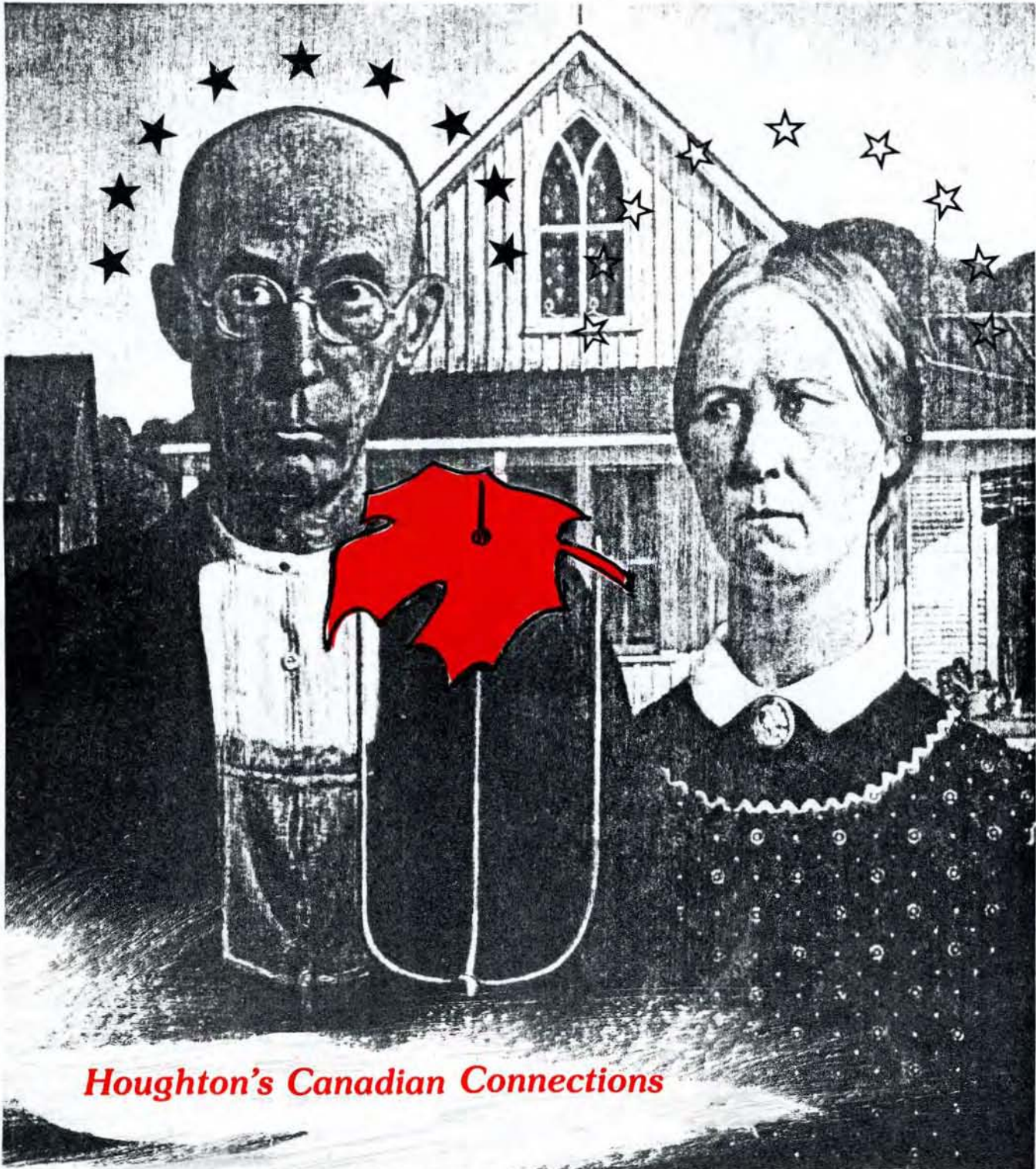


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## Houghton's Canadian Connections

What do you mean—"Toronto  
isn't Canada's capital?"

**H**OUGHTON COLLEGE is justifiably proud of its international students and alumni, frequently citing the enrichment they offer the campus mix, and making special efforts to attract and accommodate internationals once they're here. By far the largest single group of such students and alumni is Canadian. But because our two countries share much in common beside the North American continent, significant cultural differences go unrecognized or unexamined.

Americans' notorious parochialism is nowhere more glaring than in our ignorance about the country and the people just north of us and the world longest undefended border of which we are so proud. Still, for most of its 105-year history the college has attracted Canadian students. Early on, as now, most were drawn across the border to western New York by the promise of Christian liberal arts, an educational construct still novel in Canada today.

