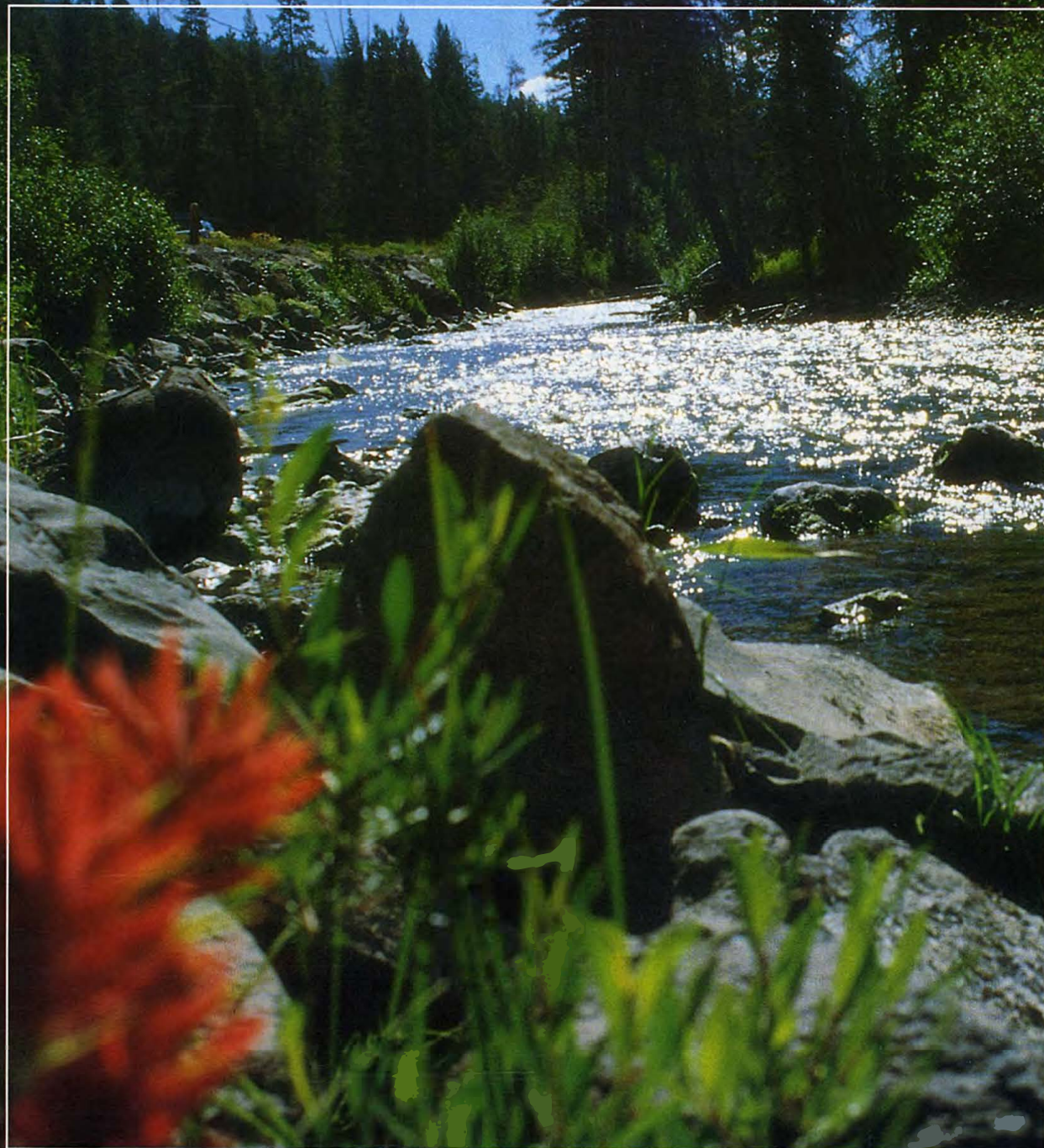


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## From the President

# Of Gardens and Stewardship

Americans have earned a worldwide reputation for idealism and optimism. This combination helps account for the fact that early in this century liberal theologians taught that people had both the duty and the power to bring about God's perfect kingdom here on earth. That hope was captured by the credo: Everyday and in every way, things (and people) are becoming better and better. Subsequent history has shattered that simple optimism, and instead of ushering in the kingdom, the 20th century will be known as the one in which more human beings died at the hands of their fellows than in all previous centuries combined.

While our optimism and idealism have lost much of their luster, they continue to emerge on specific issues. One such issue is environmental concern, an issue which has received intense attention at various times in this century. Teddy Roosevelt was a great champion of environmental causes, and the dust bowl of the '30s led to the soil bank and various other environmentally sound agricultural methods. Concern for mother earth was a rallying cry in the '60s and the environmental issue has emerged with renewed energy in the '90s.

This waxing and waning of environmental concern also demonstrates the impatience of Americans. We are far better at identifying serious problems and talking eloquently about their present and long-term significance,

than we are at solving such issues as war, racism, drug abuse and poverty. Such inconsistency frequently leads to cynicism among our older citizens who observe, "We have heard those concerns and arguments before and not much has changed." The young may respond with despair, lamenting that they lack the power to change society's prodigal ways and the influence to insist that their elders implement necessary improvements.

Christians dare not ignore vital issues identified by society. However, our agenda is established by a higher authority than public opinion. The very first words of scripture tell us, "In the beginning God created." Much of that creation was once and for all. As theologians remind us, humans are limited: *ex nihilo nihil fit*—nothing is made from nothing unless God does it. While God continues to participate in the creative process, He has also delegated enormous responsibilities to the human race.

God placed the first humans in a garden—not to own it, but to tend it. Tending a garden suggests that much of what is there is to be nurtured and maintained. It also makes it clear that people are stewards of God's creation. We cannot carry any of God's physical creation into eternity, but while we are on earth, God expects us to be good stewards. God did not say to our first parents, "Name it and claim it." Rather, He said by implication, "Know it so that you can name it."

In the Old Testament, names attempt to capture something of the essence of the person, plant or animal being named. And so our first responsibility is to know God's creation as fully as our opportunities and understanding permit. Such knowledge is essential to Christian stewardship of the environment, and it will also produce profound respect for all created things.

This mandate from heaven then is not for a time or for a season; rather, caring for God's creation as good stewards is an assignment for all generations. We must have the humility to recognize that we cannot fully redeem a fallen creation by good stewardship, but we will not allow that limitation to deter us from handling the blessings of creation with love, care, and responsibility.

At Houghton we strive by our instruction and our example to avoid the extreme positions some take about the environment. We dare not accept the pantheistic and new-age belief that the creation is God. Our beliefs and behavior must also reject the equally unscriptural attitude that God's creation is for our generation alone which entitles us to plunder it without regard to the Creator or to our role as his stewards. Our task is to be good gardeners and conscientious stewards.

*Daniel R. Chamberlain*

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## Laptop Computers Selected

Houghton's educational technology initiative (ETI) moves closer to fruition with announcement that the Toshiba 200CDS is the ETI project team's choice for the laptop computer fall '97 entering students will purchase. The team evaluated nine proposals comparing price, features, finance options, warranty, service, training packages, manufacturer's reputation and product ruggedness.

For \$2,100, students will have color display, 100MHz Pentium processor, 24 megabytes of RAM, CD ROM, 772MB hard disk, and more than \$1,100 worth of required software, plus a three-year warranty and on-campus repair. Planners hope to have machines available for incoming students visiting campus in late April and May. Current students electing to purchase machines may be able to do so by semester's end.

## College Receives Initial New Era Settlement Check

President Daniel R. Chamberlain has announced receipt of an initial distribution of over \$323,000 from the Foundation for New Era Philanthropy bankruptcy settlement. Chamberlain said the settlement was developed by the bankruptcy trustee with the assistance of many organizations, including United Response to New Era, a group representing more than 100 organizations that lost funds which New Era founder John G. Bennett Jr. had said would be matched by anonymous donors. Under the settlement, many organizations that received more money than they deposited with New Era have returned the funds, which allegedly came from the deposits of subsequent participants.

Houghton College was also among more than 30 not-for-profit corporations to file a lawsuit against Prudential Securities Inc. for its role as an escrow agent of New Era deposits. The suit maintained that Prudential's involvement lent credibility to Bennett's operation.

According to Chamberlain, a court agreement was reached combining settlement of the New Era bankruptcy case and the Prudential lawsuit. "The terms of this agreement term inate lawsuits against Prudential, as well as numerous suits that Prudential planned to initiate relating to New Era. Prudential has also agreed to pay the bankruptcy trustee \$18 million—\$16.2 million of which will be added to the amounts distributed to organizations whose deposits with New Era exceeded their returns and \$1.8 million for legal costs," he explained.

The bankruptcy trustee is now pursuing organizations that received more money than they deposited, but have not yet returned the amounts called for in the settlement. Chamberlain noted, "The trustee currently projects that we may receive the next distribution of funds early this summer."

Houghton officials have been told that organizations participating in only the bankruptcy proceedings will receive about 85 percent of their initial deposits. Organizations, such as Houghton College, that participated in both the bankruptcy and the lawsuit against Prudential will recover approximately 90 percent, after paying all legal fees. "This settlement is far better than anyone projected when New Era collapsed in May 1995," the president said. Since most of the \$1.5 million Houghton deposited with New Era came from realized gains in the college's endowment, all recovered funds will be returned to the endowment.

## At \$258,528 Phonathon Tops Goal

Phonathon '96, built upon the theme, "No Ordinary Opportunity," reached, then exceeded its \$250,000 goal on February 27. Sixty faculty, staff, alumni, and 125 student volunteers from 14 groups, completed 6,621 calls to alumni and friends throughout the U.S. and Canada. The average gift was \$107.

Again, phonathon proceeds will benefit Houghton students matriculating this fall and (with satisfactory academic performance) follow them through their years here. These need-based awards will average \$750. Typically, about one third of the new students will qualify for phonathon aid.

Phonathon director Barbara Bates said student callers are "often surprised to discover how many people care about the college, support it, and them." Many say this will motivate them to participate as alumni. Development secretary Eileen Spear gathered more than 60 prayer requests (illness, family situations, financial difficulties were recurring items) from callers, then circulated them to several campus prayer groups.



*During phonathon this year, 125 students pulled together to raise scholarship dollars.*





The grand re-opening of Big Al's Snack Shop in the campus center basement February 17 drew hundreds of students for free pizza, chicken wings, beverages and prizes. Faculty and staff volunteers served the dinners. All enjoyed a live jazz combo. Enlarged to accommodate 200, the snack shop has new floors and furniture, plus 17 booths with power and campus computer network outlets. Augmenting new wall and "window" treatments and lighting is an adjacent sports lounge-styled alcove with two TVs suspended from the ceiling. One student's comment was typical: "It's changed the whole room, the whole feel. It's more classy, more restaurant style." Underscoring the new look are earth tones and wood, functional and decorative columns, and reconfigured student organization offices. Members of the President's Advisory Council on Excellence and grants by Fleet Bank and the Manley Memorial Trust helped fund the project. College workers and T&W Construction of Arcade executed the design by Pearce, Basinger & Associates of Rochester.



