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Twenty-six years ago on September 26, 1967, Houghton College fielded its first intercollegiate athletic team—cross country against a then-powerful Roberts Wesleyan squad. Houghton came in second. Nevertheless, after 84 years of exclusively intramural athletics, an exciting new era had arrived. On this anniversary of that first contest, *Milieu* opens with a look at the origins of Houghton athletics and some of its traditions and foibles, considers the intercollegiate years, the larger role of athletics at the college, and summarizes the September soccer reunion which honored soccer coach Douglas Burke. His Houghton career spans the intercollegiate period, and when he retires, he'll take with him a winning record destined to stand into the next century.

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Some six years ago, alumna trustee Priscilla Ries penned a piece advocating short periods of voluntary service to the college by alumni of varied skills and expertise. In the interim she has led by example as a summer conference staffer for Bruce Brenneman. Others have followed her example, the latest being community college president Dr. Lee Betts '56, who spent a summer month on campus. Among his contributions: sharing ideas and repairing furniture. His piece, *Returning to Houghton*, offers objective insights into how Houghton has changed and remained the same over the decades since he graduated.

Rounding out the features are: a summary of President Chamberlain's annual report, a view of a summer mission in Russia through the eyes of five Houghtonians, a surprising comparison of childcare public policy in China and the United States, and some background on the '93 Alumnus of the Year.

Departmental sections update alumni, sports and campus news, including an innovative Homecoming.

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It's a delightful duty to report a strong response to the recent *Milieu* Voluntary Subscription Fund request—as of September 30, 1,255 persons have contributed \$12,703.54! While we expect this figure to inch its way toward \$14,000 before the letters stop, it's high time to say "Thanks" to each who returned an envelope—not only for the money (which assures continuity and can lead to improvement) but for the many notes of encouragement and challenge.

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Finally, VSF-related mail brought a significant number of letters from alumni struggling with rebuilding their lives after divorce. A common thread of their letters was the desire to share some feelings, re-establish old friendships, perhaps become better people as a result of their failed unions and offer perspectives that might help others avoid their experiences. If you wish to participate in a possible article dealing with these matters, write to *Milieu* before year's end so we can assess interest in and content for such a feature.—Dean Liddick





*COVER: Kristy Tennant and Drew White, Homecoming Queen and King, respectively, are flanked by parade marshals Bruce and Kathy Brenneman. He is college conference director, she is information center coordinator.*

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# Athletics for Everyone

by Bruce Campbell and William Greenway

Despite extensive archival data, it is difficult to pin down a date when athletic activities became organized at Houghton. What is clear though is that athletics have been a part of Houghton since its developmental days. As early as 1909 a "Boys' Athletic Association" was in place. Vintage yearbooks show that by the 1920s athletic competition was an established Houghton tradition.

Perhaps the first official college recognition of students' growing interest in athletics occurred in May 1910. Houghton held its initial Arbor Day celebration that month, cancelling classes for a day of work and athletic events. Improvised playing fields hosted baseball, tennis and basketball contests along with track and field competition.

Students found a friend in professor and athletics enthusiast H. Clark Bedford. Seeing the need (and perhaps too, experiencing Houghton winters), Bedford urged the administration to construct an enclosed gymnasium. The effort was slow to gain momentum, though, causing *Star* student editor (and future Houghton English professor and dean) R. W. Hazlett to lament, "This month's athletic report may be comprehensively epitomized by the *nihil ad rim* which, being interpreted, means 'nothing doing'. If I were a pessimist, I would attribute this deplorable lack of interest in our physical welfare to a deterioration of our youth or at the worst, to a wholesale inroad of their ranks by cupid."

Professor Bedford pressed on, however, seeing his project take wings at the college's 1912 graduation ceremony. Speaking to alumni, he presented the need such that it "struck fire, and someone moved that we start taking subscriptions right then,



Purple-gold basketball in Bedford Gym. Audience watched from balcony/track. Note seminary bricks (diamond pattern) in the wall at upper right. Eventually the track was partitioned into faculty offices and storage.





Bedford Gym, left; eighth-mile track and field at center; light area at middle right was tennis courts.

with the result that \$1000 were pledged." For his efforts, the alums elected Bedford chairman of the project. The Trustees released him from teaching duties to raise funds and authorized him to dismantle the original seminary building which was no longer in regular use.

Professor Bedford later recollected: "We tried to save every brick, board, stick of timber, every bit of trim, doors, windows—in short, everything that might have possible use. I think we delivered 92,000 good bricks." Interestingly, Professor Bedford's work, and the legacy of the Old Seminary building/Bedford Gym live on in the college's current gym, where some of these twice-used bricks are incorporated into the track-level masonry.

With student volunteers doing much of the site preparation and preliminary construction, the

gymnasium (eventually named for the Bedford family) was completed in 1917. Hardwood flooring was added in 1923 and a "huge" pool in 1926. (That pool would fit cross-wise in the present pool.) Bedford was complemented by tennis courts in 1918 and later by a baseball diamond, jumping pit, and track. The completion of the latter meant that track and field events no longer had to be held down on the village main street! All of these facilities were located in the area of the quad and present-day library.

Along with enrollment, interest in athletics continued to grow. This, combined with the construction of the Luckey Memorial Building (1944), created a need for more playing fields. Steese's orchard (alongside Steese House) fell to the ax for the cause and by the early 1950s was host to football, baseball,

track and field and soccer competition. Continued growth in athletic programs, intramural and, later on, intercollegiate, lead to the development of additional fields and, eventually, to the physical education center the college enjoys today.

### Early Competition

Intramural competition was, quite literally, the only game in town for Houghton students for most of this century. Fortunately, or perhaps resultingly, the college's intramural schedule was active and its contests spirited. The first known grouping of students into teams, red and green divisions, was done for women's sports early in this century. By the late teens the entire student body was divided, alphabetically, into purple and gold sides. Students having a relative or sibling with a purple-gold affiliation received the same designation. Houghton Academy students (the academy and college shared the campus until 1959) were included in the grouping.

From these sides teams were



Left, early women's basketball team; Right, Bedford Gym was the occasional site for banquets (original building plans had called for music and science facilities on the first floor).



From left: Men's baseball group; women poised by the "huge" 12x45-foot pool.



## How'd We Become Highlanders?

When Houghton's governing board approved intercollegiate sports in 1967, the college fielded its first teams without a name. Several suggested names bore connotations deemed too rapacious for professing Christians—Houghton Hawks, for example. A *Star* editorial lampooned this gingerly approach by proffering "The Fish Hawkers" as a way to meld Christian symbolism and veiled violence.

Ultimately, four names were floated and alumni were asked to vote on them. **Braves** and **Warriors** were thought to suggest "the Indian lore in which the valley is steeped". Too, **Warriors** afforded intimations of Christian soldiers. **Chargers** could "be symbolized with a lightning bolt, a symbol used in the Scriptures." **Highlanders** was said to derive from German and Anglo-Saxon words meaning "city on a hill."

Altogether fewer than 100 people responded, and their two-to-one favorite was **Highlanders**. That selection stood and to bolster this choice, alumni director Al Gurley was sent off to find a plaid that incorporated purple and gold. The closest thing he found was the Old MacMillen tartan. He bought yards of materials for cheerleader uniforms, scarves and ties.

The first Highlander mascot, wearing his plaid kilts and droning away on a bagpipe, became a fixture along game sidelines. Three-inch Highlander buttons were made and sold. Ruth Luckey helped create further rationale for the choice by penning a "Highlander Legend," poetically reminiscent of Hiawatha. It premiered at a Homecoming alumni banquet. A tartaned and bagpipied Highlander logo appeared on athletic and sports information letterheads.

Today little remains of those efforts. No Highlander figure stencil graces center court at the gym. The tartan cheerleader uniforms are long since worn out and replaced with less exotic fabric. A yellow "chicken" walks the sidelines. The unlabeled bagpipes are supplanted by a jazz band. Purple and gold endure.

selected for a series of purple-gold athletic events. To be sure, these were all-campus events, complete with cheerleaders, strong fan support, *Star* and *Boulder* coverage, and friendly bragging rights. Competitions were staged for basketball, football, volleyball, baseball, softball, soccer, and track and field.

As enrollment grew, a more comprehensive intramural system allowing for participation by more students evolved. Essentially, this provided for "house leagues"—teams coached by faculty or students. Classes began to tap their best players for class-specific competitions. Despite these innovations, the purple-gold series remained the premier athletic activity. Incoming students were still assigned to these sides and the top athletes from each were chosen for the games. Each side had a coach, too. After 1958 George Wells (gold teams) and Doug Burke (purple teams) had this as part of their teaching loads. So well-conceived and popular (at one point 79 percent of Houghton students were involved) was the college's program that it became known on a regional and even national level.

Football was indeed popular at Houghton College. Initially played on the quad, games later moved up to the "Steese Orchard" field (now Alumni Field, site of field hockey games) and even played under lights! Interestingly, though teams were fully uniformed, including pads, games were "touch" until 1962 when faculty approved a motion submitted by coaches Wells and Burke to allow



Before soccer, touch football was popular.

tackle football. To protect the college and its trustees from the increased liability risk, both purple and gold squads were required to put in 10 hours of contact practice between their weekly matchups. Too, games were refereed by certified football officials. The quality of, and interest in Houghton purple-gold football did not go unnoticed in western New York. The college was invited to compete with several other schools, some now possessing NCAA Division I or I-AA programs, fielding extramural (club type) squads. Though the college declined this offer, some Houghton purple-gold football players saw intercollegiate action. From their ranks over half of Houghton's first varsity soccer players were recruited.

### Intercollegiate sports

Athletic competition with other schools was initially discussed as far back as 1920 but dismissed as an undesirable venture "into the world." Almost 50 years later, in 1967, a limited intercollegiate schedule was approved for cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, and track and field. As funds and coaches (both paid and volunteer coaches were utilized in those early days) were available, and demand warranted, new sports, including volleyball, tennis, golf, field hockey, softball, and women's soccer were added.

With intercollegiate sports approved, coaches Burke and Wells turned their attention to soccer and cross country, respectively. Professor Bill Greenway, who had been assisting with purple-gold football since his arrival, worked with students to keep that tradition going. But the lure of intercollegiate competition took many of the best athletes to soccer, as noted earlier, and the 60-year-old purple-gold rivalry dissolved into an intramural flag football program.

Those early intercollegiate teams, and Houghton teams





*In 1978—64 years after they helped pull the plow that broke ground for Bedford Gym—Glenn Talbott and Harold Estabrook joined varsity athletes in a re-enactment for the new physical education center groundbreaking. Facilities now include an equestrian farm, ski slopes and a ropes course.*



*Some of Houghton's men's soccer team alumni back to honor Coach Burke (see page 8).*

historically, have experienced varying degrees of success. Competing without scholarships against well-funded programs made tough going for some sports, particularly men's basketball. Still, the college athletic program has had its success stories. In the days before Title IX legislation provided for funding parity, the women's basketball team scored wins over NCAA Division I schools Niagara, Canisius, Syracuse and St. Bonaventure.

Doug Burke's men's soccer teams have been consistently outstanding, garnering several NAIA district championships, reaching the NAIA finals, and capturing several Christian college championships. The field hockey program, which some observers

predicted would fold with the introduction of women's soccer, has also been a steady winner, even earning an upset victory over Notre Dame several years ago. The track and field and cross country programs have also been competitive.

The college's athletic program received a major boost in 1980 with the completion of the new gymnasium. This modern facility helped to attract Christian athletes who would previously have gone elsewhere. Too, the college established a modest scholarship budget.

Gone from Houghton's athletic landscape are tennis, golf, baseball and softball, all victims of funding and scheduling problems, but a look at the overall scene shows the college's intercollegiate program to be solid. Men's soccer remains

very strong; the women's program is improving. The basketball teams have established reputations for competitiveness. Several excellent seasons have been strung together by the volleyball and cross country programs. Houghton field hockey teams win consistently and the track and field teams boast several fine athletes.

Most significantly, the college has fostered intercollegiate athletics within the context of, not at the expense of, its mission—something likely feared by the 1920 naysayers. Houghton athletic teams have proven over the years to be excellent representatives of the college, reflecting the Houghton ideals of Christian commitment, scholarship and servanthood. ■



## What's It All About?

by David Mee

Intercollegiate athletics has been a vital element to the development of many Houghton students for a quarter of a century. Certainly striving to win has had its place. It's a measure of each athlete's efforts while demonstrating that "the Christian athlete" can face any athletic challenge. But, at the same time, "fitting in" on a Highlander team takes more than athletic talent and an ability to meet the academic demands of the college.

For truly a Christian college should have teams that reflect a commitment to offering every opportunity for spiritual growth. For some Houghton students, that has taken place on a court, on a field, in a locker room, or in a coach's office, as well as in victory and defeat. Highlander teams have ministered and been minis-

tered to. It would be unwise to separate the intercollegiate athletic program from the tightly-woven fabric that is Houghton. Few will question that this fabric has been made even stronger by the men and women who have worn the purple and gold.

An important shared extension of that integration has been the off-campus service of coaches George Wells and Doug Burke, and professor Roger Rozendal.

When Dr. Wells recommended that Houghton join NAIA in his pre-intercollegiate competition report to the general board, it was because that organization stressed academics with athletics. Wells was instrumental in establishing the National Christian Physical Education Association and was its president for some years. NCCAA grew out of that organization. He helped form the Private College Athletic conference—active in the

'60s and '70s, served as district chairman of NAIA, was invited but declined to serve on NAIA's executive committee.

Coach Burke has been secretary, vice president and president of the NAIA soccer coaches' association, served on the national tournament games committee, on the national rating board, been chairman of NAIA's Area 8. For most of 20 years he's been district soccer chairman and for the last three years served on the national ethics committee.

