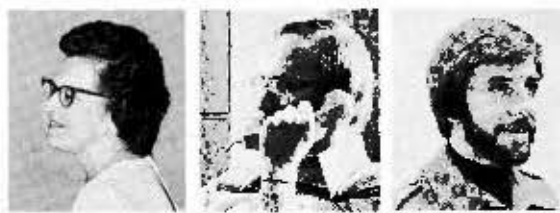
The Bach Aria Group, William H. Scheide Director, will concertize November 10, followed by 11 Divertimento, eight Swiss woodwind players, December 1. Organist Karel Paukert is scheduled for January 12 with contralto Mariana Paunova performing February 2. The Houghton College Choral Union and Rochester Philharmonic members will perform March 9; Menahem Pressler and The Fine Arts Quartet are slated for March 30.

with other libraries Houghton may eventually offer its students data accessing by computer banks.

and exterior work is expected to continue till January. Another \$101,000 has been approved by CETA toward labor on Fancher's badly needed interior refitting. Whether or not the college can take advantage of that offer depends on its finding matching funds. Should the trustees approve a go-ahead in their October meeting work will continue well into 1979. Architect Merrill Jones, a restoration/renovation specialist from Greenwood, IN, called the former administration building "a stately sound old structure of striking appearance . . . reminiscent of both Victorian and Colonial periods."

Exterior restoration called for replacement of original type trim, notably six long-since-decayed, fluted wood balls, which formerly decorated the hexagonal bell tower's corners. A skilled lathe operator was found in Doug Johnson, frosh son of Language Division Chairman Paul Johnson. Doug used the knowledge he gained in a high school course to turn the new trim from two-foot sections of a 15-inch square oak timber. There is less chance of decay this time. The trim will be coated with fiberglass.

Other summer projects included ceiling replacement in a men's dorm hall, resurfacing the chapel and maintenance center roofs, installing new computer lines, constructing a road to the proposed nursing home site and installing a new heat line between Luckey Building and the library.



Haller, Worthington, Spurrier

STUDENTS ELECTED

Three Houghton College students were elected to the Executive Board of the Student New York Educators Association in Albany last spring.

Miss Carrie Hirata became organization President; Miss Dalene Means was named secretary. Mr. Dennis Shaffner will represent the state student organization on the New York Educators Association Board of Directors. Both he and Miss Hirata attended the NYEA Representative Assembly in Buffalo during June. Miss Hirata will represent the NYEA at the Student National Educators Association Representative Assembly in California next January.

SNYEA provides leadership training, professional literature and developments in the field of teaching for students preparing for educational careers.

Poetry Journal

One August afternoon last summer, Professor John Leax, Head of Houghton's Writing Department, spent some unexpected time at Canadian customs. His car trunk was filled with back issues of a magazine called, *For the Time Being*, and the inspector wanted to know what kind of stuff was in them.

Founded by a group of Christian writers and artists in Grand Rapids, the magazine's major goal has been presenting and interpreting the arts to the church. A member of the sponsoring organization since its inception in 1972, Mr. Leax has served as contributing editor and as poetry editor for the magazine.

When FTRB president Cor Barendrecht approached Professor Leax about transferring the magazine's production to Houghton, Mr. Leax found his own enthusiasm shared by Dean Shannon and President Chamberlain. So, beginning in January, the quarterly will be published here with Professor Leax as editor. Members of the Writing Department will act as an editorial board.

Back issues are available — customs approved, it seems — and interested persons may subscribe to this experimental outreach by writing to the editor and enclosing \$5.00 for a year's subscription.

Dr. Haller To Head Education-Psych Division

Two more faculty changes since the June MILIEU story include the appointment of Dr. Lola Haller as Acting Chairperson for the Division of Education and Psychology, and the departure of Assistant Professor of Art, Roger Richardson, for Seminary training.

Dr. Haller succeeds Dr. James Worthington, who resigned to accept an appointment at Seattle Pacific University as Associate Director of the School of Education. Dr. Haller joined the Houghton faculty in 1963. A graduate of Western Michigan College of Education, she earned her masters degree there and the Ed.D. at Michigan State University. In addition to her administrative duties and teaching, she is Director of Teacher Education.

Dr. Worthington came to Houghton in 1971. In leaving he expressed appreciation for the growth opportunities he'd had here which were foundational to the Seattle offer. Goals he sees as essential to effective Christian education, and which he sought to incorporate in his leadership here were, "modeling Christian

lifestyle in and out of the classroom, preparing definitive lectures and course concepts reflecting a thorough, thought-out integration of faith and the content we teach."

Professor Richardson has entered Acadia Seminary in Wolfville, Nova Scotia in preparation for the ministry. Mr. Richardson had contemplated such a move for several years. In addition to introducing printmaking to Houghton art students, he emphasized professional standards for his students and was active in disciplining ministries, such as King's Court.

Mr. James Spurrier, who gave direction to the Alumni Office for a year and who more recently was Director of Student Activities, has begun a master's degree program at the University of Oregon at Eugene. He will be specializing in therapeutic recreation for special groups — e.g., outdoor training and backpacking in juvenile delinquent rehabilitation. He was succeeded here by Mr. Wayne MacBeth



Left to right: Viola Roth Hess, Helen Kellogg Peck, Howard Bain, Laurel Davies Alexander, Virgil Hussey, Celia Williams Quinton, Joseph Horton, Ruby Moore and Anna Duggan.

At Summer Weekend

Class of 1928 Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Nine members of the Class of 1928 attended 50th anniversary celebrations that were part of Summer Alumni Weekend, July 7-9. Mrs. Hess (left above) had the added pleasure of having her daughter Arlene on campus for 25th reunion.