## Playing With Leading Christian Musicians

The Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship (CPAF) will conduct its first Masterworks Festival on the Houghton campus June 22 - July 20. Designed as an opportunity for young Christian musicians to build performing skills, develop their faith commitment, play together and interact with prominent artists, the festival will feature piano, choral and orchestral tracks.

Nationally known Christian artists participating will include: Jerome Hines and Myra Merritt of the New York Metropolitan Opera; Anne Martindale Williams of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra; Laura Park of the Boston Symphony Orchestra; classical guitarist Christopher Parkening, and Phil Smith of the New York Philharmonic. Coordinating the orchestra program will be Luis Haza, conductor of the American Youth Philharmonic. The 22 faculty are Christian instrumentalists or choral personnel drawn nationwide from professional ensembles.

CPAF, begun in 1984, now numbers 750 musicians and ballet dancers from 300 churches in 25 denominations. Directing the festival will be conductor-author Dr. Patrick Kavanaugh, the fellowship's executive director. Campus coordinator is theory and composition professor Dr. Mark Hijleh. For registration information contact Mr. Bruce Brenneman at the college.

## Faculty News

Newly elected to three-year terms as department chairs are Dr. Larry Christensen, chemistry; Dr. Doug Gaerte, English and communication; professor Richard (Jake) Jacobson, mathematics and computer science; Dr. Ron Oakerson, history and political science, and Dr. John Van Wicklin, integrative studies.

Promoted to professor are Drs. Robert Galloway and Jean Reigles, music, and Ted Murphy, art. Advanced to associate professor are Drs. Mark Hijleh, music; Christopher Stewart, philosophy, and Yuanmin Zheng, biology. Granted tenure is education department head Dr. Daniel Woolsey.

Associate dean of students and residence life director Timothy Nichols has received his Ph.D. from SUNY at Buffalo. In his program Nichols studied the interaction of education and society, and his dissertation compared and contrasted the histories of Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary and Oberlin Collegiate Institute.

Old Testament professor Carl Schultz will lead a tour (his 15th) to Israel and Greece May 26 - June 6. The trip may be made for pleasure or for college credit. Reach Dr. Schultz for detailed information at the college by mail, phone or e-mail [cschultz@houghton.edu](mailto:cschultz@houghton.edu).



## A Place in the Sun

A vision was born in the 1980s to create a retirement village in Houghton, adjacent to medical care facilities, easily accessible to college and community cultural opportunities. Steps toward realizing that dream have been incremental but real. In the area ultimately intended for the village, the college now operates two four-apartment townhouses for student use, anticipating the eventual goal of their becoming retirement village starter units.

This summer, persons interested in someday inhabiting such a complex (though that's not a requirement) can try out a townhouse and the location. Six four-bedroom, two-bath, furnished townhouses will be available for rent during June and July. Dates and duration are flexible.

Cost will be \$500 per month or \$140 per week. All utilities will be provided. Units are equipped with range and refrigerator, microwaves and cable TV. Laundry facilities are available. Linens, dishes and cooking utensils are not included. No pets. Interested parties should contact Ken Nielsen at (716) 567-9312.

## On Board

At their February meeting Houghton's trustees approved faculty promotions, gave preliminary endorsement to a '97-'98 operating budget (cut 10 percent from current levels), and seven new members have been named to the Houghton College Board of Trustees. They are (l. to r.): Mr. Clifton Seaman, real estate broker, Churchville, N.Y.; Rev. Brent Russett, Wesleyan pastor at Nepean, Ontario; Rev. Dr. Jack Connell '83, Wesleyan pastor at Canandaigua, N.Y.; Dr. Robert Davidson '65, general surgeon from Otego, N.Y.; Dr. Graham Walker '79, associate professor of politics at The Catholic University of America, Princeton, N.J.; Rev. Jerry Pence, Penn-Jersey district superintendent of the Wesleyan Church; and Mr. Peter Wilcox '78, charter boat captain-naturalist, Grand Manan Island, N.B. (photo below).

One of the projects funded in the new budget will be what the president called "a Kilimanjaro program" to serve Houghton and other coalition college students doing African studies.



## Athletic Stars of the '20s Join the Hall of Honor

Last fall the Highlander Sports Association executive committee named two varsity athletes of the '20s to Houghton's Athletic Hall of Honor.

Canadian-born **Erma Anderson '29** and her family were living in Houghton when she matriculated. In college she lettered four years in (Gold) basketball, captained the team two years, lettered three years in tennis and was varsity tennis captain. She was an assistant in physical education. Erma also served on yearbook staff, earned a first prize for literature, and was student body vice president.

In the 1930s Erma researched and wrote a biography of Houghton's late president Dr. James S. Luckey, *The Man of the Hour*. It was published in 1937. Later she taught public school literature. Widowed in 1993, Mrs. Thomas was living in Florida at her death last January. (The basketball uniform she wore is part of a Houghton sports-related exhibit now displayed in the Academic Building).

**Paul Steese '27**, was born in Ohio, but moved to Houghton when he was 10. The family name endures on the student residence, Steese House, that was his home while he attended the academy and college. Paul helped to organize the college's intramural program. He lettered three years in basketball, two years in baseball. As a sophomore he was high point man in track and field, lettered three years in tennis and was president of the student athletic association.

He was also class president each of his four years and served as yearbook and student newspaper editor.

Paul taught at Houghton briefly, then earned a master's degree at Columbia University. Subsequently he taught and counseled, then was vice principal at Monroe High School in Rochester, retiring in 1968.

He now lives with his sister and her husband in Rome, N.Y.



## Keeping Active With Sports Camps

The Houghton campus has become an ideal location for summer camps—including first-rate indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, comfortable residence halls for camper accommodation, and outstanding food service provided by Pioneer College Caterers. Sponsored by the Houghton Athletic Department, this summer's sports camps focus on the athletic development of each camper while stressing spiritual growth. Camps are staffed by highly qualified Christian coaches and counselors. Houghton sports camps are a wonderful value, not simply with respect to their very reasonable rates, but also because of the individual attention that is a hallmark of these summer programs. For more information on any of the camp opportunities listed below, please call (716) 567-9645.

### Homeschoolers' Camps—June 16-18 and June 18-20

The professionally-led workshops in curriculum development and instruction in physical education are for students and parents. The camp also includes topics of interest such as college and financial aid planning, testing and evaluation, as well as curriculum development in various areas. Camp Directors: Bob and Laurie Smalley; costs: \$70 per adult, \$62 each for children 5-12 years old, under 5 free.



Senior David Dixon of DuBois, Penna, has signed a professional contract with the Charlotte Eagles of the USISL. A goalkeeper, Dixon was a two-time NAIA Honorable Mention All-American selection. Jamie Wellington, a 1995 Houghton alumnus, was the last Highlander athlete to move on to the pro ranks. One of the bright, young, American-born stars in professional soccer, Wellington is currently a top scorer for the New Orleans River Boat Gamblers of the A-League.



### Father/Son, Mother/Daughter Basketball Camp—June 26-27

A wonderful and unique family opportunity is offered through this camp. It may include any parent-child combination. The camp will run from 4 pm Friday to 4 pm Saturday. Emphasis is on quality family time built around basketball. Cost: Residential \$50 per person.

### Girls' (entering 4th-12th grade) Basketball Camp—June 29-July 4

### Boys' (entering 4th-12th grade) Basketball Camps—July 6-11 & July 13-18

The Houghton basketball camp tradition continues in '97 under the direction of the Highlander coaching staff. The combination of indoor and outdoor facilities makes this basketball camp one of the northeast's finest. Campers benefit from the emphasis on personal development within the concept of team cooperation. Individual drills, team scrimmages, and other unique activities fill each day. Costs: \$235 residential, \$195 non-residential.

### Volleyball Camp—(girls entering 7th grade-12th grade) July 20-25

Whether you're a setter, outside hitter, or just beginning to discover the great game of volleyball, this camp is for you. Campers benefit from the excellent Houghton College volleyball tradition as they hone their skills. Costs: \$285 residential, \$130 non-residential.



### Soccer Camps—(Boys 9-17, Girls 12-17) July 20-25 and August 3-8

Without question, Houghton's soccer camp is among the region's best-attended and highest quality camps of its type. Excellent facilities, outstanding coaches (including the coaches of Houghton's own nationally-ranked teams), and an emphasis on offering something for every level of player makes this soccer camp the choice each year for hundreds of boys and girls. Costs: \$290 residential, \$125 non-residential.

### Cross Country Camp—August 3-8

Runners have the opportunity to train on the same courses used by Houghton College's national-caliber cross country teams. All aspects of development in the sport are stressed. For costs and ages please phone.



## Winter Sports Summary

Once again, Houghton is among the top NAIA athletic programs, according to Sears Cup rankings. Following the fall season, Houghton was ranked third of more than 300 NAIA institutions in the all-sport competition. Regular Sears Cup updates appear in *USA Today*.

The Highlander basketball teams are nearing the end of the 1996-97 regular season. The Lady Highlanders are at 13-6, and are likely to contend for the Keystone Empire Conference post-season tournament title. Despite senior Mike Brundige's 22 points and 11 rebounds per game average—among the nation's best—the men struggled to reach a 4-18 mark.





# TWO Gardens

BY JACK LEAX

Linda sat on the weathered, log bench looking through an opening in the trees. Far below her the Hudson River rolled coolly toward the Atlantic. I stood facing her. Sweat pouring down my back, I itched and fidgeted. The temperature and the humidity were pushing the upper nineties. We were at least a mile from the car. The trail up had been rugged, and I knew descending it would be hard if not dangerous. Linda urged me to relax, to enjoy the view, but I was so angry with myself I didn't care that Henry Hudson had anchored the Half Moon in the waters below. Nor did I care that Ian McHarg had said of the wild garden where we stood, that it "may be the single superb example of ecological design in the United States. If it were in Japan, it would be a national treasure." I was upbraiding myself for having encouraged Linda, rock after rock, up the mountainside, risking hearts and ankles to wind up where we no longer wanted to be.

We had come to this mountain perch because I was on sabbatical trying to understand something of the way Americans relate culture to nature. Manitoga, the garden we were exploring, had been at the top of my list of sites to visit. Once a logged mountainside and quarry, the 80 acres just north of New York City had been purchased for a summer retreat by Russel Wright, an industrial designer known for his home furnishings and an aesthetic seeking a harmony with nature. Wright spent thirty years restoring the land, creating a *natural* landscape enhanced by a network of trails, carefully placed boulders, native plantings, and designed views of the river called osios, before opening the garden to the public in 1975. He said his object in making the garden was "to help people experience

the wonder of nature in a new and intensely personal way."

I was doing that as Linda and I rested at Chestnut Oak Ridge Osio, the end of a spur two tenths of a mile off the main trail. Sitting there, we didn't know that was where we were. Though we had picked up a map at the kiosk in the parking lot, where I had dropped a seven dollar contribution into the locked metal box, we were lost. Nothing was right. The correspondence between nature and map we trusted did not exist. As I grumbled about the map maker, we labored blindly up a trail as rough as some in the Adirondacks, fought deer flies, and saw almost nothing we could not have seen on any hillside back in the Genesee Valley. By the time we reached our lonely bench, I was sure we had left Wright's Eden behind.