As Houghton's faculty athletics representative for nearly 19 years, professor Rozendal has been president of the national faculty athletics representatives association, and been on the council of representatives. He's been district eligibility chair for 10 years, served on the national governance and goals task force and the national eligibility committee and the constitution and bylaws committee. ■

## Soccer Alumni Gather to Honor Coach Burke

by David Mee

From hometowns as close as Houghton and as far away as Los Angeles, nearly 70 former soccer players paid honor to retiring soccer coach Doug Burke September 28-30.

Soccer alumni saw the current Highlanders chalk up two more wins (Burke's 276th, and 277th) while enjoying some soccer of their own. Complete with commemorative T-shirts, the group was divided into five teams for an indoor soccer tournament. Held in a physical education center that many of the former players never enjoyed as students, the competition helped to rekindle friendships while affording a glimpse of Highlander soccer heroes dating back to 1967. The annual Alumni/JV soccer game was moved from its traditional Homecoming date to allow alumni to play once more on historic Stebbins Field. Despite alumnus Steve Burke's goal, the JV prevailed 2-1.

Nearly 200 guests attended the Saturday evening banquet when

five former Highlanders, Dan Housepian '73, Jeffrey "Buff" Sylvester '79, Brian Davidson '82, James Mullen '86, and Mark Ashley '88, shared thoughts and fond memories from different eras of Burke's career. Recollections included how the team cheer—yelled before every Highlander game—came to be, and humorous stories from the tens of thousands of miles that Burke teams have traveled in 27 seasons.

Burke's son, Steve, now the head coach at Judson College (IL), shared thoughts on being a player for a legendary coach, and as the son who grew up with Dad's soccer program. The alumni presented Coach Burke with an oak roll-top desk to enjoy in his retirement (below), while the current Houghton

team presented a matching chair. Too, the alumni announced a gift to the college of a new scoreboard for Stebbins Field that will be a lasting tribute to Coach Burke's long tenure.

During the banquet, the #4 jersey worn by Highlander captain Al Bushart '82 was retired. Al was one of six Houghton seniors killed in an October 1991 automobile accident. His parents were present to accept the jersey which their son had worn.

Coach Burke will certainly be remembered for his fine record, his three national championships, and many personal honors including NAIA Coach of the Year. But mentioned most often during this unique weekend was his impact on individual young men. Coach Burke has been a mentor to players who have gone on to become coaches themselves—from local youth soccer leagues to the collegiate level. He has coached two generations. While his days of pacing the sidelines will soon end, his lasting impact is yet to be completely known.





# A volunteer reflects upon Returning to Houghton

by Lee John Betts '56

It had been 41 years since I had arrived as a Houghton College freshman from a suburban New Jersey town. Scarcely seven years following the end of World War II, Vetville was still a reality, so was Gaoyadeo Hall, the old Science Building, and Bedford Gymnasium. President Paine was younger than I am today; his daughter, Marjorie, had been my classmate. Pastor Ed Angell still threw a wicked curve ball and my first view of the distinguished Dr. Shea was a rare glimpse, indeed. He was mowing his lawn in shorts.

College roadways were barely covered with tar and chips. East Hall was still emerging and Route 19 was under construction from Fillmore to Belfast. Tuition was about \$1,000 a year. The countryside was serene. The faculty and staff, though significantly underpaid, were totally dedicated to students and the mission of the college. The warmth of a caring Christian community impregnated the learning environment with integrity, purpose and vitality.

Last summer I came home again to Houghton College. My career and personal odysseys had carried me to many unplanned as well as contemplated ventures during the ensuing years . . . pastor, hospital and prison chaplain, graduate studies, association executive, adjunct university professor and, for nearly 14 years, community college presidencies in Iowa and Maryland. It could be said, both of me and Houghton, that much had changed yet much remained the same.

Returning to Houghton with my wife, Marjorie, I wanted to share with my *alma mater* some of the skills and experiences I had gained during nearly 25 years as a college administrator and president in the community college movement. My goal was to give back a small gift of what I had become to the community of people



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who had so significantly shaped my life during the fifties. I wanted to be useful; to address real needs.

There was more, however. I also wanted to learn as I served . . . to be both a servant-learner as well as a servant-leader. Although I

had visited the campus to attend three alumni reunions during the past 12 years, I had observed little beyond the significant expansion and beautification of the campus itself. As a college president, I wanted to learn more about the internal workings of the institution, the status of its technology, the focus of its vision, its aspirations for the future. I expected to be somewhat surprised. I was not disappointed.

During the month of July I immersed myself in numerous college programs and activities. Working with Tim Fuller and Bruce Campbell, I assisted with alumni reunions and provided alumni program assessments and suggestions for the future. Considerable time was invested studying the college's strong resource development programs, sharing recommendations while gaining valuable insights that will be helpful at my own institution, Frederick Community College, MD. Tim and I also designed a conference to be held this fall for western New York community and junior college professionals, hoping to develop a stronger relationship between Houghton and surrounding associate degree-granting institutions.

My final efforts consisted of conducting a visual survey of the entire campus to identify areas where safety issues might exist or visual enhancement might be needed. A few afternoons gluing chairs in South Hall and weeding flower beds served as a relaxing manual interlude during beautiful



summer days. Graciously facilitating all my endeavors was Melinda Trine, Director of Development.

"How is Houghton different today than it was in the fifties?" was a question that influenced my observations on many occasions. From my perspective the changes have been many, primarily for the better. Architecturally, the campus

ment; on the one hand to its historic traditions, and on the other hand to serving the educational needs of the next century.

Beyond architecture, I was impressed with the college's commitment to newer, computer-based technology and the refinement and development of its academic programs and services. Particularly impressive to a

community college president was the college's commitment to help address the varied educational needs of people in western New York State. Through the PACE program, an Upward Bound program for rural youth, and numerous other endeavors, Houghton is extending its educational mission in challenging new

directions.

While much has changed, much remains the same. Houghton village and surrounding towns and hamlets remain basically unchanged. The tranquil beauty of the surrounding hillsides does little to mask the obvious economic problems besetting many remote areas in America. The well-designed and maintained campus contrasts dramatically with the deteriorating 19th Century wooden architecture and marginal farms that dominate the region.

Of greater significance to me was the continuing dedication of faculty and staff to the college's mission and the holistic developmental needs of its students. Although no one remains employed from the college faculty and staff of my era, that historic commitment to mission and sense of divine calling that had permeated the college community of the 50s, continues to dominate today's institution. A sense of working as partners with God, younger and

older scholar-servants preparing to be servant-leaders in tomorrow's unknown world is a continuing reality. I found at Houghton a community of people striving to provide the highest quality liberal arts education within a global perspective and the evangelical tradition.

Under the strong, visionary leadership of President Daniel Chamberlain, Houghton College remains solidly committed to its historic Wesleyan origins. While maintaining an open posture toward people with varying Christian belief systems, it appears to have avoided the intellectual and financial captivity of many trendy conservative movements which aspire toward political power and media suasion through sophisticated political strategies and the influence of dominant and highly-visible personalities.

What did I derive from my Houghton experience? I gained a new appreciation for the fact that all components of a college have value and dignity and must serve the college's total mission. I realized how important it is for a college leader to step down from the pinnacle occasionally, mend a chair, pull a weed and listen to others, so that he or she can better understand the inner workings of various college subsystems. As I explored different program areas and shared my insights, I was learning from others how to enhance my own college's programs and services.

By becoming for one month a part of today's Houghton experience, I again experienced the gift Houghton continues to give its sons and daughters. It is the gift of warm, caring fellowship, grounded in Christian faith and high intellectual aspirations. Returning to Houghton to serve, I left renewed. Such is the dynamic power of its people, its mission and the Christ they seek to serve. ■



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has become one of the most attractive and serene I have encountered anywhere. Gone are most of the ancient brick buildings which 40 years ago had inadequately served a student population of less than 600. The stone-faced architecture which emerged out of necessity during World War II, ennobled by the beautiful, mature foliage of summer, casts a delightful aesthetic spell. The dynamic juxtaposition of old Fancher Hall and the new, contemporary academic building reflects Houghton's continuing commit-

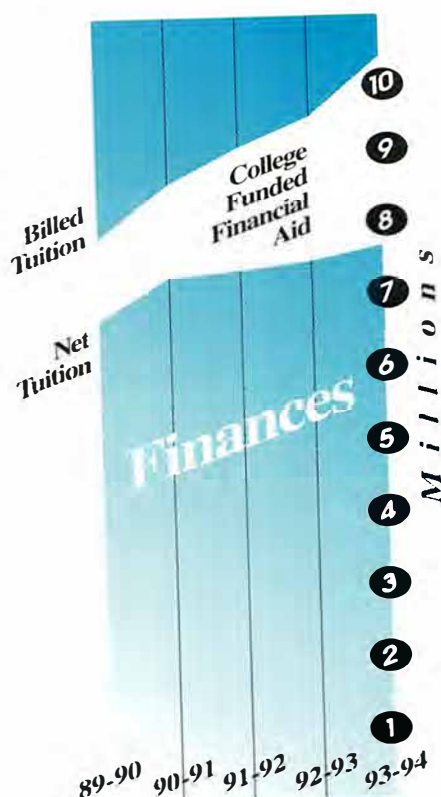






institution to differentiate among the essential, the desirable and the no longer affordable. Bluntly, as the ghosts of budgets past loom above us, we must see what administrative or academic programs must be cut, combined or cancelled.

We believe all majors contribute to the essence of Houghton, but growing pressure to establish



and recognize a cost-benefit ratio may require some trimming. Still, we must not retreat to a position of merely protecting known turf. We must be alert to promising new opportunities and find courage and resources to attempt them.

The Middle States self-study is causing us to examine the "value added," or, more formally, "outcomes assessment" of our offerings. Over the past year we've developed a strategic management process. In 1993-94 we'll work on the substance of that plan to find

answers which are realistic and creative—while trying to avoid what has been called "the law of unintended consequences."

### Future Challenges

In a time of level population, colleges can get smaller, move down in the applicant pool, or increase ethnic diversity and serve new groups of students. Houghton has chosen the latter course, but our rural site makes it challenging for us to appeal to minority-group members who are most likely to come from urban settings.

We will pursue diversity in an era when 20 percent of the current U.S. population is foreign-born (a ratio not seen since the middle of the 17th century). Rates of increase, as compared to growth of the white non-Hispanic population are 24 times larger for Asian-Americans, 12 times for Hispanics, and three times for African-Americans. Over 100 different languages are spoken in New Jersey and California schools and by the turn of the century 65 percent of the public school children in California will be from historic minorities.

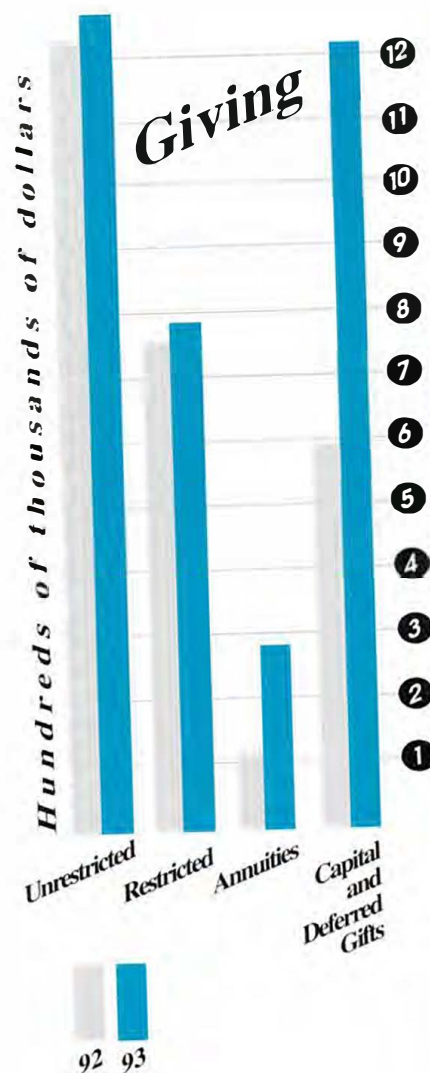
And Houghton faces other challenges:

- How much service can we provide to our larger constituency as we downscale offerings to our students?
- What about grant funding? The competition grows as public colleges demand a larger slice of a smaller pie. Today even some public elementary schools are hiring professional fund raisers.
- How do we address the explosive growth of federal regulations which require significant extra effort by college administrators, but which bring no funding to underwrite the mandates?
- Finally, how do we decompress our personnel and maintain collegiality in a time when we at Houghton have already come to rely on production levels that

foster workaholism?

I firmly believe that Houghton has the resilience and resources—spiritual, human and financial—to survive and flourish through the coming decade and into a new century. As Joshua told the Israelites on the eve of their entrance to the promised land: "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

For Houghton, that tomorrow starts today. ■







*There is irony in a brooding Lenin surveying the classroom as Ron Duttweiler and Tim Nielsen brief translators*

# Vladimir Volunteers

**E**very summer scores of Houghton students participate in short-term mission projects worldwide. One of the most unusual locales for missions endeavor this year was a Russian chemical company's summer camp in Vladimir some 300 miles from Moscow. There 70 American Wesleyans worked in overlapping shifts over the last three weeks of the camp schedule, a part of the CoMission project under auspices of The Wesleyan Church (see *Milieu* for April '93). Among those participating during the entire three weeks were five from Houghton: vice president for finance Kenneth Nielsen, his son, Tim '90—sometime camp manager, now enrolled at Columbia Bible Seminary, Houghton youth pastor Ron Duttweiler '85, juniors Esther Carpenter and Susan Smith, and freshman Alex Holder.