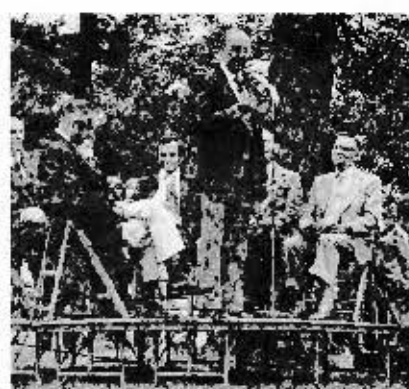
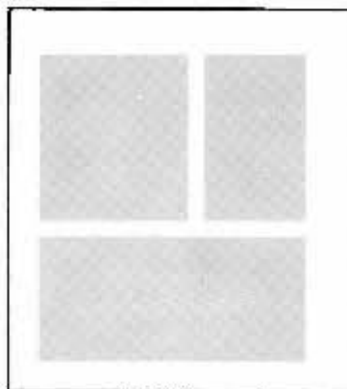
A record 434 persons participated in the Thursday smorgasbord and over 300 attended the 1-day morning seminar, more than in any previous year. While attendance at the Saturday night banquet was off, a record 240 alumni stayed for

the Sunday morning communion service. Alumni Director Tromble says that the Thursday night reunion format will be continued next year and plans are underway for Summer Weekend '79 — July 5-8.

Role of the Family addresses by speakers Gordon MacDonald, Charles DeSanto and H. Mark Abbott were recorded and the three - cassette - tape set may be obtained from the Alumni Office for \$6.00.

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Rev. Roy S. Ankrim
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COVER: Century Two Chairman, Dr. Essepian digs in. Bedford groundbreaking veterans alumni Talbott (l) and Estabrook, join the groundbreaking team. Dr. Essepian hustles to keep up with 90 eager athletes. Above, Dr. Wells describes quarter-century saga of new gym and trumpet quartet expresses community sentiment — *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!*

Physical Education Center - Dug In For A Long Pull!

Rain began before dawn on September 8, but stopped and merely threatened through the morning as nearly 1,000 students, faculty, staff, trustees and other guests assembled next to Alumni Field to watch 90 varsity athletes take up tow-ropes connected to an ancient plow and nearly pull "plowman" Dr. John Essepian off his feet. The energetic students powered the plow through a 60-foot long furrow, marking the onset of construction for the long anticipated new Physical Education Center.

The novel groundbreaking approach was in fact a recreation of the groundbreaking for Houghton's first gym, begun just 64 years ago. Capping off the nostalgia was the presence of two alumni who were both participants in the earlier ceremony — Mr. Harold Estabrook, Class of 1917, a resident of nearby Fillmore; and Mr. Glenn Talbott, Class of 1918, from Hume. Both men lent their muscle to the 1978 ceremony also. Both are retired farmers. Mr. Estabrook was a town assessor for two decades, active in the Grange and conservation. His wife is the granddaughter of Edwin Palmer, the Godly Genesee Canal boatman who prayed for a righteous influence in Houghton, then known as Jockey Street. The Estabrook's granddaughter is a Houghton Senior. Mr. Talbott has been active in some 40 agricultural organizations, is an active churchman and local bank director. He recalled Houghton Seminary days when he and fellow-students salvaged bricks from the original seminary building to construct Bedford Gym.

Wesleyan General Superintendent, Dr. J.D. Abbott, offered the invocation leading off the 10:00 a.m. convocation. President Chamberlain cited the contributions of trustees, alumni and others in making the building start possible. Only the previous evening did a special conference of the church's Western New York District, which owned the land where the center will now go, grant final approval for the site. The President said that just over \$1,005,000 was on-hand toward the \$2.7 million project — the minimum figure the college trustees specified for a full groundbreaking. Institutional Advancement Director, Dr. George Huff cited Philippians 4:6 as basis for belief that the remainder of the money can be raised to keep construction on a cash footing — "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers."

Coach George Wells, Physical Education Department Head, gave a 10-minute resume outlining the delays and priority shifts that have kept the new gym in the talking stage for 25 years, then noted major features of the new structure — "three regulation basketball courts, three volleyball courts, five badminton courts, four handball courts, an auxiliary and gymnastics gym, a natatorium, an exercise physiology laboratory, locker rooms, classrooms, a trainer's room, equipment storage and laundry, offices, seminar room and utility area . . ."

After a stirring trumpet quartet rendition of *All Hail the Power of Jesus*

Name, Houghton pastor, the Rev. H. Mark Abbott offered prayer and the athletes gave dramatic demonstration of the strength of unity. As plowman, Dr. Essepian was a multiple symbol. National Chairman of the Century Two Action Program, he is giving leadership to efforts to complete financing of the P.E. Center. An alumnus of Houghton, the Loudonville NY dentist is also a college trustee, alumni director, father of a current student and contributor to the campaign.

Now that there's a long furrow in the ground, what's next? College treasurer, Kenneth Nielsen told MILIEU that moving four buildings owned by the Western New York District's Campground is priority one. The college has hired the West Seneca firm of McKillen Construction Inc. to transport the district's 60 x 100 foot dining hall to a new site during October. The district will be moving two frame dormitories and an office building.

Final decision as to construction supervision must wait for trustee approval the first week of October, but there is a strong possibility that the college may act as its own contractor, hiring a supervisor and sub-contractors. Conventional bidding by outside organizations is another possibility. At any rate, the college hopes to complete excavation and foundation before winter, then resume work on the superstructure next Spring.

Contingent on construction exigencies and gift income, the Physical Education Center will be enclosed and perhaps partly useable by January of 1980. Occupancy and dedication will occur later that year.