I realize, now, that though we had not strayed beyond the physical boundaries of Manitoga, we had, in a very real sense, never entered it. Because we had approached the trailhead, described on our map as a "subtle opening" from a slightly different direction than the map maker had anticipated, we had walked right past it and hiked the trail backwards. That alone guaranteed that we would not see the purposeful landscape Wright had designed. But more importantly, even if we had started out correctly, time had altered Wright's work. The purposeful landscape had been overgrown by a truly natural landscape, and the artful human features had been absorbed into a larger, more obscure, pattern. We walked that morning, despite Wright's intention and McHarg's assertion, not in a garden but in a woods.

An hour or so later, after a garden salad at McDonald's, we pulled into the parking lot of



Sunnyside, the nineteenth century home of Washington Irving. From there we had only a short walk down a wide, curving path to the visitors' center and a guided tour of the house and grounds.

After living in Europe, handling family business and serving in diplomatic posts, for more than 15 years, Irving bought a 100 year old, Dutch cottage in 1835. He also bought the surrounding 10 acres, a small fragment of what had been the Manor of Philipsburg. He then set about constructing what he described as a "little nookery somewhat in the Dutch style." What he built was a bit more complicated than his description suggests. Collaborating with the artist George Harvey, he redesigned the cottage preserving its Dutch character but also incorporating features modelled on Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford and a tower deriving from the monastic towers he had seen during his years in Spain. As a consequence, the cottage, as small as it is, embodies Irving's sophisticated cultural history.

In designing his gardens, Irving brought other influences to bear. One was a simple pragmatism. He was not a wealthy man, and the economy of country life determined some of his choices. Describing his project in a letter to a friend, he wrote, "Indeed I can live cheaper here than elsewhere, and benefit my 'Kith and Kin' into the bargain." Quite consciously, he created a working farm and incorporated the most modern technologies into it. At the same time, just as Wright would do 100 years later, he quite consciously sought to create a *natural* landscape that invited guests to wander along paths and to experience picturesque views of the Hudson.

Thoroughly romantic he wrote, "I think it is an invaluable advantage to be... in the neighborhood of... a river, a lake, or a mountain. We make a friendship with it, we in a manner ally ourselves to it for life." He demonstrated this friendship by interacting with the landscape. He enhanced the river views by judicious arrangements of both native and exotic plants. And he hid the working gardens, the stables, and the woodpiles behind screens and fences.

The effect he created was so successful that Sunnyside became known as "America's Home," and images of the house and grounds were featured by

*"I think it is an invaluable advantage to be... in the neighborhood of... a river, a lake, or a mountain. We make a friendship with it, we in a manner ally ourselves to it for life."*

popular magazines throughout the 19th century. Our tour of the house ended in the enclosed kitchen garden. We crossed it and strolled along a path past the ice house toward a pasture and orchard. Through the trees and shrubbery to our left, we kept

catching views of the Hudson. We retraced our steps and wandered back to the cascading stream and the pond Irving called the Little Mediterranean. A green heron was fishing on the far side of it. We sat on a bench and felt very comfortable.

The guidebook I bought at the visitor center states that, "Sunnyside epitomizes the then-prevalent Romantic movement in architecture and landscape design, expressive of a yearning for an idealized past." No doubt that is true, but I do not think it is nearly the whole truth. The work of restoration, the creation of a new forest, that Russel Wright achieved at Manitoga is exemplary work. The work of living performed at Sunnyside is also exemplary. To the extent that the work at Manitoga attempts to subordinate the human to the rest of nature it represents a manifestation of our contemporary longing for wilderness. Acting on that longing, however, can be an act of division, a sundering of humanity from nature, a creation of the human as an alien creature.

Though I believe in wilderness and would set aside larger tracts than any president has yet dared, fly bitten and aggravated on the Manitoga mountainside, I felt alien. The mountainside was beautiful. I plan to go back. But as I looked around, I saw no evidence of a living relationship, no evidence of the harmony Wright sought. I saw, instead, a fragmentary peace achieved by the banishment of the human. As a human, I found that problematic. At

Sunnyside, among the working gardens and the exotic plants, I participated in Irving's act of friendship. I was, for a moment, at home in the world. ♦

*Over the past two years, professor Leax's explorations of gardens as points of the intersection of nature and culture have taken him from the Hudson Valley to Puget Sound. In addition to Manitoga and Sunnyside, he visited the sculpture gardens at Storm King Art Center. On other trips he roamed the Garden of the Gods near Colorado Springs (background photo opposite), the arboretum and zen garden at the University of Washington, Schmitz Park (an old growth forest in West Seattle), the Bellevue Botanical Gardens, and Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua. Most of all, he likes sitting beside the frog pond in his own garden in Fillmore.*



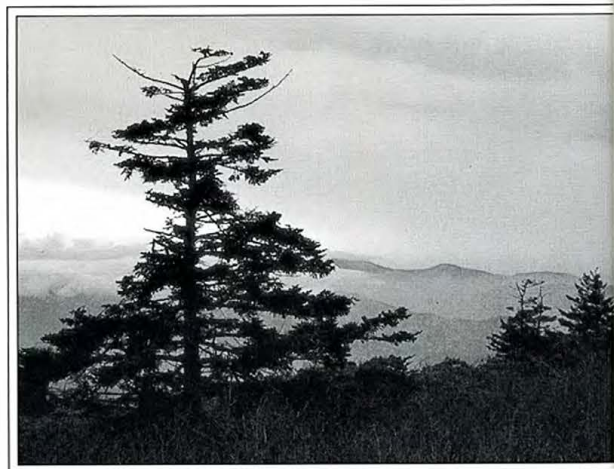


# Environmental Studies: Stewardship in Practice

by James Wolfe



**T**he wind gently moves the topmost branches of the white pines and hemlocks soaring one hundred feet above our heads. In the quiet of a late afternoon, the sunlight slants through the trees and dapples the mossy forest floor between fallen trunks lying askew. The sounds of 20th century life fade away, and the rain of autumn leaves is only interrupted by the plink of an acorn. It becomes possible to imagine the astonishment of the first Europeans to see this virgin forest in western Pennsylvania, rich in timber and game.



*"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe."  
— John Muir*



This treasury of old growth northern hardwoods forest at Heart's Content (Allegheny National Forest, Pa.) is a stop for the field trips of Houghton's environmental studies programs. Building upon the college's location on the Allegheny Plateau and access to forest, river, and lake ecosystems, we've developed (since 1988) two programs in environmental studies with a focus on field work and on stewardship. The B.A. or B.S. major in biology with an environmental emphasis prepares students for careers in environmental education, analysis, and research. The environmental stewardship minor for science and non-science majors provides background for responsible Christian stewardship of the Creation.

*The trees are getting shorter as we climb higher and the force of the wind has increased noticeably. The great glacial cirque of Mount Katahdin is in full view, and the moose feeding in the pond below have become mere dark specks on the water. To the north stretch the bogs and dark coniferous forests of Maine's northern wilderness. At our feet, diminutive alpine tundra plants sprout from cracks in the bare*



*rock of the summit. While such plants cope with biting winds and frigid temperatures, just stepping on a clump would cause damage leading to its death or the extinction of a species from this isolated island above the clouds.*

A highlight of the general ecology course—required of each biology major with environmental emphasis—is an extended weekend field trip to study wilderness management and alpine zonation. Last fall the class made the trip to Frost Pond Camps, located just to the west of Baxter Park in central Maine. Using the camps (operated by the parents of Houghton senior Heather Givens) as their base, the class hiked up 3,000 foot South Turner Mountain. Students studied formation of alpine zonation, and learned what their role should be as stewards of Creation to allow for its continued existence.

Typically, another week students use scientific principles to analyze water chemistry and macroinvertebrate diversity of nearby Wiscovy Creek. Days later they'll check the water chemistry and environmental health of Rushford Lake—from the gently rocking platform of Houghton's ski boat hauling up from 20 meters down a van Dorn sampler.



No recent issue has so divided the Pacific Northwest as the fate of its diverse and productive forests. Daily the public brings new values to the management of these forests. At the heart of this conflict is the importance of ecological as well as economic values informing our policy decisions: values such as biodiversity and ecosystem integrity.

For example, many policy-makers and forestry industry representatives argue that current forest conditions constitute a "forest health crisis." They point to what they say are unusually high levels of wildfire, insect infestations and tree disease and have passed legislation mandating widespread intensive management to mitigate

this crisis. Although tree mortality caused by fire, insects and diseases may not appear desirable to those wishing to maximize short-term timber production, natural disturbances help regenerate forests, maintain species diversity and create a beneficial patchwork of stands across the landscape that vary in age and species composition. Because fire and native insect and disease organisms play critical roles in recycling nutrients and other ecosystem functions, attempts to control, eliminate or "correct" them often harm the ecosystem.

As the forest pathologist for the state of Washington I, along with a team consisting in part of forest ecologists, wildlife biologists, entomologists and economists,

have been charged to create and maintain forests that are "healthy"—functional, diverse and resilient, yet still able to provide for human needs and desires. Research, monitoring, public education and forest management are the means to achieve this end. My environmental ethic is biased towards the biocentric, and I consider the human use of resources to be constrained by the primary goal of maintaining ecological integrity. However, I am continually challenged by the fundamental complexity of environmental crises, and remain hopeful that ecological integrity can be maintained while still permitting human use." ♦

—Dan Omdal '84



*After hikes through old-growth forests of red spruce and rhododendron, the quiet room of the herbarium of the University of West Virginia seems appropriate. As Dr. Donna Ford explains the use of herbarium data for species identification and conservation, the task of stewardship takes on practical dimensions. The previous day spent on the high altitude rocks of the Allegheny Front looking east towards the eastern megalopolis reminds us of the need for species surveys and studies such that we can become modern Noahs, preserving species in the flood of modern-day culture.*

The field botany class heads south for its long weekend field trip to the diversity of West Virginia. The course, which emphasizes recognition of local species and plant communities, complements required zoological courses such as ornithology and animal ecology.

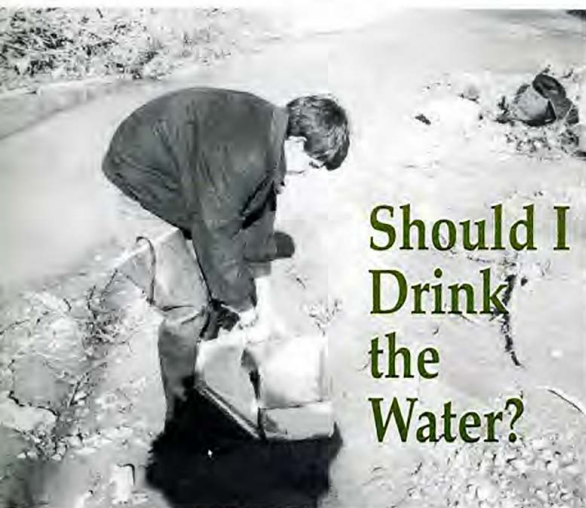
For students graduating with the biology major with an environmental emphasis, Christian stewardship is again highlighted at the Au Sable Institute of



Environmental Studies in Mancelona, Mich., which offers a variety of courses ranging from natural history in spring to ethno-botany. In this required experience Houghton students interact with Christian students from across the country who are also wrestling with the implications of Christian environmental stewardship.