In March, well before the camp program was solidified, Tim Nielsen participated with the Wesleyan coordinator in meeting with the Vladimir Russian Orthodox bishop to describe the proposed program and secure his approval. The bishop's representa-

tive was present to bless the camp's mission at its opening ceremonies. As Ron Duttweiler put it: "We tried to reach our goals their way." Tim Nielsen had established three program goals: "1. Be safe, 2. Have fun, 3. Share that Jesus loves them and how to know Him."

How did the camp operate, what were the people interactions and how did the western visitors perceive their experience? Locally the camp was considered well-equipped and a place of privilege. Children of chemical plant workers were among each group of campers. Many others were members of the Palace of Youth—described as a 4H-type group who meet after school twice weekly to engage in drama, art, painting, and shop projects. There were more than 200 campers weekly with perhaps 150 turned away from each session.

Camper ages ranged from nine to 21 instead of the 13-17 planned. They were housed in barracks-like structures in groups of 13-25 with American counselors and translators. The counselors were a cross-cultural mix aged 18-60. Russian translators were

college-aged. Most campers favored American-style jeans and shirts. Breakfast included hot cereal, tea or cocoa, plus meat, cheese and fried eggs—served cold. Lunch—the big meal—would include soup, some kind of potato dish (there was great variety in preparation), and ground beef. Salt and pepper were not served and cutlery was limited to one piece, often a soup spoon.

Duttweiler, assistant director for the camp and daily chapel speaker, explained that morning and religious instruction interspersed traditional camp activities, augmented by time with the American counselors. Each attendee received a Russian New Testament. Russian translators received Bibles.

Ken Nielsen, with 28 years' experience in managing camps in Maryland and Pennsylvania—not to mention 31 years as a Houghton business officer—assisted with administration and logistics. He wryly observed, "OSHA wouldn't have enough pads to write up the health or safety violations." He cited examples from no screens in the windows to an open manhole





## Building Bridges or Barricades? Witnessing in Eastern Europe

by Faith Winger Crown '45

After decades of repression, the Gospel is preached freely and Scripture distribution is enthusiastically received in Eastern Europe. Evangelicals are flooding into the once-forbidden lands. But it is discouraging to learn that because some have not familiarized themselves with the history and ethos of Eastern Orthodoxy, they have assumed that since the Eastern Orthodox don't communicate in Evangelical Speak, they can't possibly be Christian. This approach produces resentment and misunderstanding.

A closer look at the Orthodox churches suggests that a positive approach has a better chance of producing warm fellowship, or effective witness. Some assume that the Orthodox Church is "about like the Catholic Church." The Orthodox will indignantly point out that the Eastern Church rejected Papal authority in 1054. They will also point out that, heeding the Biblical prohibition against graven images, they use ikons (highly-stylized paintings) to inspire devotion; that in the days before widespread literacy, ikons helped to acquaint the faithful with Bible characters and stories. (Save your thoughts on the veneration of ikons until you know your listener better, or he knows his Bible better.)

An area of common interest might be the Creed. The Nicene Creed (325 A.D.) is the official creed of the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and most Protestant Churches. It is more detailed than the Apostles' Creed and, with one exception, acceptable to Evangelicals. A class in the Biblical background of the Nicene Creed might be an occasion for learning and fellowship without antagonizing the local priest. If invited, he might have much to contribute. If not, he might oppose the Evangelical's efforts on the grounds that the latter is trying to proselytize members away from his church. A reading of the history of missions in the Near East over a century ago suggests that the missionaries didn't always exercise tact in this regard.

An Evangelical from a liturgical background might explore using it as a bridge since most liturgies have a common origin in those of the early church. The liturgy, if in a language understood by the worshiper, can be an effective Christian education tool. Once, a young Syrian who'd probably never attended Sunday school asked me a question about a teaching of Jesus. This made me realize that one who hears Scripture texts repeatedly chanted or read learns them without effort—and well enough to ponder their meaning. An evangelical unfamiliar with the Orthodox liturgy can ask questions. In what language is it? Do you understand it? Has it made you familiar with the Bible? How did you learn the Bible's teaching? Would you and your friends like to have a Bible study group?

Different views of the sacraments may be approached non-confrontationally. If someone asks an evangelical, "Why don't you believe in the saints?", a positive approach could be to ask about patron saints of his nation or national church, or one whom he respects. The resulting story could lead you to remark on the saint's courage, devotion, faith or other virtue, and give opportunity to explain how the Bible refers to all Christians as saints. The topic of the endurance of the saints could lead to discussions of priests who endured governmental or clerical opposition as a point of contact to discuss how God works in a believer's heart.

In short, don't rush in with the Four Spiritual Laws. Meet folk where they are and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to them through Scripture.

in a camp street. The size and voraciousness of mosquitoes reminded him of Alaska.

Initially, people seemed suspicious, but soon warmed to the visitors. One groundsman used an interpreter to invite Nielsen to return and stay in his home. Duttweiler said that in one radio interview, the announcer observed: "This camp is dangerous. These Americans are always smiling, and now we Russians are smiling too!"

Asked how recently-proposed regulation might affect a repeat of the CoMission's camp program, Ken Nielsen observed: "People are welcoming religion with open arms, but are being bombarded by a variety of groups. Because this was a camp situation, not a group of us walking into town to start a church, I think there is a future." In her adjoining sidebar feature, alumna Faith Winger Crown discusses the sensitivities incumbent upon western Christians in witnessing in a country which has—however suppressed—a long history of Christian faith; in this case, through the Russian Orthodox Church.

In that context it's important to note that the Vladimir project was not the result of an evangelical "invasion," but followed invitation by locals, prior consultation and agreement with the local bishop. Ron Duttweiler said that camp workers encouraged Orthodox Church follow-up to their work, referring the youth to the churches for deeper understanding and spiritual development. Having attended a Sunday service at the local church, he observed: "The sermon was on target. If people listen, they'll grow." But he added that the language of the service is difficult for the largely secular youth to understand, the equivalent of most American urban youth hearing the King James Version of the Bible.

He noted that some campers met American counselors at the





Some Vladimir campers; Sunday at the Russian Orthodox Church for Ken, Katya, Tim and Charlotte (Woodard '63) Carpenter; camp barracks



local church on Sunday. For most it was their first time in a church, although a few had attended worship with their grandparents.

How were the Americans changed? Ken Nielsen observed:

"The trip was a reminder of all the stuff we've got, all the things we don't need." Although he was ill much of the time away, Ron Duttweiler was impressed with the Lord's repeated confirmations

over the past year that he should participate. The experiences remind him that "I need to be as straight forward in presenting the Gospel in Houghton as in Russia. The needs are the same." ■

## Impressions in Russia

The Houghton collegians who participated in the Vladimir project confronted boundless curiosity and many misconceptions about their own lives and North America in general. Examples: "All Americans are rich. They travel to Europe annually. Most live like the people on *Santa Barbara* and *Beverly Hills 90210*. Americans have no problems."

The students were: Alex Holder, a freshman pre-seminarian from Fredericton, NB; Sue Smith, a junior transfer from Mississauga, ON, majoring in psychology; and junior education and English major Esther Carpenter, raised in Houghton, but now from Savannah, GA.

The CoMission volunteers had to raise the \$2,000 (US) cost of the trip. In a significant step of faith for someone about to enter college, Alex Holder took some of the mission's cost from his savings, raising the rest from church friends. Sue had already stopped out of college a year to earn more money for school, and got three fourths of her support from her church.

Esther's mother, Charlotte—who had befriended a Russian girl, Katya, during a previous visit to Russia and sponsored her to Houghton Academy last year—helped pay Esther's expenses and revisited Russia herself. They spent some time with Katya, whose mother has become a Christian.

Alex used high school acting and directing class experience to help organize chapel program skits. Sue counseled and helped with recreation activities. Esther counseled, but recalls kitchen duty and endlessly peeling potatoes—few without significant spoiled spots.

A smattering of their observations and personal outcomes follows: "While we did teach the plan of salvation, we went to sow, not to reap.

"It substantially changed my view of missions . . . Christ's first command was 'love your neighbor,' then 'make disciples.'

"I saw how materialistic we are. The Russians wore the same clothes day after day and nobody noticed. . .

"Russians are a gift-giving people—in the context of friendship."

"The kids had never heard of the Cuba missile crisis. . .

"It's important to present the gospel in the context of caring about people.

"A recurring topic in our one-on-one sessions with the youth was sin—they wanted examples and definitions."

"These are well educated, analytical people. They want to make informed decisions. . .

The three students are maintaining some ties through correspondence, generally with translators they came to know. Says Sue, "Unless the Lord leads otherwise, I plan to go back next summer."



From left: Sue, Alex and Esther



# Childcare Priorities

by Claity Massey



*I was observing a kindergarten in Guang Zhou, China. Thirty-three active three-year-olds dressed as mice waited "their turn" to walk through the cave (a transformed box), then across a bridge (a plank on the floor surrounded by blue crepe paper). The teacher had reminded the children that they must go one at a time, not crowd or push, but wait their turn. Each made it through the "cave," but maintaining balance while crossing the "bridge" was harder.*

*Some 20 made it safely across, then waited as a very tentative little girl started across. The others were attentive, eager to see if she would make it. When she did, the children cheered spontaneously. They appeared to be as concerned about her success as they'd been about their own. This moral education lesson had been planned by the teacher, but the positive interaction the children demonstrated was real, unstaged.*

**D**uring my sabbatical last year, I spent a month traveling in China observing young children in various educational settings. My goal was to observe the moral education program in China and compare it with U. S. and Hong Kong programs. As I observed and videotaped four-year-olds in Guang Zhou and in Beijing, I became interested in the Chinese kindergarten.

There, kindergarten is defined as a school for three- to six-year-olds. Many of the kindergartens have 800 or 900 students. The smallest school we observed had 200 children. All of the kindergar-

tens we visited referred to a half-day program as one that ran from 7:30 in the morning to 5:30 or 6:00 in the evening!

Most of the kindergartens I visited were boarding programs with sleeping rooms as well as bathing facilities to accommodate the children. Parents would bring the children on Monday morning and then pick them up on Saturday morning. I was amazed at the thought of keeping that many three- to six-year-olds overnight, but most of the teachers spoke highly of the boarding programs.

Most of the kindergartens were built in the early 1950s,

designed for boarding to accommodate working parents. I was surprised that the kindergartens were the only programs that provided a boarding option. After age seven the children live at home and walk to school.

The fact that the boarding schools have operated for 30 years made me curious about their impact on children's development. So I was pleased to be able to interview one teacher who had been a student in the same boarding kindergarten. She indicated only the most positive memories of growing up in a boarding kindergarten. The pleasant memory of dancing in the kindergarten had encouraged her to become a teacher.

Beyond this one personal encounter, I've read the authors Jung Chang and Wu Ningkun, who wrote about life during the cultural revolution, disclosing some of their own experiences in the kindergarten. It would appear that during the cultural revolution, the boarding kindergarten was sometimes used for weeks, even months at a time, permitting adults to receive work assignments in other areas. Current kindergarten schedules provide a limit of five days of extended care. Some provide parents the option of picking up their children on Wednesday after work and bringing them back to the kindergarten on Thursday morning.

I am impressed that the Chinese kindergarten provides support for families in the care of their children and the government continues to evaluate the kindergarten curriculum. They look at our western model of early childhood education as a reference point, and recently mandated that every kindergarten class must have at least three hours of free play per day, underscoring their acceptance of our model which says young children learn through play.

While boarding schools for young children seem totally



inappropriate to me, I find the investment that this poor country continues to make in its young children to be impressive. They are enthusiastic in providing what they perceive to be the best for their very young, while we in the U. S. continue to ignore the needs of the young child.

It's been 22 years since I began working in early childhood education at a High Point, NC, church children's center. That program provided me an opportunity to work with nursery school and child care programs. In the U. S. nursery school serves two to five-year-olds, meeting two or three days a week up to three hours a day. Child care programs are designed to meet the needs of working parents and therefore provide care for eight or 10 hours a day, five days a week.

The number of women in the U. S. labor force with children younger than six, was 10 percent in 1948; in 1991 it was 59.9 percent. The percentage of pre-schoolers being cared for outside the home has doubled in 24 years. According to *The State of America's Chil-*

*dren*, in 1992 six out of ten children under age six had parents who worked outside the home. Of that six, 1.5 stayed with a relative, 2.5 went to a child care center, one went to family day care (day care in a home), and one stayed home with a nanny. Four of the ten children had parents who did not work outside the home. On that four we have no clear statistics. However, we know that the low-income child is likely to attend Head Start. The middle-income child is likely to attend a private nursery school program. You can see that today more parents seek child care than seek nursery school. No longer just concerned about a positive educational experience, they are preoccupied with the need to find affordable child care.

And quality of life for this group has diminished over the last 24 years. In 1969 the poverty rate for families with young children was 15.3 percent. It was above 25 percent in 1992.

Although our need for child care has doubled, our child care centers continue to look the same.

While China's kindergarten teachers must complete a course of study to prepare them for their chosen professions, most American pre-school teachers receive no educational preparation for their jobs. Even those who do, are not regarded as true teaching professionals.

As a country, we continue to ignore the critical role the child care teaching staff plays in the development and well-being of millions of American children. The average pay for child care teaching staff in 1988 was \$9,363 compared with \$11,095 for laundry workers and \$19,163 for sanitation workers.