*Curiosity builds as the college van, loaded with students plus a hitched canoe trailer, heads down the dirt roads of New Hudson township near Houghton. As we descend a long hill, Hanging Bog Management Area comes into view, its still waters spiked with duck boxes on poles. Tufts of cotton grass wave in the wind on the bog mat and a goose honks overhead. As we paddle the canoes, and away from a classroom's confines, the morning's lecture in fundamentals of biology on ecosystem structure takes on new meaning.*

This first lab in environmental fundamentals of biology gives those students planning to minor in environmental stewardship a taste of field work. Envi-



*In sampling Houghton Creek fauna, Brian Stockwell builds environmental understanding.*

**I**n April Philip Niemi '97 will complete a 12-month analysis of Houghton and Crawford Creeks. The study, which originally investigated seasonal variations in the water quality of the two Allegheny County creeks, began as Brian Stockwell's (Class of '96) senior honor's project. Niemi, a senior environmental biology major, has expanded the study to encompass annual variations.

His creek monitoring includes sampling and analyzing the fauna or macroinvertebrates such as fly larvae, nymphs and worms. Such analysis acts as an indicator of stream health. For example, the presence of leaches (there were none), indicates an unhealthy creek. Study results will be given to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

which may use the data in determining long-term stream health.

Niemi continues Stockwell's creek study as a practical extension of his own studies which focus on a "world-view" of biology. He says, "we need to understand the environment, not just analyze it." He also has minors in religion and outdoor recreation, and is interested in Ecotheology (i.e. philosophy and theology incorporated into environmental learning) as a future area of study after graduation.

Last May Stockwell also traveled to Belize to study such general environmental issues as global warming, in a two week course sponsored by the Christian Environmental Association. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in marine biology next year. ♦



Environmental fundamentals of biology, developed out of discussions on stewardship with writing professor John Leax, and linked to his principles of writing section, provides support for required courses in the minor, including environmental earth science, local flora or wildlife biology, natural resource management, and writing about nature and the environment. A senior seminar provides a capstone rethinking of environmental stewardship. This semester the class will be developing a natural history survey of the Houghton campus, including its geological, zoological, and botanical resources.

*The sun is shining brightly, even though it is 9:00 p.m. The roiled current of the glacially fed Tok River gently moves the canoes along past riverbanks thick with spruce and fireweed. Blackened trunks like stark sentinels stand witness to the last fire, rejuvenating the land and providing the habitat for the moose we've seen today. We've seen bear tracks along the riverbank, but we haven't spotted bears. At the end of the 50-mile float, a lazy evening in the long twilight of the Alaskan summer seems inviting.*

Ecology of Alaska is one of two off-campus Houghton courses offered each summer. Participants study the ecosystems in Denali National Park, Tetlin Wildlife Refuge, Valdez Harbor and Prince William Sound, and Kenai Fjords National Park (locales as diverse as dry alpine tundra and maritime temperate rain forest). Students examine the natural history of grizzly bears, caribou, moose, wolves, bald eagles, puffins, murre, killer whales, sea lions, and humpback whales. They discuss thorny stewardship issues including oil pollution, predator-prey management, wild areas preservation, and preservation of marine species.



The other course is biological oceanography, offered during Mayterm and taught at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Maine.

*The sun is slowly setting behind Mount Desert Island, the surf is reverberating among the rocks at Schoodic Point. Tomorrow we head back to Houghton, but the long twilight spent with friends at this magnificent place seems to hint of that longing of Creation, when all the earth will be redeemed. The mudflats, rocky coasts, and saltmarshes will sleep in the dark tonight but tomorrow will rise to a new morning.♦*

*Dr. Wolfe has taught biology at Houghton since 1988.*

## Habits and Habitats Observed

**W**hy are grizzly bear cubs in Alaska's Denali National Park struggling to survive their first few years of life? Last summer senior environmental biology major Ginny (Hoskison) Routhe volunteered there as a biological science technician, working with Alaskan wildlife biologist Jeff Kay who hopes to discover what's happening.

Routhe met Kay and learned of his study in 1995 when she traveled to Alaska with other Houghton students led by Dr. James Wolfe. With Kay and his team in their fifth year of study, Routhe observed and extensively recorded mother grizzly bears' health habits.

Denali's one road divides the winter and summer habitats of resident Dall sheep. Routhe also assisted park biologists and technicians in 24-hour observation of the sheep. Researchers hope to determine correlation between the traffic and migration patterns, to discover if the traffic prevents migration.

"Working in a national park is different," she says. "There's a conservation focus . . . no hiking in straight lines, no trails, no moving of fallen leaves. I am more aware of how I impact my environment, especially after the sheep [project]." Upon graduating in May Routhe is eager to continue work as a biological science technician.♦



*Denali Park adult bears seem fine, so what's wrong with the cubs?*





Don Lindburg and cheetah. Photo by Ron Garrison.

## Enlisting Modern Noahs

**M**y love of nature began during my teens, when my family settled in the Rockies of Montana—a place where migratory waterfowl paid seasonal visits, where deer mingled with livestock, and the occasional calls of the puma rent the nighttime quiet.

As a collegian I worked on the school farm, and spent many wonderful hours tramping the adjacent “wild” areas. In the classroom, I took courses in zoology and philosophy which were to serve me well later. As an academican, nature became a laboratory where the scientific study of ecosystems and species’ adaptive strategies was pursued. Today, I head the behavior research program at the Zoological Society of San Diego (CA), seeking to ensure a future for cheetahs, giant pandas, apes, condors, and numerous other exotic creatures.

It is paradoxical that as a youth my father and I “claimed” our flyspeck of Montana wilderness for cattle—modern day pioneers carving out a farming life,

but destroying that which we valued in the process. We saw it as good, in keeping with humankind’s dominion over nature, and with no thought of her finiteness. In recent years, I have become more reflective, and now think and write about the growing scarcity of our fellow inhabitants on this planet, and of the moral and philosophical issues inherent in our interactions with the natural world.

Clearly, the power of humans to modify the planet is awesome, but only God can create. Plants and animals are therefore forever becoming extinct, and are not being replaced. Yet, as rational beings we can, if we have the will to do so, become good stewards of the natural world. God commanded Noah to save His creation from destruction. Can we do less? Along with my scientific efforts, my mission is to enlist modern day Noahs in the preservation of a natural world the Creator viewed as “good.” ♦

—Donald Lindburg '56

## Habitat is Truly Life

*“I often find myself in the middle—between those who would totally destroy the natural world, and those who want to preserve every blade of grass, seeing man as an intruder.”*



Speaking is David Odell '69, Wildlife Manager for the 11 central and western New York counties known as Region 8. Dave majored in zoology at Houghton, and received an M.S. in zoology-wildlife management from the State College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University.

Earlier he worked on the development of wildlife management areas in western New York, spent two years on Long Island with the regulatory program that protects tidal wetlands, was the Bureau of Wildlife’s wetland specialist for 15 years in Delmar, and was project manager of the Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex in central New York for three years.

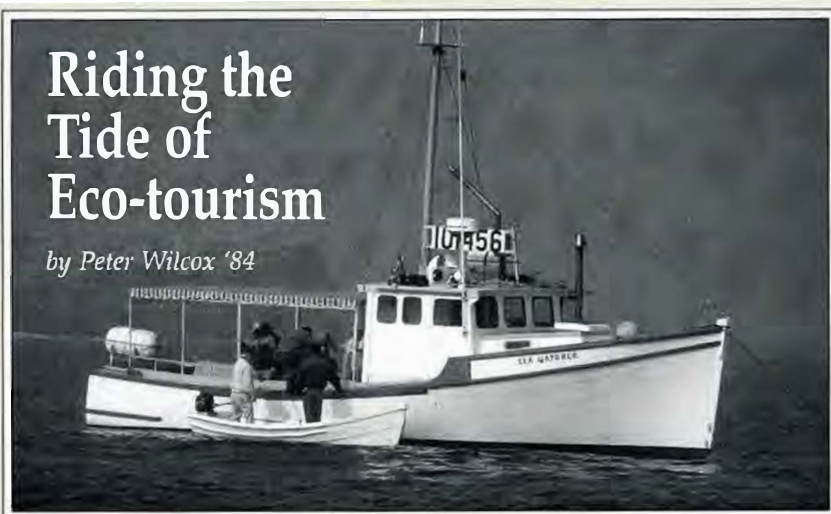
Today he and a staff of seven biologists and six technicians operate Region 8 out of Avon.

The public and many resource professionals tend to focus their attention on animals, Dave says. His emphasis is on the restoration and management of the habitats which support those animals. “We’ve lost over 50 percent of all the wetlands we once had, and grasslands are also in very short supply. The populations of species which depend upon these areas have dwindled to the point that many are, or will soon become, threatened or endangered. He observes: “It may be an overused expression, but habitat truly is life.” ♦



# Riding the Tide of Eco-tourism

by Peter Wilcox '84



*As lobster fisherman, naturalist and tour operator, Houghton trustee Peter Wilcox melds the past and the future, glimpses hope in the infectious enthusiasm of the young.*

Growing up on Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, I had no desire to ever be a fisherman (I got seasick) and eco-tourism was not a term of the day.

Dad was a lobster fisherman and still is at the age of 71. He also took people to Machias Seal Island to see the puffins in the early years, not because he was a bird lover, but, because he held the contract to deliver mail and supplies to the lighthouse keepers who lived there. His love for birds and wildlife grew as a result of those early experiences. Seeds were planted in my mind which grew, first with my experiences as a park officer during vacations from college.

After graduating from Houghton I earned a B.Ed. at the University of New Brunswick. Then, qualified to teach in the public school system, I applied to teach on Grand Manan, but an experienced applicant got the job. I moved home anyway, devoured seasick pills for two years and went fishing. I haven't been seasick since.

Tourism has changed dramatically and for the better. Once visitors only wanted to see different species. Today, they want to learn a subject's habits, food source, migration route, enemies, effect of pollution. Often it's the school-kindled interest of their children

that have fostered this. Dad's example, my park service experience and what I've learned from visiting researchers have enhanced what we can offer visitors.

With greater understanding of how our ecosystems work we become more conscientious and educated about the world in which we live. Today I work hard at both lobster fishing and whale-bird watching and I love it. When lobster season (November to June, with January and February off), ends I'm ready for the tourists. When tourist season is over (mid June to early October) I'm ready to fish.



*Wilcox puts a limited number of tourists ashore to observe puffins from observation blinds.*



We stood captivated as we peered out of the blind's tiny windows, watching flocks of Atlantic Puffins swirl down from the sky and up from the barren gray rocks. In from the sea they came, some even landing on our observation blind, cawing and "moo-ing" contentedly.

Our brief stay with the Atlantic Puffins was just one highlight of our summer '95 visit to the Bay of Fundy, noted for its marine life and extreme tides. Cold Atlantic waters, rich in nutrients, boil in and out of the area between the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia coasts. Rugged, scenic Grand Manan Island lies in the southern part of this bay. The sea dominates the horizon in every direction as well as the island's industry which depends on the bounty of the waters. This is the home of Sea Watch Tours and owner-operator Peter Wilcox to whom we owe thanks for these experiences.

We think about the few remaining North Atlantic Right Whales among which we lingered while they cavorted and dove, blowing their wet breath, thick with the smells of the sea. Recalling having been among some of God's rarest creatures and Peter's spirit of hospitality is even now revitalizing.