Early analysis of my observations in China are revealing. I note that we observed only one act of aggressive behavior toward another child. That record could not be matched during a one-hour observation in the U.S. or in Hong Kong. Ironically, while China has progressed in its regard for and provision for young children since 1950—now even recognizing the necessity of moral content—the U. S. has regressed. There is much we can learn from China. ■

## Valley Nursery School Celebrates 25 Years

This fall Houghton's Valley Nursery School celebrates its 25th anniversary. Begun in the fall of 1968 by college faculty wife Shirlene Wessell, the school opened with a dozen pre-schoolers meeting in the old church Willard Houghton helped to build (later the Rec Hall).

The first class included area residents and college faculty and staff children. The school operated mornings five days a week. Within a few years of its opening the nursery school moved from the Rec Hall into the nearly-new facilities of the Houghton Wesleyan Church Christian education building, and became a non-profit ministry of the church.

Subsequently the school has had 10 directors; currently Casda Danner, a charter member of the first nursery school class. Directors in between have included faculty /

staff and community women, as well as persons from beyond the village. Today's school operates three mornings a week and draws a continuing 50/50 mix of area residents and those of the Houghton community—about 35 students now. A third of the children have no other regular church contact.

Scholarships form a significant source of the school's income, even though tuition is a modest \$45 monthly—\$1.64 an hour. Perhaps 15 percent of the children receive full or partial tuition reductions. Curriculum/environment is designed to help children "investigate, explore, experiment, create and communicate . . . learning to understand and form concepts of self, others and the world." Lessons, field trips, special visitors, and activities from housekeeping

and books to games and computers enhance the process.

VNS expects to add a Tuesday/Thursday program for children who will enter kindergarten the next fall. In this anniversary year the school seeks more scholarship funds and solicits contributions for new playground and indoor equipment. Over the years, nearly half of VNS alumni become Houghton College alumni.





# David C. Pollock '63, Alumnus of the Year

It's been several years since the college has been able to make its annual Alumnus of the Year presentation a surprise to the recipient, but when President Chamberlain began his citation to the 1993 nominee at the Homecoming alumni banquet October 2, the recipient was sitting unaware several tables away.

Chamberlain began: "When the alumni board was considering candidates for the 1993 Alumnus of the Year, it sought a graduate who could epitomize Houghton ideals for alumni in the '90s: an individual winsomely Christian; comfortable in and appreciative of other cultures; articulate and convincing among people in leadership posts, but genuinely interested in the life details of persons without special credentials; thoughtful, while active on many fronts; a person with a clear sense of personal identity, but one committed to serving others while helping to develop the best in them—with all of these characteristics transparently at Christ's command.

The president continued: "The board believes it has found a reasonable match for these qualities in David Charles Pollock, Class of 1963." Dave, ostensibly in town to deliver the meditation at the post-banquet chapel service, *was* surprised. After Dave joined the president at the lectern, Dr. Chamberlain told the audience that as a student Pollock came to Houghton from Moody Bible Institute with the intention of becoming a medical missionary. Instead he became a Bible major, minoring in Christian education, active in extension work, serving as Foreign Missions Fellowship president.

After graduating from Houghton Dave became Youth for Christ

director in Schenectady, NY, then regional YFC director for eastern New York and New England until 1968. Next he co-founded Manhattan Christian Youth Service while he was pastoring the Sayre Wood Baptist church in Old Bridge, New Jersey. From 1977-1980 he and his wife, Betty Lou, and their growing family lived in Kenya where Dave engaged in pastoral care of missionaries, taught at Moffat College of the Bible (he was principal for one year),

recruitment and support systems for Houghton's growing number of TCK students. In 1988 he received the Ruth Hill Unseem Award of Global Nomads International "for his development of the benchmark presentation, *The TCK Profile*, which provides a framework for exploring, understanding and affirming the value of the TCK experience."

Dave's constant international travel makes him a familiar figure at a dozen international schools in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. He's done re-entry seminars for international businesses, U. S. embassies and other government groups, most recently in Finland and Norway. Along the way he's made time to do graduate work at SUNY, Georgetown University and at Daystar Communication in Nairobi.

Last year Dave moved Interaction to Camp Pinnacle, NY, near Albany, the better to host large groups and facilitate his frequent flyer life-style (see *Milieu*, June '93). The president told the audience: "Camp Pinnacle serves groups ranging from TCKs to recent seminars for Chinese, mostly new to the United States . . . Summer staffing for the camp has included dozens of Houghton students and alumni."

Chamberlain concluded: "Because Dave is committed to helping people unlock and realize their God-given potential, Houghton College is honored to designate him Alumnus of the Year, 1993, for serving Christ as youth worker, missionary educator, Christian service innovator, third culture pioneer and exponent to the church, to educators, and to government." ■



Dave and Betty Lou with son Nate and his wife, Amy Durkee Pollock

developed a theological training program, counseled at Rift Valley Academy and wrote Christian education material on the family.

In 1980 the Pollocks returned to America and David became director of Interaction Inc., a ministry which grew out of his earlier work in New York City. As Interaction's head he is a conference and college speaker, conducts family life, couples, singles and youth workers seminars. Dave has also ministered at Houghton's CLEW meetings. But he has gained widest note for his work with and on behalf of missionary and other third culture kids (TCKs)—young people who have grown up in two or more cultures with ties to both, but ownership in neither.

For five years Dave headquartered Interaction in Fillmore, NY, while he helped to solidify the re-



**29** Still active at age 86, **Corinne (Cole) Frith** tutors 4- and 5-year-olds in French and middle schoolers in English. She lives at the Unique Retirement Home at Heath Village in Hackettstown, NJ, where she plays piano for Sunday Vespers and serves as treasurer for the Heath Village Woman's Association.

**34** **Kenneth Wright** recently represented Houghton College at the inauguration of Gregory L. Eastwood as the 5th president of the State University of New York Health Sciences Center in Syracuse.

**41** When **Roger Bannister '79** and his wife, Christine, welcomed their baby daughter, Emily, on May 11, 1993, they were presenting Le Roy and Doris (Nesbitt '41) Bannister with their 25th grandchild.

**44** **James Martin** and his wife, **Jean (Marble '45)**, attend St. Luke Lutheran Church in Willingboro, NJ, where James is coordinator of the church newsletter, *The Spirit of St. Luke*. He also serves as a choir member, lay reader, assisting minister, and occasional supply preacher. Jean has been the organist there for almost nine years. They live in Mount Holly, NJ.

**45** **Faith (Winger) Crown** has published a second edition of her 40-page manual, *Mail Order Treasure in Your Library: How to Find It*. A long-time librarian, Faith says she wrote the book because most people see libraries as only an academic resource and have little notion how much material a typical library has which can help business people or mail order entrepreneurs. The manual is available for \$5 from Juniper Hill Publications, 5945 Stoney Hill Rd., New Hope, PA 18938-9602.

**46** For the last seven years, **Ray and Bev (Evans '58) Alger** have been using their skills to tune and repair over 400 pianos on a volunteer basis in small churches, Bible camps, missionary homes and Christian colleges throughout the U. S. Up to this time, they have been working on this project on a part-time basis. Now, however, they are expanding to a full-time ministry through Missionary TECH Team of Longview, TX. Anyone wanting information about their ministry or wishing to help support them can write to Missionary TECH Team, 25 FRJ Dr., Longview, TX 75602.

**47** Having celebrated her 80th birthday on April 3, 1993, **Ruth Cowles** suffered a stroke on April 28 and spent five weeks in the hospital recovering. She writes that she was "... Heaven-bound for a brief time, but the Lord decided there was more work to be done."

**49** Storyteller **Mary (Harris) Carey** entertained alumni children at this year's SAW II and also entertained in several libraries in western New York. She is the originator of the annual Open Air Storytelling Festival and is founder of Odyssey Storytellers.

In July 1993 **Bill Currie** returned from another year of ministry in Bible studies and with assemblies of believers in Israel with American Messianic Fellowship International.

After 41 years of serving four churches, **Charles and Jeanette (Balzer '49) Rupp** retired from pastoral ministry in July 1992. They have built a home in Archbold, OH, where Charles grew up and where their oldest son and his family live. Jeanette is recovering from a fractured hip resulting from a fall.

**Norma (Vining) Whitcomb** writes that her first husband, **Robert Pritchett '50**, died in 1969. She married Dr. John C. Whitcomb (co-author of *The Genesis Flood*) in 1971. Having previously written two cookbooks, *Food For Thought—Salad and Sandwiches* and *Food For Thought—Desserts*, published by Baker Book House, Norma has a new book out which has sold over 6000 copies, called *Those Mysterious Dinosaurs*. Published by Whitcomb Ministries, Inc., the book is intended as a supplemental text for home-schoolers. Spiral bound, it has 125 pages and contains approximately 125 pen and ink drawings. Interested alumni may request information from Whitcomb Ministries, Inc., PO Box 277, Winona Lake, IN 46590. Norma and her husband have a busy ministry schedule of speaking engagements in churches, conferences, and schools in the U. S. and abroad on the subject of the Bible and science.

**52** In July 1993, **Bob Barnett** retired after 36 years of teaching at Forestville (NY) Central School. After visiting his brothers in California, Texas and Florida, he then began observing and reporting on student science teachers for Fredonia State University (NY).

In August 1993 **John Chambers** retired from full-time ministry in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. For the past 23 years, he was pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church in Vista, CA. He expects to continue ministering part-time in the San Diego area.

In March 1993, **Marjorie (Wiley) Cleveland** retired from the Smithsonian Institution Conservation Analytical Laboratory.

**Hank and Helen (Stilton '54) Cornell** are now retired, but are "busier than ever." Hank teaches an adult Bible class, is chairman of the church board, and enjoys his PC. Helen is involved with the Young at Heart group at their church and volunteers at her son, Steve's, office (See '77).

This summer **Dorothy Meyer** attended the School of Religious Studies at Oxford Uni-

versity in England. Nine Oxford religion faculty members each gave a series of lectures in their areas of expertise. The students, ranging in age from 35 to 75, were housed in University College, founded in 1126, which is one of 35 colleges that make up Oxford. Dorothy called it a "very exhilarating experience amidst the 'deamy spires' of Oxford."

**54** After 40 years of marriage, **Robert Goode's** wife, Mae, passed away in 1990. His second wife, Vera Grey, and he co-pastor the Full Gospel Assembly in Olean, NY. In addition, she works nights at Olean General Hospital and he delivers mail on a 70-mail, 500 plus-box route. They have sold the Mill Grove Hotel (built in 1840) where Robert lived since 1974 and have moved into Valley View Estates in Allegany, NY.

**55** As of August 1993, **Dean and Erma (Beatty '55) Hegarty** retired for a second time. The first retirement—at age 65—was from 22 years pastoring at Windsor Baptist Church in Eagle, PA. The second was after five years as interim pastor at First Baptist Church of St. Peters, PA.

**57** After traveling about 7,000 miles on a working vacation around the U. S., **Donna (Pagett) Doan** and her husband, Dick, have returned to Haiti, where they serve with West Indies Self Help.

**59** **Marilyn Hunter** writes that the Lord has brought the Wesleyan missionaries in Lagonave, Haiti, through some particularly difficult months. In January the clinic and hospital were flooded with acutely ill patients due to an unprecedented typhoid epidemic. In May they were devastated by the death after child-birth of one of their best Haitian nurses. Marilyn spent a month this summer visiting her parents.



**62** **John Bechtel** and his wife, Donna, spent a month this summer traveling in Europe and the former Soviet Union.

While in Zurich, Switzerland, for two hours, John returned to his car to put money in the meter and was hailed by **Wayne and Fran (Ragonese '62) Hill '62** who were celebrating their 30th anniversary. (See picture, p. 19.)

*Themes in Rural History of the Western World*, recently published by the Iowa State University Press, contains an essay by **Robert Claxton** about drought in colonial Spanish America. In it he discusses ways to derive data about past weather from historical documents, catalogues the drought years of major Spanish colonial cities, and explores what impact recurring drought may have had on colonial society.

**Joyce (Calusine) Hatten** writes that her husband, Walter, passed away in April 1993. They would have been married 25 years in November. Her newsletter for Christians who have multiple sclerosis, MSPALS (see Jan. '93 *Milieu*, p. 18), is getting into the former USSR via short wave radio station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador.

**66 Beth (Brandt) Blanchard** lives in Richmond, KY, where she is assistant to the director of international education at Eastern Kentucky University. She and her husband, Paul, teach Navigator Bible studies at First United Methodist Church and in the community. In June 1993 they toured Europe visiting Unevangelized Fields Missionaries in France, Italy and Germany. They have two children: Brian, 21 and Jackie, 23.

Having led many tours to the Holy Land along with his wife, **Marilyn (Burroughs '65), William Francis** has recently completed *The Stones Cry Out*. Published by The Salvation Army, the book

"takes a fresh look, through the eyes of modern archaeology and biblical research, at 18 locations of Jesus' ministry throughout the Land of Israel." William has been training principal of The Salvation Army School for Officers' Training in Suffern, NY, since July 1992. He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Fuller Theological Seminary.

**67 Gloria (Malará) Manuel** and her husband, Scott, teach French in the Jamesville-DeWitt (NY) School District and are actively involved in the United Church of Fayetteville. Their daughter, **Michelle**, is a freshman at Houghton this year.

**68** Currently enrolled in the Ph. D. program in nursing at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, **Joanne (Schultz) Beckman** was recently named one of the Great 100 Nurses in North Carolina, an annual statewide honor awarded to 100 nurses for outstanding contribution to their profession. She and her husband, William, have two teenage children, Eric and Leslie. They attend the Chapel Hill Bible Church, where William is the minister of family education.

**69 Carol (Metz) Blackman** received a master's degree in counseling from Liberty University in May 1993. She is now working on becoming licensed.

**Carol (Gratrix) Brinneman** and her husband, Neal, who work in Togo, West Africa, with Wycliffe Bible Translators, have completed the translation of the New Testament in the Lama language. They hope to dedicate the printed version early in 1994.

**71 Gene Ayers** is coaching the girls' soccer team at Fillmore (NY) Central School this fall. His daughters, Heather and Robin, are on the team.

**Steve Cummings** has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the U. S. Air Force. As Chief, Production and Applications, he directs and oversees the functional management of Air Force production resources totalling 4,000 people and \$400 million.

**72** Having been published in the *Journal for Biblical Preaching and Worship Arts*, **Alfred (Fred) Day** has been named to the United Methodist Church's Academy for Preaching, and is one of 60 preachers across the U. S. selected to do intensive study concerning "excellence in preaching" and transformational leadership in the church. He was also a featured preacher for the Circuit Rider Sermon Series.

**Margaret (Lindley) Koch**, adjunct assistant professor of history at Bethel College in St. Paul, MN, has received a Fulbright grant for the 1993-94 academic year. The grant is for research at the Universiti Kebangsaan in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, under the Southeast Asian Regional Research Program. She will be researching and writing a history of women within a kinship group, focusing on the choices and options that women have faced over the past one hundred years.

**Linda Storms** is currently on a one-year furlough after having taught for four years at Amazon Valley Academy, a school for missionary kids in Belem, Brazil.

**73** A member of the Allegany County (NY) Planning and Tourism Boards, **William Dibble** is running for the Allegany County Board of Legislators. He teaches petroleum graphics at the University of Pittsburgh, Bradford, and machine design drafting at Alfred State College (NY).

**Heather (Smith) Frederick** has taken her love of audio books and turned it into a business—Audio Bookshelf, in Northport, ME. She produces audio versions of Maine and New England literature. Her first production was Sarah Orne Jewett's, *The Country of the Pointed Firs*, the cover design of which was painted by her husband, **Linden '73**. Her most recent releases are *Lost! On a Mountain in Maine*, about a boy lost on Mt. Katahdin, and a two-volume set including New England short stories and *The Day No Pigs Would Die*, a novel about Vermont.

**74 Roger Johnson** has been appointed senior pastor of the Hyndman (PA) Larger Parish, a cooperative parish ministry with multiple staff, involving six local United Methodist congregations. For the past 10 years, he served the Townville charge.

**James Sweetheimer** was a presenter at the National Integration of Academic and



Nineteen Houghton alumni, faculty and/or staff members participated in an August 1993 Town Theater production of *The Music Man*, staged at Fillmore Central School. In alphabetical order: Karen Bartlett '93, Alice (Putney '89) Carpenter (Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn), Nancy (Banker '90) Cole, Chris Daniels '93 (director), Susan (Lamont '88) Dutton, Diane (Lytle '74) Enmons, Vicki (Grant '78) Fegley, Tim Fuller '79 (Mayor Shinn), Chris Meerdink '93 (musical director), Dave Merriam '87, Fred Parker (F), Robin Pawling '77, Matt Taylor '92, Dan Walsh '89, Susan (Dellas '90) Walsh (Marion the Librarian), Lois (Hardy '46) Wilt, Debbie (Fero '76) Young, Paul Young '76, and Steve Young '91.



Vocational Education Conference in Beaver Creek, CO, in July 1993. He described his integrated competency-based language arts program to over 450 administrators, high school teachers, college professors and other related professionals.

**75 Jonathan and Lois (Morgan '75)** Sastic, with their two children and nanny, recently spent two months working at the Kijabe Medical Center in Kijabe, Kenya. The Drs. Sastic replaced the two full-time surgeons at the hospital while one was on vacation and the other was doing relief work in Somalia.

**76 Wendy Atkins** reports teaching 1st and 2nd grades at Rethy Academy in Zaire as well as doing language learning among the Azande people. Currently she is living and working with a team of missionaries in Faradje. She expects to return to the States in March 1994 for home assignment.

Having finished an MLS at the University of Buffalo in July 1993, Glen Avery has accepted a position as reference and bibliographic instruction librarian at Utica College of Syracuse University in Utica, NY.

**John Lamb** has been pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Harrisburg, PA, since February 1993. For the previous two years he was a pastor at San Pablo Lutheran Church in San Juan, Puerto Rico (see *Down the Aisle* column).

**77 Steven Cornell** is pastor of the Alliance International Fellowship in Elizabeth, NJ. He and his wife, Lillian (Sprole '77) have three children (see *Future Alumni* column).

**78** Currently a probation officer, in August 1993, **Linda (Bowen) Edwards** completed a master of science degree in education from St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY, with a major in counseling psychology. Her emphasis was in school guidance counseling and she hopes to make a career change in that direction soon. She was recently nominated for inclusion in *Who's Who in the East*.

**79 Denise Abers** has been a nurse in the emergency room of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (PA) for the past year. She and her husband, John Lehman, have adopted Chad Patrick, who was their foster child for two years (see *Future Alumni* column).

**Dwight Brautigam** has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of history at Huntington College in Huntington, IN. He is co-editor and a contributor to *Court, Country and Culture: Essays on Early Modern British History in Honor of Perez Zagorin*, published by the University of Rochester Press, 1992.

**Steve and Audrey (Smith '79) Pocock**,



*Norm and Alice Parsons with Oriental friend*

## Norman Parsons '47 Named Distinguished Alumnus

Missionary educator, evangelist, chaplain, pastor-administrator, Norman Parsons '47, received a Houghton College Distinguished Alumnus award from president Chamberlain at a Buffalo, NY, dinner, September 24th. Present to see him honored were his wife, Alice, their three grown children, a grandchild and his two brothers. Unexpected guests were Parsons' former colleagues from Japan, Rev. and Mr. Tsutomu Akiuo.



Chamberlain told the audience that the Springville, NY, native had entered college at 17, majored in social science, been student cabinet vice president, dining hall head waiter, sung in Oratorio Society and worked on the *Star*. As a precursor to his later career he was also active in the international relations club and student ministerial association, pastoring the Oramel United Methodist Church as a student.

In 1948 Parsons headed for post war Japan and taught at the Methodist's North Japan College. There he met and married Alice Southern in Hirosaki on the eve of the Korean war. Their 43-year union has produced David,

Debbie '80, and Mark '78, plus six grandchildren.

Following language study, Norm and Alice began a 25-year ministry in pioneer evangelism, church building and development—including child evangelism and music. Working together with Christian businessmen, Parsons also founded Abundant Life Garden, now grown to 11 homes offering care and Christian faith to some 550 disabled persons.

Returning to New York State in 1973, Parsons was Erie County Home and Correctional Facility Chaplain until state budget cuts eliminated the post. He accepted pastorate of South Park United Methodist church where his ministry helped heal a fractured congregation. In 1983 Jim became superintendent of the 63-church Jamestown District, spearheading a missions emphasis which has led to mission trips to Fiji, Burundi, Uganda and Israel. "Retired" since 1991, the Parsons continue as New Life Missioners, traveling throughout the United States in evangelism. Last summer they ministered in China. They will spend next year at a seminary in Uganda.



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serving at Pilgrim Wesleyan Bible Seminary in Pemba, Zambia, write that the Lord has answered their prayers: over 25 students have applied to the school for the new year. That means Steve's job as principal has expanded to include that of construction supervisor as they build to accommodate the larger numbers. Bricks must be made from anthill dirt and river sand, cement slabs must be poured for floors, grass will be used to thatch the roofs and electricity will be wired in.

Brian Scharf has been appointed part-time pastor of the Machias (NY) United Methodist Church. He is also in private practice as a chiropractor in Springville, where he lives with his wife, Susan (Pringle '78), and their three sons. They plan to travel to Jamaica in November for a short-term mission with the Christian Chiropractors' Association.

**80** Martha Joy ("MJ") (Olsen) Campbell is a part-time Medical Flex

Pool staff RN at St. Joe Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI, and also helps to staff the Urgent Care facilities in Canton and Plymouth. In addition, she enjoys "investing" in her family, is active at her church and in neighborhood outreach, and expects to finish the Navigator 2:7 course in May 1994. She and her husband, Keith, have three daughters.

Mark Farnsworth is beginning his second year in private practice at Barbour Co. Family Medicine in Philippi, WV.

Bruce Kramer is national accounts manager for the Rayovac Corporation. The company—which Bruce has been with for seven years—is now moving him from Ohio to Waunakee, WI. He and his wife, Debbie (Parsons '80), have two children.

Formerly an instructor in musicology at Eastern Illinois University, Timothy Roden is now assistant professor of music at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, OH.



Top picture, past and present scholarship recipients, l to r: Sharon Porter '74, Amy Jennings '93, Lori Hiler '95, (Bill Taylor '54, chapter president), Alicia Thompson Reukauf '83, Heather Thompson Walker '85 and baby Kayla, Mark DeYoung '95 (present, but missing from picture—Tom DeYoung '92).

Bottom picture, charter members, l to r: Dick Gould '61, Rilla Taylor (wife of Bill Taylor '54), Emily Van Riper '35, Sherman and Frances Lake (parents of Jean Lake Wolf '74), Bill Taylor '54.

## Finger Lakes Chapter Celebrates 25th

Forty-one alumni and other friends of the Finger Lakes chapter of Houghton's alumni association held a gala 25th anniversary celebration in Waterloo, NY, on September 18. The chapter, which boasts the oldest, most successful continuous scholarship program run by any Houghton alumni group, recognized its charter members—six of eight were present—four of 43 former scholarship recipients, and two of three current recipients. Since 1968 the chapter has raised and awarded \$6,000 to Houghton students.

Finger Lakes chapter has a history of innovation, having held chapter gatherings around such events as Houghton varsity basketball games—their first meeting—to supper cruises on Seneca Lake. Featured at the anniversary session were greetings from charter member Richard Gould, now associate professor of classics at Houghton, and Allen Gurley, Houghton's alumni director when the chapter was begun, and now associate pastor of campus ministries at Houghton Wesleyan Church. Attendees vied for prizes in a quiz on chapter history, and shared a cake, elaborately decorated with the college seal in color.

**81** Lynda (Close) Diamond teaches pre-first grade at South Seneca Central School in Interlaken, NY. She is also praise and worship leader of the Interlaken Reformed Church. She has composed some praise songs and written an Easter drama.

Civil engineer Edward Tietje designs landfills, recycling facilities, and public works projects for Fagan Engineers in Elmira, NY—an environmental engineering firm. His wife, Robin (Risley '81), home-schools their four children.

**82** Eric Fetterolf is director of social services at The Fountains, a continuing care retirement community in Pennsauken, NJ.

**83** Having completed a master's degree in mathematics education at Miami University of Ohio, Karen (Woodmansee) Martin has returned to work at Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

**84** Deborah (Smith) Kucan is office manager at Demor's Lincoln Mercury in Pittsburgh, PA. She and her husband, Peter, live in Ellwood City, PA (see *Down the Aisle* column).

While completing requirements for a Ph. D. in French literature, Susan (Jordon) Myers was an associate instructor of French at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. Currently she is writing her dissertation on the 20th century crime novelist, Sébastien Japrisot. She and her husband, Allen, live in Cleveland, OH (see *Down the Aisle* column).

Nancy (Bedor) Snyder is administrator of The Meadows, a 174-bed nursing home in Cooperstown, NY. She and her husband, Don, live in Fly Creek, NY, and attend the Community Bible Chapel (see *Down the Aisle* column).

Haruyo (Kondo) Uchida is an engineer doing circuit design for Texas Instruments Japan in Tokyo. Currently, she is on



a year-long leave of absence due to the birth of her son, Naoki (see *Future Alumni* column). She and her husband, Junichi, live in Yokohama.

Rochester, NY, police officer **Tony Zapata** is part of a pilot project known as the "High Visibility Patrol Unit", a four-member team consisting of two police officers and two housing authority officers, who patrol a 7.8 square mile area on bicycles. The team rides eight hours a day, five days a week, meeting with residents, identifying problem areas, working with children, and addressing safety concerns. Their mission is to bring police officers closer to the Rochester Housing Authority's estimated 5,000 residents and to help clear the sites of drug-related crime.

**85 Laura (Maranz) Dean** lives in Virginia where her husband, Ted, works for an environmental consultant firm. Laura was doing home health visits but currently devotes her time to motherhood (see *Future Alumni* column).

**Ralph Kerr** is an account executive for WDCZ-FM, a new Christian radio station in Rochester, NY. He lives in Fairport.

**Andrew Topolnycky** has opened a solo dental practice in the Lake Champlain Islands, near Burlington, VT. Until the house in New Hampshire sells, **June (Prosser-Topolnycky '86)** will continue to work at Channel Textile Co., Inc.

**Barbara Van Pelt** will be the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Southeast District Junior concert chairman for the '93-'94 school year.

**86 Kelly (Rich) Bernhard** lives in Camp Hill, PA, with her husband, Steve, son Christopher and new daughter Lindsey. She earned a reading specialist certification in 1990 and is currently finishing a master's thesis in teaching and curriculum from Penn State-Harrisburg.

**88 Mark and Judy (Geruldsen '89) Ashley** live in Elizabethtown, PA, where Mark teaches elementary health and physical education. He is also head soccer coach at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. Judy is an RN, working for Hospice of Lancaster County.

After serving as a long-term substitute teacher for Sunbury Christian Academy in Northumberland, PA, **MaryAnn (Hackenberg) Ginnan** now teaches second grade and Spanish there full-time.

**Terry Gordon** is band director and elementary music teacher at Schenectady (NY) Christian School. He also plays with the Joey Thomas Big Band. Their first album has just been released.