We look forward to another visit to the Bay of Fundy and Sea Watch Tours. ♦

*—Author Deb Elliott is Director of Residence Life at Messiah College. Her husband, Brad '86, teaches philosophy there part-time. Last year they were South Hall residence directors at Houghton.*



# Developing Environmental Ethics

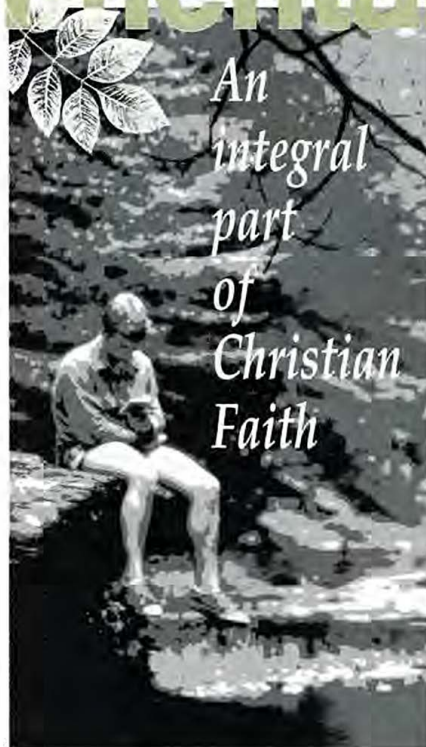
For nearly 20 years recreation major professors Tom Kettelkamp, Doris Nielsen and Robert Smalley have taught Houghton students environmental stewardship and other life lessons—in classrooms, but most vividly in the laboratory of the outdoors.

"Without the Highlander experience which taught me processes of problem solving, making decisions and taking them into life, I wouldn't be in the ministry," Pastor Lynn Morgan '83 told professor Doris Nielsen during a February college phonathon chat.

During a recent professional evaluation, Houghton's recreation program and facilities received high praise. And Morgan's comment illustrates how important such courses may be for non-majors.

Explaining the philosophical basis for the recreation major, Bob Smalley asked: "[As humans] how do we justify our actions in the context of our consumerism, our lifestyles and our own Christianity? In the major we try to develop answers based on what Scripture says about our relationship to God and His creation and how we apply this understanding in daily life. Developing a scripturally based environmental ethic should be an integral part of our faith."

Because the program is rooted in a liberal arts approach, students are taught the philosophies of such environmental "elders" as John Muir, Henry David Thoreau and Aldo Leopold. These are backed by diverse practical offerings: a challenging equestrian program, the Highlander, skiing, wilderness experiences and eco-touring that may take students to the Grand Canyon,



the Florida Everglades or Alaska.

Faculty and students alike apply their skills to help others, whether working with corporate groups on the ropes course, or reaching underprivileged youth through such programs as STEP and Upward Bound. (Aug. '93 *Milieu*). Environmental awareness and stewardship are underlying themes in each. Since September, 814 area youths have participated in Wilderness Adventure, the winter component of STEP.

Throughout the '90s Dr. Kettelkamp has taken 10-15 member student groups to Honduras for Mayterm eco-tours. As opposed to nature trips, which an agency may undertake for profit, often without benefit to indigenous people, Kettelkamp explains: "Eco-tourists learn to interpret the local environment, discuss related environmental issues and ethics. They hire local guides, stay in locally owned ho-

tels, purchase equipment, food and other necessities on site."

Houghton groups make donations to local park agencies, and complete a community service project—i.e., building a ropes course for a camp, constructing shelters in a rain forest, or diving for and picking up bottom litter at a coral reef.

In May sociology professor Richard Perkins will lead a dozen students through Life on the Trail: An Appalachian Experience—150 miles on Tennessee and Virginia portions of the famed trail. Via interaction with thru-hikers, guides and area residents, participants gain anthropological insights by meeting people of all ages coping with life changes, and by surveying the economic and ethical issues of operating public space. They experience their own connectedness with the rest of nature and grapple with such questions as "Is there an ideal world human population?" Underscoring its inter-disciplinary nature, the course qualifies for recreation or sociology credit.

The impact of a recreation graduate's environmental perspectives may be great for many who never make formal study of the natural world. Mrs. Nielsen illustrates. "Historically, Christian summer camps have offered outdoor experiences, but few advocated environmental stewardship, much less had staff educated to promote it from a Christian perspective. Today, qualified Houghton graduates are finding positions in camps where such skills are in demand, or where they can lead in building a Biblical environmental understanding." ♦



## P.A.C.E. Alumni

Candace Fries, is an academic counselor at the University of Washington in Seattle. She joined the UW staff in September 1996. She previously worked as the higher education counselor for the Seneca Nation of Indians for ten years. Candace plans to pursue a master's degree at UW.

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**28 Ruth (VanDusen) Tanner** works out of her home compiling family records for clients in her area (Northport, Fla.). She struggles with severe arthritis which makes walking difficult but gets out to church and has good friends who help her.

**35 Roscoe and Betty (Coe '34)** Fancher, in the wake of 1995 illnesses, sold their longtime Mequon, Wisc., home last August and, with help from their five children, have moved into a nearby rental retirement facility. After more than 60 years together, they delight in a family that includes nine widely scattered grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

**44 Philip Chase** has initiated a chaplaincy position at the Central Vermont Hospital where he has begun work. His responsibilities include meeting with members of the nursing staff, professional staff, volunteers and interested others for prayer and meditation before and after shifts. This will be the third chaplaincy program Philip has developed within the state. He requests prayer as he begins this new program.

**45 Ben Armstrong** was appointed president of Tele-Missions International, a nonprofit, interdenominational mission which promotes the multiple-ministries of scholarships, mission conferences and tv/radio productions.

**47 Ray Mesler** is a retired Episcopal priest living in Waukesha, Wis., near one of the church's monasteries. He still does a great deal of writing, voluntary ministry and teaching at nearby parishes.

**49 Joshua Tsujimoto** is a missionary to Bangladesh where he works in a different kind of "field." Joshua prayed for God to show him "a peek into creation," and God showed him a way to grow fresh produce throughout both the wet season and the dry. He builds a field with sloping drains, raised beds, drip irrigation, and what he calls a mini-greenhouse which uses bamboo reeds and plastic to tent the fields. He ministers to others by showing them his methods and why he cares enough to share with them.

## Future Alumni

Eric '90 & Rebecca (Keene '91) Ashley  
Joel '96 & Christy Bennett  
Derek '92 & Cristy (Muller '93) Blaakman  
James '90 & Janet Bolich  
Mike & Marissa (Hoffman '92) Brewster  
Roxsyn & Kimberly (Gerwitz '83) Burrell  
Robert '83 & Lynette Chiapperino  
Thomas '83 & Miki (Moy '83) Darling  
Kevin '92 & Victoria (Jude '92) Derby  
David '83 & Teresa Faircloth  
Eric & Elaine (Shank '82) Hahn  
Craig '93 & Dionne (Chandler '88) Hammond

Eric & Jennifer (Barrett '92) Harthan

Rob '84 & Terri Lamberts

Steven '93 & Amber (Bullock '95) Lamont  
Kevin & Jean (Owen '75) Maher  
David '83 & Susan (Burke '82) Nelson  
Mark '87 & Jayne (Djornyko '89) Obringer  
Rodd '92 & Melissa O'Hara  
Chris '92 & Chrissie (Lamos '92) Pollock  
Kevin '93 & Julie (Sentz '93) Shoemaker  
Michael & Donna (Medianowsky '89) Specht  
Jeff & Jona (Paris '85) Tompkins  
Art '78 & Susan Torpy  
Lane '92 & Debra (Pollard '92) Ulrich  
Kevin '82 & Lynette (Sutton '82) VanWagner

Karah Bryn 4-4-96  
Megan Rachel 10-1-96  
Benjamin David 12-12-96  
James Oliver III 12-14-96  
Gabrielle Yvonne 1-31-96  
Austin 1-17-96  
Kyle Michael 1-16-97  
Alexis Nicole 12-28-96  
Tory Noelle 11-26-96  
Lauren Nicole 7-2-96  
Jeremy Stephen 7-23-96  
Caily Chandler 2-8-92  
Lydia May 5-10-96  
Adam 8-27-94  
Jordan 12-17-96  
Christopher Michael 12-28-94  
Elizabeth Emma 10-7-93  
Jonathan William 5-5-92  
Benjamin Noah 1-25-97  
Megan Jean 9-27-94  
Colleen Sandra 6-19-96  
Peter Michael 2-4-95  
Alexa Leah 12-24-96  
Zebulon Gerard 11-11-96  
Jenée Brooke 10-25-96  
Jessica Lynn 11-20-94  
Nicole Jean 1-23-97  
Abigail Elizabeth 1-1-96  
Lydia Marie 11-5-96  
Kyle Andrew 4-5-89  
Lynnea Ruth 6-4-93  
Kayla Irene 9-17-96

**50 Bob Bitner** participates as co-chairman of his church's pastoral search committee as well as teaches an adult Sunday school class. **Nona (Merkel '52)** began a second round of chemotherapy last May when her multiple myeloma became active again. She also underwent a treatment of Aredia to help control her bone destruction. Her condition is stable although the blood tests are not yet normal. Her myeloma was diagnosed almost five years ago.

**55 Bill Bicksler** is teaching full-time at China Evangelical Seminary and has relinquished the chairmanship of the missions job. Bill's wife, **Marith (Reinertsen '55)**, is well after a year of battling leukemia. They have 11 churches in the north of Taiwan and are hoping to plant two more.

**James P. Chen** appears in the first edition of *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare 1996*. He's spent most of his career in biology education and research.

**59 Harriet (Kit) Kline OSB (Mother Filippa)**, moved from the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Conn., to Abbazia Di San Vincenzo in Isernia, Italy in 1994, site of a large medieval abbey and church. In 1988 she earned a master's degree in anthropology at Goddard

College in Vermont. Kline received her Ph.D. in anthropology in 1995. During the latter studies she interned in Italy at the place she now lives. That abbey, at its peak from the 700s-881, was then all but destroyed. World War II completed its ruin. In 1990, due to its historical and archaeological significance—said to be unique in Europe—restoration of Abbazia Di San Vincenzo began, a project of the Connecticut abbey. Now Mother Filippa Kline's archaeological work there as an intern, and over the last two years with members of British and Italian teams, will yield a book due this March, "including a part on the Samnite excavations (500 B.C.) here at our back door." Mother Kline is also working on an article for the Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut based on conclusions of her doctoral dissertation. Kline integrates such scholarly activity with the duties of faith and daily life in a place about two hours southeast of Rome by car.

**60 David & Evelyn (Smith) Day** have retired from Air Force life and have just returned from seven-plus years in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. While there, David worked with the Royal Saudi Air Force in training crews for their AWAC air craft, and Evelyn taught quiltmaking and helped organize annual quilt shows at the American Embassy. They



# Class Notes

hope to spend their free time with family, especially getting better acquainted with their eight grandchildren.

**David Sabean** is the Henry J. Bruman professor of history at the University of California at Los Angeles. He was published in the January 1997 issue of *Perspectives*, a national newsletter of the American Historical Association.

**61** **Albert King** retired from Iowa State University after 26 years as director of computing for the college of family and consumer sciences. He is now involved with computer consulting and teaching in Western N.Y.

**Dorothea (Flemm) Schrecongost** was nominated and now appears in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. She was nominated by her students because of her impact on their lives.

**65** **Elise Angiolillo** is the director of telecommunication services at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla. She can be reached on-line at [eaingiolli@acc.fau.edu](mailto:eaingiolli@acc.fau.edu).

**66** **Clarence "Bud" Bence** now serves as the chair of the division of religion and philosophy at Indiana Wesleyan University. This past year he was selected Teacher of the Year by the students.

**67** **Aileen (Smith) Brothers** has moved from Rochester, N.Y., to Nevada, Mo., with her husband, Daniel, and son, Wesley. Daniel was transferred through his work with 3M.

**68** **Joanne (Shultz) Beckman** is the standards consultant for patient and managed care services at Duke University Hospital. She is also pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina in nursing and health administration (research degree).

**71** **Douglas Comer** is a professor at Purdue University and a computer scientist doing research in the area of internetworking. He was in-

involved with work on the Internet back when it was a research project and now lectures about it around the world. Doug is the North American editor of *Software—Practice And Experience* and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Internetworking*.

**72** **David Lalka** has accepted the position of vice president of university advancement for Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tenn, effective in July. He is accepting "the challenge" he feels Trevecca offers and is looking forward to building an advancement program from the ground up. He has spent the last seven years in a similar position with Asbury College in Ky., and while there he spearheaded the staffing and development of institutional advancement and the development of Asbury's publications and public relations.

**73** **Barbara (Brown) Irvine** and her husband, Peter, traveled to Irkutsk, Russia in August to meet and bring home their adopted daughter, seven year-old Natasha. They were in Russia for 10 days. Natasha joins the Irvine's family of four biological children, ages 17-8. Barbara and Peter can be reached on-line at [ppirvine@mailbox.sy.edu](mailto:ppirvine@mailbox.sy.edu).

**74** **David and Catherine (Cardillo '74) Bitner** are working with Missionary Flights International out of Haiti. David teaches chemistry and advises the senior class at Quisqueya Christian School. Cathy is a nurse and also leads a weekly ladies' Bible study in French.

**75** **Jud and Jan (Jordan) Lamos** are working with Mission to the World (MTW) where they lead a church-planting team. Jud was appointed MTW's regional director for Southwest and Central Asia. The Istanbul Presbyterian Church, which they planted, is growing but persecution is an ever present threat.

**77** **Joseph Y. Liauw** (formerly Joseph L. Ibrahim), is associate professor of computer science at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. He was

granted a sabbatical leave last spring and spent most of the month of May working in Kazakhstan as a member of a "pre-evangelism" short-term mission team working with the Great Commission Center out of Argyle, Texas.

**78** **Gordon S. Anderson, Jr.** was honored by the Bible Institute of the Air with the Doctorate of Letters degree (LL.D.) in recognition of 25 years of professional weekly productions of the international television and radio series, *Focus on Faith*. Dr. Kenton Beshore, president of the Bible Institute of the Air and the World Bible Society, conferred the degree. Gordon's career has been distinguished by awards from the National Religious Broadcaster, several universities and a personal citation from President George Bush. He is also the director of the charitable organization, Tele-Missions International.

**Steve Felts** co-authored the book *The Tuxedo System: Software for Constructing and Managing Distributed Business Applications*. The book has been published by Addison Wesley.

**Connie Finney** was licensed by the New York Mennonite Conference on November 24, 1996. This is not the same as ordination or being a pastor, but it means that her teaching gifts will be encouraged and mentored over the next two years. Connie is the first woman to be licensed by the N.Y. Mennonite Conference.

**Phil Nichols** is working with a ministry to churches called Church Dynamics International. This organization serves churches by helping pastors and church leaders develop healthy and dynamic churches to reach out and transform society through Jesus Christ. In September, Phil accepted the position of southwest divisional director covering Ariz., Calif., Nev., and N.M.

**Art Torpy** can be reached on-line at [revartorpy@juwv.com](mailto:revartorpy@juwv.com). (See *Future Alumni*.)

**79** **Anne Sortore** is employed by Highland Adult Day Services in Wellsville, N.Y. as the social service director. She received her master's degree in counseling from St. Bonaventure University.

**80** N.J. attorney and United Methodist laywoman, **Harriet J. Olson**, was elected book editor of the United Methodist Publishing House last September in Nashville.

**81** **Douglas Roorbach** left his position as director of industry services with the Envelope Manufacturers Association to devote more time to raising his three boys; Jeffrey, Andrew, and David. After his wife's death Doug started his own business, Communication Arts, Inc., in which he works as a freelance writer, editor, and/or graphic designer. He is also the editor of the trade magazine *Automotive Services Retailer*.

## Down the Aisle

Mark & Heather (Dale '94) Fignar	11-2-96
Ronald & Karen (Wright '88) Gourley	10-5-96
Corey '95 & Robin (Stewart '95) Ha	4-20-96
Andrew & Vicky (Palmer '89) Hickey	6-3-95
James & Deborah (Pease '91) Kalivoda	11-13-96
Arthur & Miriam (Danielson '91) Kruppenbacher	4-13-96
Rodd '92 & Melissa O'Hara	10-21-95
Arnold & Karen (Ross '97) Rychlicki	8-3-96
Scott '96 & Kathleen (Wolfe '96) See	6-21-96
Donald & Cheryl (Hecht '90) Stiner	6-3-95
Dan & Gina (Tinker '96) Williams	9-28-96
Rodney & Wendy Hoke '92 Witmer	5-14-94



**82** **Melanie (Starks) Kierstead**, Bartlesville Wesleyan College (Okla.) professor of religion and campus pastor, completed the requirements for a Ph.D. in New Testament & Early Christianity from Drew University (N.J.) on October 1, 1996. She has also completed three master's degrees and two bachelor degrees. Melanie has written commentaries and Sunday School material for The Wesleyan Church and the Church of the Nazarene, as well as articles for various journals. She is an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church and is the first woman in the Wesleyan denomination to receive a Ph.D. in New Testament and Early Christianity.

**Kevin and Lynette (Sutton)**

**VanWagner** continue to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators/Summer Institute of Linguistics in Guatemala. Kevin serves as associate director for support services and Lynette as a linguistic consultant. She also maintains some involvement in the Tajumulco Mam language program. (See *Future Alumni*.)

**83** **Janet (Johnson) Devaux** continues, with her husband Pascal, to serve at the Evangelical Baptist Church of Saint Dizier in northeastern France where Pascal has been pastoring for the past three years. Pascal is also chaplain of the area Air Force base. Janet's present church involvement includes: worship team, Sunday school teaching, nursery coordinator, women's study, home Bible study... and that undefinable role of the pastor's wife. They have two children, Audrey (4 yrs.) and Alex (1 yr.). They can be reached on-line at 101535.3247@compuserve.com.

**84** **Rob Lamberts** finished medical school in Philadelphia, Pa., finished his residency in Indianapolis, Ind. in 1994, and sat for and is now board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. He is living in Augusta, Ga., with his wife, Terri, and their three children. (See *Future Alumni*.)

**85** **Meg (Smith) Sawyer** is teaching elementary and junior high music and choir at East Palmyra Christian School in East Palmyra, N.Y. She also has 20 piano and string students.

**Richard Strum** is a museum educator at Shelburne Museum (Ver.) and his wife, Martha, works in the alumni office at the University of Vermont. Richard proposed to Martha at a Vermont Expos (New York - Penn League single A affiliate of the Montreal Expos) baseball game. He arranged for the mascot, Champ, to unfurl a banner saying, "Martha, will you marry me? Rich." The crowd gave them a standing ovation and Martha, obviously, said "Yes."

**Gerry Szymanski '88** was their best man and composed "A Highland Wedding March" for the ceremony. Rich and Martha honeymooned on an Alaskan Cruise.



Director Denison surrounded by members of his choir—learning by doing.

## '87 Alumnus Directs American Boychoir

Between appearances at the White House Christmas tree lighting celebration and on the "Today" show last December, The American Boychoir of Princeton, N.J., squeezed in a holiday performance at the Houghton College chapel services Dec. 13. "We could not have been received more warmly," Craig Denison '87, the choir's associate music director, remarked after that performance.

Denison conducted all of the choir's domestic Christmas concerts last season, while music director James Litton led a second choir on a tour of Japan. Denison is featured as a soloist on The American Boychoir's new Angel Records recording, "Carol." His duties also include conducting workshops and seminars in choral techniques, and at Houghton he presented a workshop for 70 School of Music students.

In this workshop he described general techniques for relaxation and focus, posture, inhalation and exhalation, breathing support and vocal tract pitches. He gave specific advice about working with children, stressing the importance of using lively, real-life images. He also addressed the boy's changing voice.

Denison, who started out as a proctor at The American Boychoir School, recalls, "This was nothing I ever planned on doing," but when there was an emergency opening for assistant music director, his training at Houghton and master's degree in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College (N.J.) earned him the job. He directed the school's resident training choir for five years. Since becoming associate music director in 1994, Denison has led tours through the United States and Canada.

Among his career highlights Denison counts preparing the "three spirits" for "The Magic Flute" presentation at the Hollywood Bowl, preparing the choir for a performance of Mahler's "Eighth Symphony" at Carnegie Hall, and coaching the children for the world premiere of Gian Carlo Menotti's opera "The Singing Child" at Spoleto Festival U.S.A. in Charleston, S.C.

"My training here at Houghton is something I carry with me every day," Denison commented. "It was the sheer act of participating in the [college] choir that educated me about how to lead a choral ensemble." Part of the attraction the Boychoir School held for him was the opportunity to experience again the sense of community he enjoyed at Houghton. "I always appreciated being part of a community of musicians who not only made music together, but lived together and knew each other outside of performing," he noted.



## Class Notes

### Alumni Author



#### *Conquistador in Chains:*

*Cabeza de Vaca and the Indians of the Americas*, by David A. Howard, University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa Alabama, 1997, 259 pages. Professor of History at Houghton College, Howard provides a comprehensive narrative of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, a 16th century Spanish conquistador who attempted a conquest "true to Spanish religion and law, yet safeguarding liberty and justice for the Indians of the New World." Complete with 27 chapters, four maps and an extensive bibliography, Howard outlines the rise and fall of the conquistador by focusing on Cabeza de Vaca as well as the Europeans and Indians of both the Americas. This is Howard's second book on the study of the Spanish government's responsibility to the American Indian population; his first was *The Royal Indian Hospital of Mexico City* (1980).

**87 Alan Collard** is a full-time instructor teaching computer information systems at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron, Mich. He can be reached on-line at [acollard@stclair.cc.mi.us](mailto:acollard@stclair.cc.mi.us).

**Robert Emmett** hopes to go to Sri Lanka in November with Bible Centered Ministry.

**Judy Gale** is leaving her position as student/faculty services representative at the office of the registrar for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She will be going to Changchun, Jilin, China to study the Mandarin dialect with University Language Services.

**Renee (Potter) LaFaver** is employed by Lake Forest School District (Del) as a guidance counselor. Her husband, Chuck, is an electrician for the US Air Force Reserves. They live in Harrington, Del.

**88 Wes and Jennifer (Deal '89) Becker** are living in Rochester, N.Y. with their three-year-old son, Adam. Jennifer completed her master's degree in public health at the University of Rochester and is a senior analyst at the Rochester Healthcare Information Group Inc. Wes is the program director of a homeless shelter at The Salvation Army.