**Bonnie Seiferth** graduated from Arizona State University in August 1993 with a master's degree in special education. She is a preschool special education teacher with the

Isaac School District in Phoenix, AZ.

**Sonya (Covert) Young** received a master's degree in biological sciences from the University of Buffalo (NY) in 1991. She and her husband, Robert, are active members of the Lancaster Presbyterian Church where they are advisors to the senior high youth ministry. Currently she is a stay-at-home mother (see *Future Alumni* column).

**89 Stephen Riggs** graduated from the State University of New York Health

Science Center at Syracuse in May 1993. He is currently pursuing his internship in family practice at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. His wife, **Karen (Hervold '89)**, taught seven to twelfth grade math at Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School for the past three years, but is currently staying home with their daughter (see *Future Alumni* column).

Having received a master of theological studies degree from Boston University in May 1993, **Susan Schmidt** is now working on a master of social work degree at Co-

## Down The Aisle

Zachary & Martha (Ayres '93) Bryan '93	6-12-93
Randy & Cynthia (Frase '93) Carson '92	8-28-93
Keith & Karen (Pease '93) Davie '90	7-20-93
Daniel & Christine (Williams '92) Guest	8-14-93
Jason & Laurie (Stephany '92) Harrington '93	9-18-93
Brian & Tara (Butler '94) Hobson	8- 7-93
Peter & Deborah (Smith '84) Kucan	11-21-92
John & Maritza Lamb '76	11-22-92
Stephen & Lisa (Dill '91) Meloon	7-13-91
Allen & Susan (Jordan '84) Myers	7-17-93
Brian & Pamela (Lewis '88) Osterhus '89	1-23-93
Virgil Wiebe & Susan Schmidt '89	6- 5-93
Dane & Patty-Jeanne (Reicherter '88) Slaughter	8- 7-93
Donald & Nancy (Bedor '84) Snyder	3-20-93
David & Amy (Danner '93) Sperry '91	7-31-93

## Future Alumni

John Lehman & Denise Abers '79	10-22-87
Roger & Christine Bannister '79	5-11-93
Richard & Carol (Dixon '79) Bierwas	7- 8-93
Steve & Lillian (Sprole '77) Cornell '77	4-16-93
Scott & Mercy (Zecher '82) Dawson '82	11- 3-91
Ted & Laura (Maranz '85) Dean	5-16-93
Jeffrey & Karen (Reskallah '81) Degre	9-23-91
Dennis & Peggy (Leutbecher '86) Ervin	6- 7-93
David & Diane Fairley '91	6-25-93
Vance & Tammy (Danna '87) Hark	5-26-93
Rob & Wendy (Todd '85) Jacobson '80	7- 8-93
George & Karen (Fagerheim '83) Kupp	8-14-92
Donald & Janet (Perry '87) Maxon '87	9-24-93
Paul & Shelley (Scott '84) Penner	3-28-93
Stephen & Karen (Hervold '89) Riggs '89	8-30-93
Paul & Jeanne (Moceri '81) Ronca	5-25-93
Jim and Nancy (Graham '84) Sery	3- 5-93
Peter & Peggy (Childs '79) Skillman	7-23-93
Chad Patrick*	8-10-93
Emily Christine	Susanna Lynn Hei Young*
Joel Dixon	(from Korea)
Matthew David	6-29-88
Luke Robert	Stefan Peter Lynn*
Emilie Grace	(from Bulgaria)
Mandy Cherie	4- 6-87
Brianna Joy	5-19-93
Chloe Alexandra	6-19-93
Casey Grace	7-25-93
Jessica Sierra	6- 9-93
Andrew Jacob	3- 3-93
Robert Ryan	7-30-92
Mary Hannah	3-13-93
Kendra Leigh	5-22-91
Jaclyn Beth	Alicia Helen
Lauren Katie	11-30-92
Nathan August	
Abigail Louisa	
Susanna Lynn Hei Young*	
(from Korea)	
Stefan Peter Lynn*	
(from Bulgaria)	
Ashley Rebecca	
Joel Douglas	
Garrison Kik	
Naoki	
Matthew Tener	
Alyssa Leigh	
Ethan Michael	
Monica Louisa	
Alicia Helen	

\*Adopted



## A New Beginning

Apathy and despair are frequent responses when big corporations close a local plant. An exception is Sharpsville, Pa, where former employees of the Shenango Foundry, closed since March, together with other area residents banded together to raise \$7 million to buy out the operation and re-open the plant as Sharpsville Quality Products.

Helping to organize *A New Beginning*, the fundraising effort for the targeted four-county area in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, was Arthur Fuller '63, currently pastoring First Baptist Church in Sharpsville. In sharing a concept for returning the plant to local ownership, Rev. Fuller drew on earlier experience in juvenile justice and child welfare. He leads the church fund-raising committee which marked a first collaboration of churches and labor for such a project.

The total buyout and re-opening cost is expected to be \$4 to 5 million. With \$4 million in hand, the buyout team is purchasing the foundry and has hired a management group. Edward O'Boyle, economics professor at Louisiana Tech, and consultant to the buyout committee, said the effort represents more than reviving one foundry. Restructuring industry with a push for local employee ownership is pivotal to reviving other industries in an era when non-resident owners may prefer to close marginal operations rather than to correct problems. Buyout committee research found that most of 50,000 area jobs lost over the last 15 years were in plants that were profitable when they closed.

Pouring of the first iron under the new ownership is expected early in November. ANB has raised over \$250,000 in five-year no interest and 10-year low interest loans from concerned residents, former Shenango Inc. employees, several churches and United Steelworker Union groups. Now *Wall Street Journal* coverage is anticipated and a Canadian film company expects to include footage about Sharpsville in a documentary on plant closings.

Fuller says impetus for the work began when his church launched intensive prayer groups in May of 1990 as "The Shenango Valley Offensive." Today, church cooperation is increasing and a unity rally and revival held October 6 joined a dozen black and nine white churches. A joint youth ministry outreach is being planned, as are more industrial development projects.

Columbia University. She and her husband, Virgil Wiebe, attend the Manhattan Menonite Fellowship and live in Manhattan (see *Down the Aisle* column).

Dan Zerbe recently graduated from the University of Rochester (NY) School of Medicine. He expects to begin a family practice residency in Rochester this fall. His wife, Bethany (Howden '89), is a registered dietetic technician at Park Ridge Hospital in Greece, NY. They recently spent a month working at Memorial Christian Hospital in Bangladesh.

**90** Jim Bolich is working toward an M. Div. and ordination at Evangelical School of Theology in Myerstown, PA. He is also music director at Trinity United Church of Christ in Palmyra, PA.

Tamara Burr has worked for the auditing firm, Lambrides, Mendler, Lamos & Co. in Madison, NJ, for two years. She is currently studying for the CPA exam and enjoys "dabbling" in vocal recording, graphic design and public speaking.

Thomas Fenner recently performed in a play called, *Move Over, Mrs. Markham*, produced by The Theatre Workshop in Olean, NY.

Charles Howard lives and works in the village of Nkokonjeru, Uganda. He works for one of the family-owned companies of fellow Houghton graduate Francis Sembuya '90. He is the administrator of a large agricultural farm and is responsible for developing community development projects. He invites any interested persons to visit.

Living in Sitka, Alaska, Caroline Roederer is a full-time student, working on a second degree (elementary education), with certification in Alaska as her goal.

**91** David Fairley and his wife, Diane, expect to train with Youth With A Mission in November (see *Future Alumni* column).

**92** Barbara Fenner recently played Mrs. Markham in a Theatre Workshop production of *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* in Olean, NY.

Debbie Howard completed a master of arts degree in mathematics at the State University of New York at Binghamton this past summer. In September she left for Moscow where she will teach English in a Russian school for about a year.

Lori Taube teaches kindergarten at St. John's Lutheran School in New York City (Queens). She lives in Glendale, NY.

Michael Trexler is in his second year of medical school at the University of Rochester (NY) on an Air Force scholarship.

Lynn Zettlemoyer conducts the junior and senior choirs at the New Life Bible Fellowship Church in Oley, PA, where she attends. She also teaches private voice lessons

and on occasion fills in for her father who is a professional clown. She had a substitute teaching position last spring and is looking for a position teaching elementary music.

**93** An editorial by Lamar Boll was recently published in the Olean (NY) Times Herald. The subject was the confirmation of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court and her interpretation of the U. S. Constitution.

Kristen Lloyd was a featured performer in a recent fund raiser for the Corry (PA) Area Arts Council Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. Also featured were Randall Cornell '91 and Daniel Lingenfelter '93.

Having graduated with a double major in French and international studies, John-Paul Roederer is now living and seeking employment in France.

## In Memoriam

'40 Hazel (Cheney) Harrington died August 21, 1993, at the Raleigh (NC) Community Hospital. She was 78. Born in Jamestown, NY, Mrs. Harrington was a homemaker and a life member of the Dorothea Dix volunteer service. She helped at The Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen for several years. Survivors include her husband; a daughter; a son; three sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

'43 C. Gordon Stone died of a heart attack on April 30, 1991. He was pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Carbondale, PA, from 1946-1954. (*Milieu* has no other biographical information.) He is survived by his wife, Evelyn (Bryant '43), and their four children.

'30 Harriet (Storms) Vrooman died August 25, 1993, in WCA Hospital, Jamestown, NY. She was 89. Mrs. Vrooman was a music teacher in the Delevan School System and she and her husband, Arthur, who survives, had pastorates in the Evangelical United Brethren Erie Conference for 41 years. They served churches in Stillwater for 10 years and in Frewsburg for five years. Harriet was a church organist and served as a Sunday school teacher and worked with children and youth in the church. Her husband said that her great contribution to their years of ministry together was as music director of both junior and senior choirs, directing many cantatas. On July 25, 1993, the Vroomans celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Besides her husband, a sister survives.

*Milieu* has received several incomplete death notices. All known information is listed here: Winifred Birnie '38 died May 5, 1993; Frances (Hall '33) Schrader died August 24, 1993; Lucy (Newton '16) Voss died January 18, 1990; Arthur A. West '59 is survived by his wife, Helen (Godden '60).



## Memorial Gifts

*Memorial and In Honor Gifts were instituted by the alumni board early in the '70s. Today, donors to the fall annual fund may stipulate that their gift honor or memorialize individuals. Occasionally gifts made for other purposes are designated in writing as given in honor or in memory of a specific person. Either way, donor and honoree names are preserved in a permanent college record. This Milieu column was derived from that record as of Sept. 22, 1993.*

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## Looking for Lost Family

Houghton College seeks to recover ties with some 2,000 lost alumni. The list below represents some of them. We ask that you take time to read the list and write to Tim Fuller or Bruce Campbell at the alumni office with the addresses of people you know. Have **you** been out of touch with your *alma mater*? When you write, include a few sentences about yourself to the attention of Debbie Young.

<b>1929</b> W.H. Smiley	Frank Hurlburt Donald McIntosh	Calvin Clark John Du Bois Philip Essex David Miller Domenic Montaldi Robert Proctor Roderick Rinell Herbert Robertson Eugene Southard Alex Spooner Hervey Taber Herbert Troupe	Joshua Tsujimoto Allan Tullar Lowell Wagner Mack Weiford
<b>1934</b> Harlan Lane Harwood McSweeney Clifford Mix Arthur Montjoy	<b>1944</b> Clarence Burlingame Robert Kallina Lauren Robison Henry Zieman	<b>1954</b> David Bartlett Paul Benton Oran Burkett Richard Clifford Bruce Conroy Raymond Davis	
<b>1939</b> Russell Gilbert George Hilgeman	<b>1949</b> William Acevedo Everett Caes		

Albert Ekar Elwood Frisbee Robert George Kenneth Gosbee Lawrence Grow Allen Hakele Richard Hasler Ora Johnson Frank Lloyd Henry Moore Jay Pinover Richard Reed William Reed Jerome Robertson William Ryan John Thomas Donald Weiselberg	Glenn Beckley Ralph Boersma Allan Canfield William Cruver John Eyer Russell Havens Irvin Iversen Norman Johnson David Keller Frank Mac Laughlin Warren Myers Richard Samuels Russell Sands David Shiffer Hugh Walker Daryl White Richard White William Wilson
<b>1959</b> Paul Allshouse Sidney Andrews Angelo Barcia	<b>1964</b> Douglas Baine Robert Barrow



# A L U M N I

## IN ACTION

Paul Christie  
Edward Comes  
Francis Demarais  
Richard Dunbar  
Donald Feistamel  
Martin Golden  
James Johnson  
Herman Kottwitz  
Douglas Lansing  
Lester Lucas  
Robert Peck  
Geoffrey Perrin  
Wesley Rono  
John Ross  
James Scheifer  
Bruce Simmons  
James White  
Robert Whitely  
Gim Yap San  
Ralph Young

1969  
Stephen Baker  
Lavant Barney  
Alfred  
Bingenheimer  
George Brewin  
H. Dale Brown  
Daniel Burgess  
Michael Burroughs  
Nelson  
Chamberlain  
John David  
Cleaveland  
Dennis Graham  
Donald Hankin  
M. Robert Harris  
Robert Harris  
David Humphrey  
Steve Koven  
Frederick Mihm  
John Neider  
Leon Page  
James Penton  
Charles Peskir  
Michael Rabe  
Kenneth Robinson  
Jay Snyder  
Norman Staples  
John Swetnam  
Robert Titus  
Robert Van Cleef  
Arthur Waeterling

1974  
Robert Barr  
Walter Beabout  
Stephen Bennett  
Harry Coughenour  
David De Noble  
John Deitz  
Ross Etnoyer  
Jeffrey Flint  
David Hadley  
W. Douglas  
Henderson  
Stephen Kelvas  
Robin Kuhn