**Dionne (Chandler) Hammond** is the director of conference ministries for Asbury Theological Seminary which includes managing their campus hotel. She is also a part-time student planning further work in church history. Her husband, Craig '93, is a

full-time student at Asbury and is pastoring at Green's Chapel United Methodist Church (UMC). After graduation, he will be serving the UMC in Florida. (See *Future Alumni*.)

**Timothy Johnson** is working in the informational technology department at Northwestern College in Roseville, Minn. He can be reached on-line at [taj@nwc.edu](mailto:taj@nwc.edu).

**Patty-Jeanne (Reicherter) Slaughter** graduated from Indiana State University with a Ph.D. in psychology in August 1996. She is completing a postdoctoral residency in clinical psychology at the Center for Group Counseling in Boca Raton, Fla. She will sit for her state boards in April 1997. Patty-Jeanne and her husband, Dane, are actively involved in their church, First Assembly of God in Boca Raton, and love living in warm, sunny southeast Fla. They welcome all visitors to their new oceanfront condominium. Patty can be reached on-line at [SlaughterPJ@aol.com](mailto:SlaughterPJ@aol.com).

**89 Vicky (Palmer) Hickey** is a research technician at the Guthrie Foundation for Medical Research doing research on latex allergy. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**Elisabeth (Redman) Jochum** and her husband, Mike, headed overseas in February for full-time missions with Pioneers. They would like to keep in touch with anyone interested in receiving their newsletter about their church planting ministry among Muslim people. They can be reached on-line at [73654.3130@compuserve.com](mailto:73654.3130@compuserve.com).

**90 James Bolich** can be reached on line at [bolich@juno.com](mailto:bolich@juno.com). (See *Future Alumni*.)

**Carene Christensen** has just completed her fifth year at Skogheim Conference Centre as catering manager. Skogheim is located in Port Shepstone, Natal, South Africa and is a member of Christian Camping International of Southern Africa. She can be reached at PO Box 256, Port Shepstone 4240, R.S.A.

**91 L. David Wheeler** has been named editor of *The Spectator*, the Sunday edition of *The Evening Tribune* and *The Wellsville Daily Reporter*. He will continue to serve as a staff writer for *The Evening Tribune*.

**92 Tamara Bence** lives in Lexington, Ky., where she is employed as a librarian's assistant at the Lexington Public Library. She also teaches in the English Department at Asbury College.

**Angela (Coleman) Militello** received a master's degree from SUNY at Buffalo in English education. She lives in Kenmore, NY and teaches English at Reszel Middle School in the North Tonawanda City School District. She can be reached on-line at [ATMCole@aol.com](mailto:ATMCole@aol.com).

**Karen (Newby) Tyson** is teaching second grade at Sharon School in Robbinsville, N.J. She can be reached on-line at

[karen@nec.com](mailto:karen@nec.com).

**Wendy Hoke Witmer** is living in Manheim, Pa. with her husband, Rodney. Wendy is the life skills program coordinator for COBYS Family Services, a church sponsored foster care agency. She is also taking classes in social administration at Temple University. Wendy and Rodney are the proud foster parents of an 18 year-old girl who is a student at Messiah College.

**93 Kevin Shoemaker** is teaching seventh grade language arts in the Wayne Central School District in Ontario, N.Y. He just finished his third year coaching the junior varsity boys soccer team at the high school. **Julie (Sentz '93) Shoemaker** had been working as a manager at Jo-Ann Fabrics for just over a year before quitting in September in preparation for the birth of their daughter. (See *Future Alumni*.)

**Derrick Tennant** went to the Philippines and Mexico after graduation to play on an international basketball team. After returning, he lived in Los Angeles working with inner city children and gangs with the Center for Student Missions. He then became the east coast corporate trainer for Discovery Zone Inc. for three years and moved back to N.Y. as public relations director and offensive coordinator for a semi-pro football team. Derrick is living in Atlanta now and runs promotions and events marketing for a company out of Los Angeles. He can be reached at (770) 451-9691 or on-line at [ucanreachme@juno.com](mailto:ucanreachme@juno.com).

**94 Tim DeTellis** is working for New Missions where he leads teams on missions trips. He is also the event coordinator for Orlando Metro which is an event with praise and worship by Tim and a group of other musicians and Bible teachings by a pastor from the First Baptist Church of Orlando. It has been going for a couple of months and over 600 people attend each week. Many are hearing the gospel for the first time. Tim has produced a Christmas and Hymn recording which is sold at events and in local store chains. Tim's wife, **Danika (Timura '96)**, graduated from the University of Central Florida last May and is working at a private Christian school as an event coordinator and receptionist.

**Heather (Dale) Fignar** is working as marketing assistant for an industrial company, Jesco America Corporation in Rochester, N.Y. She is involved in the implementation of marketing strategy as well as design and editing of technical manuals. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**Karen Griffith** resigned her senior missions counselor position at Judson College, a position she held for two years. She has accepted a position as a healthcare cost specialist with Zurich American Insurance. In her new job, Karen will be working in managed care services division out of Schaumburg, Ill.



**95** Esther Carpenter finished the MLS degree at SUNY Buffalo last May and is now working as a school librarian at Carver Elementary School in Newport News, Va. She can be reached on-line at [ecarpent@colt.carver.nm.k12.va.us](mailto:ecarpent@colt.carver.nm.k12.va.us).

**Corey Ha** is attending the University of Hartford where he is studying music in pursuit of a master's degree. He and his wife, **Robin (Stewart '95)** moved to Hartford, Conn. last August. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**Rebecca (Johnson) Reeves** is living in Owego, N.Y. where she spent last year teaching 9th-12th grade math at the public high school filling in for a teacher on a one-year sabbatical. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**96** Christine Cogan is a laboratory technician for Kelly Scientific (Clorox Technical Center) in Calif. She is enrolled in Western Seminary pursuing a master's degree in counseling.

**John Coots** is a graduate assistant in athletic training at Frostburg State University where he is pursuing a master's degree in health and physical education.

**Christina Humphrey** is teaching junior high and high school French at Dade Christian School in Miami, Fla.

**William J. Malay** is the head of community relations for Vineyard Christian Fellowship of San Francisco, a large, inner-city church. He oversees the food and clothing bank and coordinates several evangelistic service projects designed to build bridges between the church and the neighbors, most of whom are new immigrants. He is also involved with the denomination's advanced leadership training.

**Adam Owen** is doing graphic design—layout, illustration, signs and cartooning—for Taylor Graphics of Wilson, N.C. He is also teaching cartooning and illustration in the continuing education program of Wilson Technical Community College. Adam lives in nearby Fountain.

## In Memoriam

'34 Foster Benjamin died June 21, 1996.

'27 Hazel (Sartwell) Benson died November 25, 1996, at her residence in Venice, Fla. She taught and was a librarian for 29 years, retiring in 1971 from North Rockland Central School in Stoney Point, N.Y. She was active in community and church activities and was a member of the Venice United Methodist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret (Benson '64) Buck; a sister, Harriet (Sartwell '36) Norton; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband in 1980. Memorial gifts may be made to the Alfred Benson Scholarship Fund at Houghton College.

'70 John G. Brokaw III died of brain cancer January 22, 1997, at Mount Vernon Hospital (Vir). He was the vice president for marketing of Washington operations for Sippican Ocean Systems. John worked for that firm in Mass., before moving to the Washington, D.C. area for the company in 1984. He had received a master's degree in marine affairs from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at the College of William and Mary. John also served in the Navy from 1970 to 1973. He was president of the National Capital Council of the Navy League of the United States and a member of the Falls Church Episcopal Church. John is survived by his wife, Brenda (Rhoad '69); a daughter, Katarina; a brother, Timothy '71; his parents, and three sisters.

'16 A. Ray Calhoun, believed to be Houghton's oldest living alumnus, died January 17 at the Utica (N.Y.) Heritage Home at the age of 104. Born in Iowa, he graduated from Houghton Seminary and the college advanced department before receiving his B.A. from Oberlin. He received a master's degree in education from Syracuse University and was awarded Phi Beta Kappa. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during WWI, and later worked as a research chemist. He was a high school science teacher, then principal in Utica area schools and was director of secondary education at Utica Free Academy when he retired in 1960. An avid bowler into his 90s, Mr. Calhoun remained active in many civic and educational organizations, played in the Shrine Band, and wrote its 50-year history. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church. In 1922 he married Norah Riggall, a former Houghton faculty member. She died in 1980. Following his 100th birthday Calhoun was profiled in the January '93 *Milieu* and in the April issue offered recollections about early Houghton as drawn from his autobiography, *Just One in a Million*. Survivors include two daughters, seven grandchildren, a sister and a brother, several nieces, nephews and cousins. Following funeral services he was interred at Forest Hill Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church Building Fund or the Masonic Medical Research Lab in Utica.

'45 Walton Creque died of a heart attack on October 9, 1996, following surgery.

'53 Barbara (Bean) Danks died in early January after several years of suffering with illness. She was 65. Etched on her gravestone is: "Attending a Reunion." Survivors include her husband, Edward '53. Memorial gifts may be made to Noroton Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 2011 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. Barbara's stated desire is to have the gifts support the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and L'Arche Daybreak Community in Toronto.

'28 Anna M. Duggan died December 28, 1996, in the Highland Healthcare Center in Wellsville (N.Y.) after a short illness. She earned a master's degree in education from St. Bonaventure University. She had been employed by Warsaw High School and Angelica High School, and retired in 1965 from Bolivar Central School, where she was a foreign language teacher. Anna was a member of the Bolivar United Methodist Church, Buttrick Chapter 109 - Order of the Eastern Star in Bolivar, and the Bolivar Retired Teachers Association. She is survived by three nephews, and six grandnieces and grandnephews.

'59 David Einfeldt died at home December 17, 1996, of a heart attack. He was 58 years old. David was a music educator known internationally for his contributions to the Suzuki method of teaching instrumental music to children. For 10 years David and his wife, Teri, co-directed the Hartt Suzuki Institute at the Hartt School's Community Division, at the University of Hartford (Conn.). He taught violin, viola, and conducted four student orchestras for the school. David's musical training included Houghton, Ithaca College and personal study with Dr. Shinichi Suzuki, the founder of the Suzuki method. David was frequently a clinician and guest teacher/trainer at music education workshops and conferences in the US and abroad. He was also a sought after conductor at regional and all-state festivals of music. He had performed with the Miami and Syracuse symphony orchestras. David is survived by his widow, father, Lynn Einfeldt '37; step-mother, a son, three daughters, two sisters, including Ruth (Einfeldt '68) Turner; six grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to the David Einfeldt Memorial Fund, c/o Hartt School Community Division, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford, Conn. 06117.

'32 Rena (Potter) Masker Feuerbacher, 85, died January 12, 1997. She worked with her first husband, Ora Masker, on their fruit farm in Warwick, N.Y. While in Warwick, Rena was a member of the Art League and studied with several area artists. She was also a member of Calvary Baptist Church and served as president of its Women's Missionary Society. After Ora's death, she sold the fruit farm and later moved to Fla. She resided at Shell Point Village in Ft. Myers

## Alumni Chapter Meetings



Date	Location
April 25 .....	Syracuse <i>President Chamberlain and others</i>
April 26 .....	Rochester <i>President Chamberlain and others</i>



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(Fla.) and was their charter president from 1978-1981. She attended the Village Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In 1981 she married Harry Feuerbacher of Shell Point Village, who preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Great Commission Fund of the Village Church, 15000 Shell Point Blvd., Shell Point Village, Fla. 33908.