Michael Megill  
Paul Morgan  
Gary Pittlo  
Robert Poore  
Bruce Reed  
Robert Riter  
George Roksvaag  
Raymond Royce  
Bruce Schoonover  
Noel Seefeldt  
Marvin Stillman  
Burnett Thompson  
Robert Verno  
Timothy Wallace  
John Watson  
Timothy Weaver  
Richard Zahac

1979  
Michael Allen  
Robert Bishop  
Bruce Dimaria  
Dennis Eggleton  
John Ikegwuonu  
Joseph Kwok  
Gilbert Mac Whirter  
Jeffrey Patten  
Bryan Schoeffler  
Michael Testa

1984  
Donald Butcher  
Paul Castellano  
Timothy De Santo  
Mark Halford  
Daniel Holmsten  
Joseph Jenkins  
James MODOZIE  
Nnamdi Onyebuchi  
Gordon Reynolds  
Jonathan Root  
Emmanuel Ruranga

1989  
Kevin Bockus  
Michael Engler  
Mark Hendrickson  
Philip Meyer  
Michael Virga  
Gary Ware

*To facilitate recognition, the following list of women includes maiden names.*

1929  
Minnie Wright Wood

1934  
Lorraine Latta Weed

1939  
Doris Gleason Carl  
Rosemary Stillwell  
Grastorf  
Inez Hills Mc Lain  
Ethel Coxie Meyer  
Theodora Newcomb  
Miller  
Donna Evans Moore  
Kathryn Dake Williams

1944  
Virginia Whaley Banton  
Donna Lindsley Carpenter  
Ellen Stacy Clinkenbeard  
Lila Ames Erickson  
Ardarath Hober Gorsky  
Allegra Keeler Lang  
Dorothy Schantz Nelson

1949  
Doris Ross Adams  
Roberta Bezanson  
Copeland  
Mary Bash Downs  
Dorine Olmstead Fabri  
Virginia Hardt Firestone  
Barbara Hoops Gayk  
Helen Cook Herring  
Reta Langendorfer Karan  
Doris Cook Kirk  
Jane Crosby Lowell  
Muriel Barrett Marshall  
Beverly Stoddard Marziale  
Helen Gurganus Mordh  
Arlene Dunlap Paul  
Emily Dannheimer Stoep  
Claire Leffingwell  
Worman

1954  
Nancy Boynton Anda  
Jean Richards Bartley  
Joyce Edwards Blasdel  
Phyllis Cameron Cramer  
Joyce Beckwith Davis  
Margaret Grimm Durham  
Lenore Patmore Ekar  
Margaret Allen Gamble  
Josephine Ohanlon Gilbert  
Elizabeth Bates Matsik  
Marjorie Lawrence Miller  
Carolyn Hetrick Parks  
Margaret Bartlett Prevost  
Helen Johns Richardson  
Mildred Rawis Saltzman

Mary Fritz Span  
Janet Hill Whitcomb  
Maxine Clark Wright

1959  
Arlene Deihi Bray  
Arlene Ellberg Chilcott  
Elsie Hankinson Einfeldt  
Elaine Faris Faris  
Irene Sherwood Hatch  
Patricia Pier Hayden  
Margaret Roose Hazlett  
Marion Dinus Hufhand  
Faye Fisher Lafferty  
Astrid Nylund Leonard  
Nancy Chambers Mc Nall  
Mabel Belcher Mertens  
Beth Parker Nelson  
Ruth Van Kampen Olson  
Patricia Stalker Ward

1964  
Jean Dubell Anderson  
Donna Smiley Arnold  
Mary Shetland Boehne  
Ruth Walker Brackbill  
Virginia Palm Calderwood  
Miriam Correll Chapman  
Colleen Carson Cohen  
Lea Warboys Dingman  
Stephanie Souder Dirks  
Nancy Greenlaw Forsyth  
Carolyn Mc Graw  
Hunsinger  
Judith Smeal Jantz  
Carol Schmidt Jordan  
Martha Hempel Lansing  
Patricia Wesche Lubeins  
Roberta Macumber  
Mc Clernan  
Phyllis Mc Cabe Melton  
Robins Nesbitt Simmons  
Virginia Fouts Smith  
Carol Sergisson South  
Bette Lou Smith Tabone

1969  
Susan Clark Byrd  
Judy Lamason Cole  
Janice Hill Cornelisse  
Joanne Coull Doane  
Phyllis Costanzo Dunn  
Susan Belson Hamann  
Sandra Purcell Howard  
Judith Jordan Janett  
Janice Miller Jewell  
Georgia Leader Kline  
Margaret Wing Lewis  
Marcia Deright Little  
Linda Wright Matlock  
Judith Moger Rupp  
Janice Ogden Taylor

Elizabeth Smith Thiessen  
Janice Chandler Tilley  
Judith Larkins Truffin  
Louise Bianco Tucciarone  
Barbara Snead Vrazel  
Diane Acevedo Weiner  
Joyce Olivenbaum Wilson

1974  
Cynthia Penne Bailey  
Beverly Webb Brett  
Perring  
Marilyn Marolf Coles  
Linda Baker Hanley  
Linda Roughton Harding  
Nancy Garrison Icke  
Rosemary Cornell Kay  
Nancy Gordon Littleton  
Vera Mette Mefford  
Suzanne Nussey-Barr  
Ardys Engle Pitto  
Karen Orchard Priest  
Carol Rinaldo Sweeney  
Sandra Dimon Sykes  
Dorothy Glasgow Tarullo  
Carla Crockett Thompson  
Marjorie Covey Thomson  
Nancy Earhart Weaver  
Esther Zimmerman  
Zimmerman

1979  
Bonnie Baker Bowen  
Carlene Haley Bush  
Edna Niles Giffin  
Laurel Bulkeley Hargrave  
Melanie Moy Mead  
Susan Payne Potter  
Veronica Morton Preston  
Arlene Knoll Slayton  
Cindy Morse Switzer  
Lisa Osborne Walker  
Beverly Cunningham  
Washichek  
Percillah Smalley  
Woodard

1984  
Linda York Campbell  
Rhonda Johnson  
Humphrey  
Martha Falk Parker  
Kathleen Wilcox Patterson  
Penny Relyea Schlueter  
Michele James Smith

1989  
Kathryn O Dell Biller  
Sheila Proskine Bockus  
Alicia Clemons Hardy



## HIGHLANDER SPORTS

by David Mee, Sports Information Director

### Soccer Men Ranked 8th Nationally

It seems fitting that the Highlander men's soccer team is off to one of its best starts in this, Coach Doug Burke's final season. At 10-1-1, the squad ranked #8 in the NAIA National Poll (Oct. 4). Their only blemish came against the defending 1992 NAIA National Champions, Belhaven College of Mississippi. Belhaven, coached by former Highlander Peter Fuller, scored with twenty-five seconds left in the Homecoming match for a 2-1 win.

Given the strength of this year's team, Houghton's quest for a fourth consecutive NAIA District 18 title seems well within reach. Earlier in the season, senior Dan Dominguez of Wheaton, IL, became the High-

lander's career-point leader, passing Patrick Okafor's ('76) 100 points which had stood for 17 years. There seems to be little doubt that Coach Burke will complete his legendary career with one of the best teams to represent Houghton soccer.

### Women's Soccer Improving

At present, head coach David Lewis' women's soccer team is 6-5. After a rather slow start, the women won three consecutive games including a 7-0 shutout of visiting Spring Arbor College (MI). Houghton's "California connection" is carrying most of the scoring load. Sophomore Heidi Gugler and freshman Jamie Gardiner are both graduates of Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton, CA. As expected, the two Southern California all-stars are Houghton's most dangerous threats on offense. With half the season yet to be played, a return trip to post-season play for these women seems very possible.

### Cross Country Running Well

Houghton's successful cross country teams are accomplishing what many people expected them to: finishing near the top of every meet. With a women's team that may be one of the state's strongest and a men's team that has taken great strides in '93, a return trip to the NAIA National in Wisconsin seems quite likely. Naomi Castellani is again one of New York's premier runners, winning most of the races she's entered.

Also running well has been Heather George, who with Naomi, gives HC a strong 1-2 punch. Jason Wiens, a newcomer to the Highlanders from Canada, has

been a strong performer for the men. Lee Thurber from Oneonta, NY, has also placed high in his appearances. The women finished first, with the men second, in the annual Houghton Invitational at Homecoming.

### Volleyball Cruising

Houghton's women's volleyball team seems poised once again to challenge for the NAIA district 18 crown. With a present record of 13-2, the team is an interesting mix of veteran and rookie talent.

Seniors Sheri Lankford of Virginia Beach, VA; Akron, OH, native Julie Claypool; and transfer junior Erin Sheehy of Tacoma, WA, anchor a powerful Houghton attack. Escondido, CA, prep standout and freshman Allaysia Hanson has impressed many onlookers at her hitter position. With a team that seems to have no apparent weaknesses, the post season looks bright. That's good news for a team that's been "on the doorstep" for a number of seasons.

### Field Hockey

Houghton's most youthful team is also one of its more talented squads. The field hockey team, led by first-year coach Lori Sheetz, is off to a 6-4 start, including a six-game winning streak. They captured their third consecutive Christian College Invitational crown in Philadelphia in September. Junior Brenda Pettygrove is a consistent threat on offense while sophomore Jen Todd has six shutouts to her credit in goal. While last year's 13-2-1 squad is certainly a tough act to follow, this team of many underclassmen may prove that '93 is not a rebuilding year after all.



Co-captain Dan Dominguez confers with coaches during halftime of the Indiana Wesleyan match played at Wheaton. Houghton won 5-0.



Last adversarial handshake between coaches Doug and Steve (Judson College) Burke





## NYNEX, Wendt Grants Fund Mac Lab

Houghton College has received \$50,000 from the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation and the first of two checks to total \$87,000 from NYNEX Corporation to fund a Macintosh-based multimedia lab which provides hands-on experience for teacher ed. students, other Houghton students and faculty, and area public school teachers.

Equipment includes a Quadra 800, zap-shot camera, color scanner and video camera. The six workstations, which include video and CD ROM elements, can be

used to develop multimedia presentations and video assessment portfolios. The Wendt Foundation grant funds the equipment purchase while the NYNEX grant funds staffing and operations for two years.

*Pictured from left at the presentation with Dr. Chamberlain (far right) are: Michael G. McGowan, director of community relations and economic development at New York Telephone in Buffalo, and Kim Hayden, staff manager/corporate contributions for NYNEX in New York City. Representing the Wendt Foundation was Dr. Ralph Loew, a trustee of the Buffalo-based foundation.*

## Eight Join Faculty

Eight new members have joined the Houghton faculty.

**Donn Bennice** (see August '93 *Milieu*, p. 23) joins the faculty as associate professor of physical education and basketball coach.

**Karen Cianci** is associate professor of biology. Having earned a Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College in 1989, she has been visiting assistant professor of psychology at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, where she taught psychobiology.

**Ann Cooper Gay** is assistant professor of music and music education coordinator. Ann has both an honors diploma in opera and a master's degree in music education from the University of Toronto. She has taken additional studies in musicology, drama, and children's choir techniques at the University of Texas, Sul Ross State University, and Westminster Choir College. Since 1986 she has been director of High Park Girls' Choir in Toronto and since 1988, director of the Women's Chorus and instructor of music at the University of Toronto.

**Susan Hice** is associate professor of education and director of the academic support center. Since 1979 she has had her own private practice at the St. Thomas

Reading Clinic in Jamestown, NY, where she does reading diagnosis and consultation. She earned a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1983. From 1987-89 she served as ECIA Coordinator and Reading Teacher at Ripley Central School.

**Mark Hijleh** is assistant professor of theory/composition. In the spring of 1993, he was guest lecturer at Howard Community College in Columbia, MD. Since 1990 he has been music instructor and department head at the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore, MD. He earned a doctor of musical arts from Peabody Conservatory in 1991.

**Ruth Johns Heath** is interim assistant professor of Spanish. She served as interim instructor of Spanish at Houghton from 1986 through 1988. She has been at Indiana University completing her

course work for a Ph.D. in French.

**Jayne Maugans** is associate professor of sociology. She taught at Houghton on an interim basis in 1991-92. Formerly the director of the studies center at Alfred University, she wrote the book, *Aging Parents, Ambivalent Baby Boomers*. She earned a Ph. D. from SUNY Buffalo.

**Christopher Stewart** is interim assistant professor of philosophy. He has taught at Indiana University South Bend, St. Mary's College, and the University of Notre Dame. Most recently he was visiting assistant professor of philosophy at Asbury College in Wilmore, KY. He earned a Ph. D. from the University of Notre Dame in 1992.

Joining the faculty part-time are: **Terry Cianci**, biology; **Julia Grimm**, psychology and PACE; **Ann (Irving '85) McNeill**, English; and **John Powell**, director of pastoral and church ministries and sociology.

*From top left:  
Donn Bennice,  
Karen Cianci,  
Ann Cooper Gay,  
Susan Hice,  
Mark Hijleh,  
Ruth Johns  
Heath, Jayne  
Maugans,  
Christopher  
Stewart*







When art department founder Aileen O. Shea asked emeritus professor of physics S. Hugh Paine to pose for an oil portrait, he answered with an emphatic "No!" But he agreed to pray about it and his next answer was "Yes." The resulting portrait, which Dr. Shea has graciously donated to the college, was unveiled on Founders' Day. Following remarks by Dr. Chamberlain to a packed audience in the Stephen Paine Science Building faculty lounge, an emotional Hugh Paine told the crowd, "Satan felt because he failed to give recognition to the One who deserved it. For anything good I've done here, I give all the glory to God." Dr. Shea's portrait, which many agree caught the delightful twinkle in Dr. Paine's eyes, hangs in the science faculty lounge. Dr. Paine is author of the new book, *Founded on the Floods* (Productions Plus, 1-800-690-3885).