**'46 Daniel A. Heinz** (Hon. D.D. '75) died at home of heart failure November 27, 1996, in Clinton, North Carolina. He was 74. Born in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, he grew up in Buffalo, N.Y. For several years he was employed in the merchant marine on the Great Lakes before attending Moody Bible Institute. At Houghton College he met and in 1944 married **Geraldine Elrod '47**. Ordained in 1946, he pastored Wesleyan churches in Fillmore, Appleton and Levant, N.Y., and was a student pastor while attending Asbury Theological Seminary, Ken. He also studied at Southern Baptist Seminary and began a master's degree program at SUNY Fredonia. Rev. Heinz was named superintendent for the Western New York District of the Wesleyan Church in 1960, serving until 1988, when, because of failing health he resigned to become pastor of the Bradford, (Pa.) Wesleyan Church. Concurrent with his district service Heinz was, for 28 years, a member of the Houghton College board of trustees, its chairman from 1973-84. Dr. Heinz also served on the General Board of Administration of the Wesleyan Church, was a member of the National Association of Evangelicals, the Christian Holiness Association and the Wesleyan Theological Society. He was a commissioned officer of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol. Upon retiring from the Bradford church in 1993, the Heinzes moved to Clinton. Surviving besides his widow are sons **Daniel '81**, and **Don**, two grandchildren, and a sister. A daughter, **Barbara**, died last summer. Funeral services were conducted in Houghton on December 1. Interment followed in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Houghton. Memorial gifts may be made to a scholarship fund for ministerial students at Houghton College.

**'38 John Hopkins** died January 7, 1997. He is survived by his wife, **Josephine (Rees '38)**; two sons, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in East Aurora, N.Y. or to the Children's Travel Fund of Ismailia Temple.

**'39 Dorothy J. Krause** died December 30, 1996, at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, Pa. She graduated from Houghton Seminary in 1934, then with the college class of 1939. In 1953 she moved to California

where she completed her college education at California State University, Fresno campus. From 1954 to 1996 she resided at Atwater, Calif., where she taught kindergarten at Atwater Elementary School System, retiring in 1978. She continued to live in Atwater until March 1996 when, due to failing health, she relocated to Camp Hill, Pa., to be near family. Survivors include a sister, **Marguerite (Krause '52) DeRuiter**; a brother, **John R. Krause '50**; and two nieces and two nephews.

**'52 Clifford LaForge** died in January of lymphoma. During his career as a pastor, he served churches in N.Y., Conn., Vt., and Pa. He is survived by his wife, **Ruth (Brink '52)**; a son, **Wayne LaForge '80**; Jan LaForge, Susan Kalezis and James LaForge.

**'46 Esther M. (Alm) Northrup** died December 13, 1996. She worked for Houghton College from 1946 to 1954 and then for New York Theological Seminary in New York City from 1966 to 1969. Esther was also one of the seven original employees of the Sheridan Catheter Company in Argyle. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, a Sunday School teacher, vacation Bible school teacher, release time church school teacher, a member of the church choir and United Methodist Women. She is survived by her husband, **Arthur O. Northrup '51**; a son and daughter-in-law, three daughters and sons-in-law, and 11 grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to the Mooers Emergency Medical Team or the Memorial Fund of the Mooers United Methodist Church.

**'33 Raymond A. Pitzrick** died January 28, 1997, at Jones Memorial Hospital (Rochester, N.Y.) shortly after admission. He earned a master's degree in science from Cornell University and studied further at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and the McGill University Geographic School at Montreal, Canada. Raymond taught school in Saratoga Springs and Ceres (N.Y.), retiring in 1976 from the science department of Scio Central School after 40 years of service. He also tutored German privately for several years. After retiring, he taught at the Belmont Christian School, Wellsville Christian Academy and the Portville Christian School. Raymond was a member of the New York State Science Teacher Association; Alaska Geographic Society; Allegany County Bird Watchers Club; and the local Stamp Collectors Club. He was also a member of the Belmont Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, **Vivian (Mills '53)**; a son, **Calvin '71**; two daughters, **Bethel Foster '58** and **Audrey Spencer**; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Services were officiated by the Rev. **Alton J. Shea '36** and **Robert C. Cook**, pastor of the Belmont Baptist Church. Memorial gifts may be made to the Belmont Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

**Harriet Rothfus (S)** died after a brief stay in Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, NY, January 19, 1997, following a long battle

against leukemia. An alumna of Moody Bible Institute and former worker at Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, Mrs. Rothfus and her late husband pastored churches in western New York for some 15 years. As a result of his death and that of their oldest son in a 1972 car crash, Harriet worked as a physician's receptionist for five years in Barker, NY, then in 1977, became secretary in the Houghton College music office for six years. Subsequently she was secretary to the vice president for finance, then administrative secretary until her retirement in 1994. That year the college moved her and the house she lived in to a new location (Sept. '94 *Milieu* cover). Although in increasingly frail health Harriet continued active as part-time secretary for North Park Wesleyan Church in Cuba, N.Y., which she attended. Survivors include sons **Edward '83**, and **Tedd '91**, five grandchildren, a sister, two step-brothers, and several nieces and nephews. Services were held January 23 in Cuba, with interment at Wright's Corners Cemetery, Town of Newfane in Niagara County. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Mission for Opening churches, Olcott, N.Y.



**'29 Erma (Anderson) Thomas** died at Sunset Point Nursing Home, Clearwater, FL, on January 16. She was 89. Last fall Houghton's Highlander Sports Association named her to its Athletic Hall of Honor (see page 6). Daughter of a noted evangelist and pastor, Erma excelled in athletics and literature. After her marriage to the late Hugh Thomas, she taught in various western New York Schools. Mrs. Thomas used her artistic and literary talents in child evangelism and led numerous workshops and penned articles for several Wesleyan publications. Her biography of Houghton President J.S. Luckey grew out of a college research project. After their oldest son sustained paralyzing injuries in an accident, she devoted much time to his care and rehabilitation. The Thomases retired from teaching in 1969 and moved to Brooksville, Fla., in 1971, residing there for 21 years. Services were held in Brooksville Wesleyan Church with interment following in that city. Survivors include two sons, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**'34 Addie Belle (Bever) Willard** died December 15, 1995, at the We Care Nursing Center in Wildwood, Fla. Addie lived in Little Valley, NY, and taught at the Little Valley Central School. She married George Willard from Little Valley who predeceased her.

*Milieu* has received third party notice that **'45 Gwendolyn Charles**, long-time missionary in Africa; and **'46 Betty Stratton Yarnell** are deceased. At press time we learned of the death of **Betty Johnson (S)**. Details in the June magazine.



## April

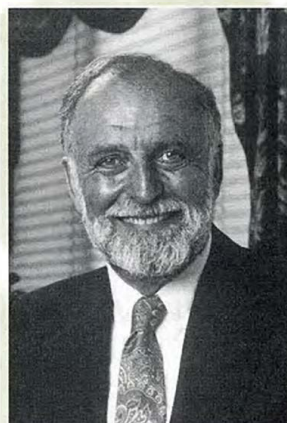
- 4 All-Student Juried Art Exhibition begins  
CAB Concert: Susan Ashton
- 5 Gallery Reception: Awards, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 College Choir Home Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Young Performers' Concert, 8:15 p.m.
- 10-12 Spring Musical Production: Carousell  
(Tysinger Auditorium-Academy)
- 16 Women's Choir Concert, 8:15 p.m.
- 19 Wind Ensemble Concert
- 23 Student Composers' Concert, 8:15 p.m.
- 26 Philharmonia Concert
- 27 "Voices of Soulful Praise" Concert



Youth Weekend, May 16-18

## May

- 10 Parents' Concert: College Choir
- 11 Baccalaureate: Jon Arensen, 10:30 a.m.
- 12 Commencement: Richard Wynn, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Mayterm begins
- 16-18 Youth Weekend: *Apply the Cross*— Keynote Speaker:  
Tay Williams, Concert: Beyond the Blue
- 19-23 Pastors' Conference: *Equipping for Ministry*  
Stuart Briscoe
- 23-24 Welcome Weekend
- 30-31 Welcome Weekend



*Equipping for Ministry's speaker,*  
Stuart Briscoe, May 19-23

(All events are held in Wesley Chapel and begin at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated)

## Summer Alumni Weekends Highlights

### SAW I July 11-12

Seminars featuring Dr. Kay Lindley '43, Dr. Robert Black, Carol (Sturgis '59) Savolaine and Greg Sperry Campus Tour • Reception for alumni of 1940-51  
• Hymn Sing • Ice Cream Social • Organ Recital • Reunions for the Classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962 and 1967 • Alumni Banquet • Alumni On Parade  
Communion Service • Alumnus of the Year Presentation

### SAW II August 8-10

Seminars featuring Richard Halberg '71, David Benedict '73, "Skip" Lord '81 • Class Activities • Campus Tour • Ice Cream Social • Devotionals • Kids Program  
• Reunions for the Classes of 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992 • Senate Spot  
• Celebration

*Both weekends feature free time and use of college athletic facilities. Detailed programs and registration forms will be mailed to alumni in April.*





## Lisa Zinn

Being raised in rural Little Valley, N.Y., gave Lisa Zinn '92 an early love for the creation. Backpacking and canoeing in a high school outdoor adventure club inspired her "to seek ways to protect this wonderful world God has created."

"God had given me a passionate concern for his creation, yet people were dying, many without Christ. I struggled over how my time could best be spent in His kingdom's service," Lisa recalls. Through readings and required essays in an

ecology class with Dr. Jim Wolfe, Lisa came to realize this was no either-or question. "In caring for the land we are also caring for the people who live upon it. I can share the gospel while planting trees as well as on a street corner."

"Houghton helped me begin learning how to make my faith central in my career and provided the link to Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies in Michigan where I am program assistant." Through Houghton professors Wolfe and Boone—sometime summer faculty at Au Sable—Lisa participated in an internship which led to her present work in the institute's environmental education program.

Local school children (5,000 yearly) visit the 65-acre campus for day-long field trips; small groups study such subjects as birds, pond life, and ground water. Lisa helps develop curriculum and train interns. She's also teaching assistant for a college level environmental ethics class and helps in the library and with administration. And, she has a role in establishing Au Sable's Puget Sound, Wash., marine center. Next year she wants to begin graduate school.

This former College Choir alto is also a song-writer. Singing, playing guitar, hammered dulcimer or other instruments she presents her music in worship at Au Sable and in churches. Recently she led worship for the national conference of the Evangelical Environmental Network in Chattanooga, Tenn. She says: "My songs do not preach environmentalism; they simply join the creation in worship of the Creator."

Lisa Zinn. Christian environmentalist. Artist. Scholar. We salute her and the thousands of Houghton alumni who make a difference in communities around the world.



*Lord, I praise you for the sun as it slowly rises. And,  
Lord, I praise you for its light, Stealing colors from the  
night. Birds join in my song of praise, Thankful for this  
brand new day, Created for His pleasure, by the  
Master's hand.*

Lyric from "Morning Song," a composition on  
Lisa's tape, *On Earth As It Is In Heaven*.

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