## Faculty News

Faculty summer activities ranged from camping in the Rockies and teaching Mayterm to working on dissertations and remodeling a bathroom.

History and political science department head **Cameron Airhart** taught a "Great Books" course at SUNY Geneseo, and continued restoring his and his wife's old 19th century Houghton farmhouse.

**Ken Bates**, associate professor of business, spent a lot of time developing the PACE program, placed business and accounting interns for this fall, worked on a presentation for the Christian Business Faculty Association's annual conference and vacationed in Canada and the Poconos.

Assistant professor of education, **Darlene Bressler** worked on the last two chapters of her dissertation.

Professor of voice **Bruce Brown** canoed down the French River in Canada with 15 other Houghtonites and visited his daughter in Boston, MA. He said the highlight there was whale watching.

**Edna Howard**, professor of education and chair of the department, has been elected to serve a five-year term on the board of Belfast Central School. In September

she attended Albany's Academy for New School Board Members. Her six sons and their families visited throughout the summer.

**Lawrie Merz**, reference and music librarian, visited Rocky Mountain National Park and the Badlands as well as Mount Rushmore. She continued to work on her master's degree in art history at Syracuse University.

Associate professor of educational ministries **Bill O'Byrne** and his wife, Betty, traveled and spoke in Britain, France, Switzerland and Germany. Their trip was cut short by a month, due to a week-long hospital stay for Bill, who is under doctors' care for a liver disorder. He did manage to teach an Elderhostel session in August on the 25-year sectarian/political turmoil in Ireland. (He spent his January-May sabbatical teaching at Irish Baptist College in Belfast.)

Research on the development of lithium batteries in room temperature molten salt electrolyte systems comprised a lot of what **Bernie Piersma** did this summer. In August he was one of 50 scientists to attend a Gordon Research Conference on molten salts in New Hampshire. Piersma is professor of physical chemistry.

Professor of mathematics **Richard Pocock** co-taught an experimental Mayterm course titled "Computer and Calculator Applications in Mathematics." He camped with his wife in Colorado and Wyoming.

**Rhea Reed**, assistant professor of accounting, bought a house and started a law practice.

After a stint as a translator at the World University Games in Buffalo in July, foreign language department chair **Jean-Louis Roederer** and his wife, Sandy, visited their daughter in Alaska and put their son on a plane for France.

Physics and earth science department chair **Duane Saufley** was one of 14 participants in a

diode laser workshop at Calvin College (MI) in June. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the purpose of the workshop was to teach participants how to build a diode laser system from readily-available commercial parts. Saufley said, "I intend to do this at Houghton through interaction with student projects. Diode lasers have become widely available commercially through their use in compact disc players and FAX machine scanners."

In June Spanish professor **Bill Siemens** participated in a meeting of the Association of North American Colombianists, of which he is a founder and treasurer.

**Daryl Stevenson**, chair of the psychology and sociology department, played "Mr. Mom" for seven weeks, remodeled a bathroom, taught two PACE courses and wrote the Middle States' self-study design for the college. He said he *thought* about writing a book.

**Fred Trexler**, professor of physics, helped daughter Laurel remodel her "prairie homestead" in Illinois and toured the Oregon coast with son Michael, both Houghton graduates. Fred and his wife, Val, visited many Houghton alumni as they traveled some 13,700 miles.

Theology professor **John Tyson** chaired the third annual colloquium on "The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King." He wrote and published an article, "The Wesleyan Hymns—Then and Now", for *Challenge to Evangelism Today*, an unofficial quarterly magazine of the United Methodist Church with a circulation of nearly 400,000. Tyson was the "Bible Hour Teacher" at the 58th annual Bible conference at Camp Findlay Lake (NY). He lectured on I John, conducted a continuing education course on Methodist spirituality, and began writing sample chapters of his book, tentatively titled *Invitation to Christian Spirituality*, to be published.

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Top: An early photo across the Bedford/campus plateau, looking toward the Genesee River. East Hall now stands where the three houses at left are shown. Sylvester Bedford's house, the first on the plateau, is the white frame house right of center, removed to construct the campus center. J. N. Bedford's brick-veneered house, later the Infirmary, stands at the right. Lower photos: Recyclables, including stained glass windows, were removed from the house before the leveling, at right.

## Historic Bedford House Downed

During the waning days of summer, Houghton's oldest remaining campus structure, the John Nelson Bedford/McDowell/Hussey House/Infirmary came down, victim of internal decay, high restoration costs, and changing needs.

Built in 1904 by the brother of Sylvester Bedford (the man who sold the Wesleyan Lockport Conference and Board of Education the plateau the college now occupies), the house was standing when Fancher Hall and old Gaoyadeo dorm first went into service in 1906. J.N. Bedford taught theology at Houghton from 1904 until he retired.

Later the Bedford's home housed the McDowells and Husseys. The college acquired the house in 1926 as a residence for senior women, naming it for H. W. McDowell. Two years later the building was remodeled for use as

"The Infirmary," a less positivist name for today's Health Center. As an infirmary it had four private rooms, a ward, sun parlor and doctor's office. It served in that capacity until 1980 when half of the basement floor of East Hall's original wing was converted for use as a health center. Thereafter, the old building was redubbed Bedford House and used for overflow housing. During the college's 1982-83 centennial it showcasing archival exhibits. Since then, its internal layout, growing structural problems, squirrel and other rodent infestations made continued use impractical without serious five-figure infusions of cash.

Now the site is cleared and graveled, "seasoning" over the winter. The area adds parking adjacent to the Reinhold Campus Center, enhances the view of the Genesee Valley, and will support a small green area and a picnic table mounted on the old slab once occupied by WJSL's first satellite dish.

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Psychology professor **Paul Young** represented Houghton at five Wesleyan district conferences, taught an Alumni College course and gave a seminar on family life issues at Houghton Family Camp. He was named director of Wesleyan men for the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church.

## 401 New Students

Executive director of alumni and admissions Tim Fuller reports that 401 new full-time students from 19 states and nine foreign countries are attending Houghton this fall. Of these, 302 are freshmen, including 11 high school valedictorians, 11 salutatorians, one National Merit finalist, and 14 Letter of Commendation winners.

Total enrollment is 1141 students, 33 of them part-time. Of those, 705 are women and 436 are men. This includes 14 business and psychology interns based at the Buffalo Suburban Campus as well as 44 student teachers located at schools throughout western New York and five educational ministry interns.

An additional 10 students are enrolled in off-campus programs, such as Houghton's Oregon Extension. And approximately 100 non-traditional students are currently enrolled in Houghton's adult degree completion program, PACE—70 at the Buffalo Suburban Campus and some 30 at the Olean, NY, site.

## Hungarian Seminars Set

From May 28 to June 9, 1994, business professor Richard Halberg will head his third annual series of business seminars for managers, small business owners and entrepreneurs in selected cities throughout Hungary.

Topics will include management styles and methods, planning strategies for growth, and communicating with and serving customers. To learn more about participating, contact Halberg by mail or call (716) 567-9447.





L. to r. With Dr. and Mrs. Prinsell, sons Joel '77, Jon '70, Jeffrey '75, and James.

## Sons' Scholarship Honors Parents

After tracing Dr. Prinsell's career from boyhood in Jersey City, NJ, to World War II U.S. Navy experiences in his Founders' Day citation, President Chamberlain noted that Prinsell had completed Houghton's pre-med program under the late Dr. Moreland in just two years and two summers, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1948. He then traced the Prinsells' missionary medical career in Sierra Leone, 27 years practicing in Houghton—12 of them as college physician, and his

continuing work as Director of the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship (see *Milieu*, Oct. '90).

In a surprise ceremony, Chamberlain announced to the Prinsells that their four sons have established a scholarship in their honor to be awarded to students preparing for medical missions careers. The Prinsell sons (three are also alumni), came from Hong Kong, Atlanta, Dallas and Orlando to see their father honored.

Dr. Komp, professor of pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine, was cited for her work as an oncologist, for prodigious output for professional journals, and "the eloquent testimony to your renewed faith," evidenced in award-nominated books about her work with child cancer patients. The centennial Houghton Hundred member also shared drafts of chapters for a coming book with the Writing Workshop class. More of that exchange will appear in the January '94 *Milieu*.



According to the admissions office, second generation freshmen or returning students at Houghton this year include Michael Bailey, Gary Bajus, Shannon Bates, Angela Bence, Heidi Brautigam, Lars Brownworth, Juanita Chandler, Janelle Chapin, Heidi Church, Stephen Clark (fifth generation), Carolyn Crouch, Kelly Daugherty, David Dominguez, Matthew Eggleston, Eric Engert, Nathan Friebe, Melissa George, Zonsiluo Gompah, Michele Kaltenbaugh, Nathan Lawrence, Molly Little, Alayna Littleton, Rebecca Lloyd, Jennifer Lytle, Michelle Manuel, Megan McFarland, Holly McIntosh, Todd Miner, Melanie Montanari, Pamela Morgan, Melissa Morton, Jay Piersma, Joy Piersma, Jennifer Richardson, Julie Roederer, Karen Ross, Brett Ruthberg, Jessica Sandle, George Schmidt, James Sitzer, Sheila Stewart, Nathan Tucker, Kent Valandra, Alissa Vaus, Amy Wallenbeck, and Jameson Zoller.

Fifth generation student Stephen Clark is the son of Stephen Clark '73 and Paula (Doughten '73) Clark. His grandparents are Reita (Wright '44) and Russell Clark '47. Reita's parents were Stanley and Edna (Bedford—attended '02-'10) Wright. Edna's parents were Sylvester and Elizabeth (Rathbun) Bedford, students at the Seminary and owners of the plateau on which the college now stands.

## CAMPUS NEWS



Known to all Houghton residents, to thousands of alumni and to myriad other campus visitors who've experienced his cuisine as manager of Pioneer Food Service, Allen Rehn is a beloved figure. When he received the 1993 President's Advisory Council on Excellence Award at the PACE luncheon on Founders' Day, October 1, it was a popular choice.

While Al didn't have much time to enjoy his award—Homecoming creates one of Pioneer's busiest weekends—he clearly delighted in the appreciation his efforts have garnered. Al grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of a wholesale butcher. He earned a business administration degree from the University of Cincinnati and married his wife, Janet, in 1959. PACE chairman Mr. Herman Osterhus called him "one of Houghton's most visible ambassadors." His enthusiasm for his work is infectious. His wife also works in Houghton's food service, as does their daughter, Karen. Son Jeffrey is in food service at Friends' University (KS).

Anyone who's watched Al create one of his fanciful, shimmering ice sculptures, or whimsical vegetable carvings knows he's artistic. But beyond chainsaws and paring knives he's gifted in drawing and painting. His co-workers and the students return the love he bears them. Although he's not a college employee, he's been a class advisor and received a senate excellence award. As Mr. Osterhus concluded, "Al Rehn loves Houghton and Houghton loves Al."

## Accreditation Set

A 10-member steering committee and 10 subcommittees have begun an institutional self-study, the report of which will guide a Middle States Accreditation team visit to Houghton in 1994-95. Meeting since September, the groups are addressing dozens of questions ranging from college goals to assessing effectiveness. Dr. Daryl Stevenson chairs the committee.





Drs. Shannon, Komp, Chamberlain, and Prinsell



Junior Class float evoked pop music by the decade



Precision briefcase marching band



Alumnus of the Year, Dave Pollock

# Homecoming '93

In his Founders' address, *Houghton College: Egypt, Sinai, or Canaan*, 35-year Houghton faculty / administration veteran Dr. Fred Shannon used the analogy of Israel's Biblical wanderings to trace Houghton College history and exhort his audience of students and special guests to continue both tradition and pilgrimage.

The recently-retired chemistry professor and former academic dean punctuated his presentation with Irish wit and—with help from organist Dr. Judy Congdon—musical punning.

Shannon said the Houghton College experience includes aspects of each of his title locations: a modern Egyptian Land of Goshen as "a place of increasingly-hard labor;" a desert place combining unexpected beauty and character-building challenge; and elements of "an institutional promised land," epitomized in natural beauty, evidence of God's care, and excellent role models among faculty, staff, founders of the past, and alumni. Shannon urged his hearers not to "become weary in well doing," and to "learn the history of Houghton." He concluded: "The strength of Houghton College is its product," which he called "a perennial *diaspora* of graduates."

Following the address, which received a standing ovation, the editors presented the 1993 *Boulder* (yearbook), dedicating it to the late chemistry professor, Dr. Anne Whiting. Honorary

degrees were presented to Yale Medical School professor of pediatrics, oncologist, author and '61 Houghton alumna, Dr. Diane Komp (Doctor of Humane Letters); missionary physician Dr. Gustave Prinsell, Class of '48, (Doctor of Science); and to Dr. Shannon (Doctor of Pedagogy).

Past Homecomings have featured sun, snow or sleet; this was the first in memory to bring rain. Nonetheless, an imaginative parade came off on schedule. Highlights were the Class of '95's float featuring musical *vignettes* following the Jazz Festival theme, and the Houghton College Precision Briefcase Marching Band—featuring alumni board members.

In a variation on tradition, students named a Homecoming Queen and King—pictured on the cover with parade marshals, Bruce and Kathy Breneman. Crowned were: international studies major Kristy Tennant of Syracuse, NY, and biology major Drew White of Salamanca, NY. Senior attendants were Leigh (Williams) Meyers, Dave Francis, Jim Karcanes and Robin Scherer.

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