Nearly half of these students have been drawn from the Canadian districts of Houghton's sponsoring denomination, The Wesleyan Church, but other evangelical denominations are represented, too. As alumni, these Canadians reside in most of the provinces. Others are expatriots living in the United States, but initially, the majority come from the east, most of them from Ontario.

Perhaps 300 Canadians are Houghton alumni. We say "perhaps," because college records do not definitively categorize national origins, and current addresses are not necessarily congruent with citizenship. At any rate, for two decades Houghton's annual Canadian student population has averaged 15-20. Seven current faculty members maintain Canadian citizenship as does one staffer.

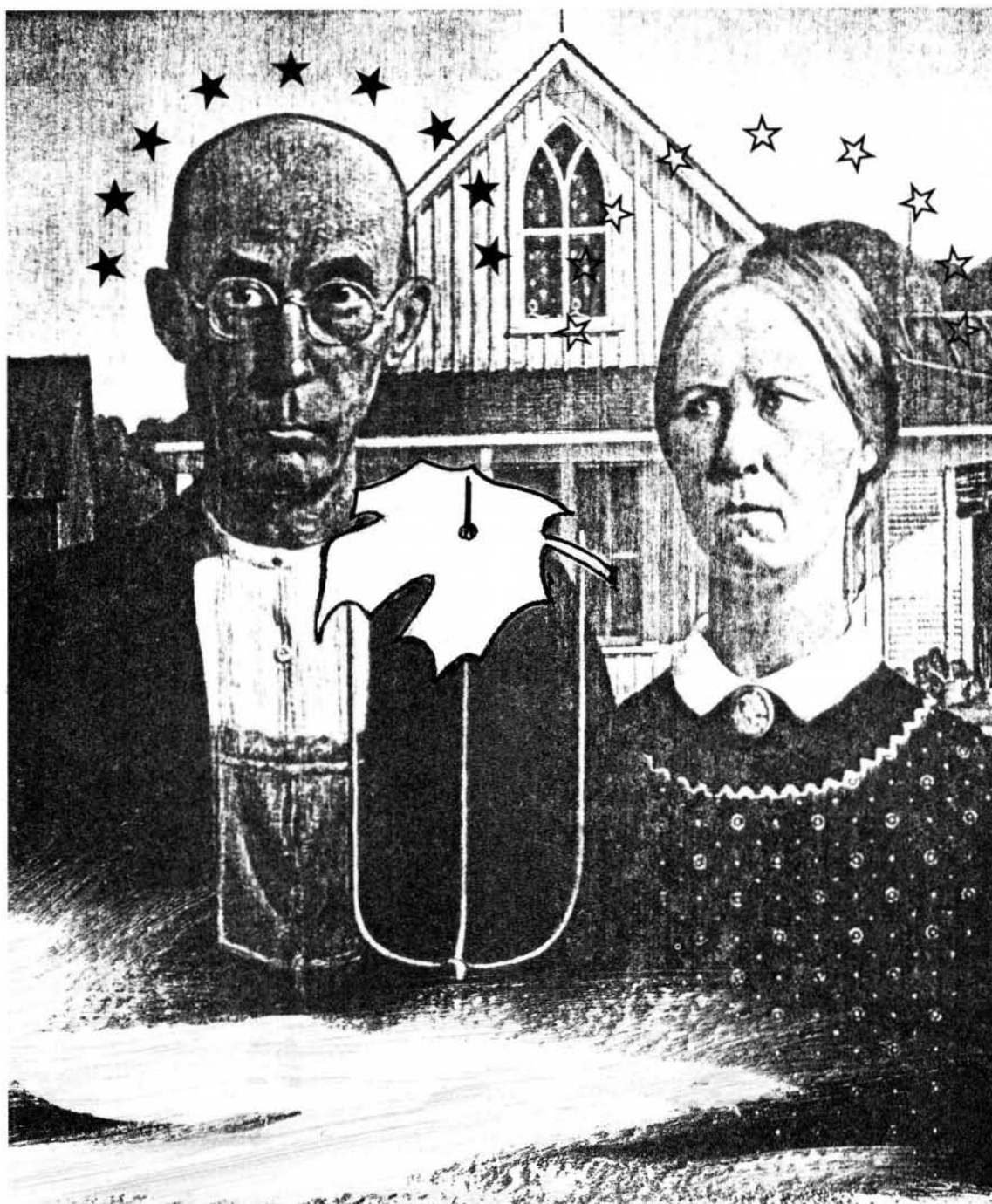
## myLINE

1989! Alumni who were seniors when your editor began working for Houghton College will mark their 25-year reunion in June! So many faces, so many events, experiences and opportunities through those years. . . Happily the retrospection

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These on-campus groups, and known Canadian alumni became fair game for the following series which explores in affectionate microcosm the strengths and sore points in the relations between the two peoples. A followup section examines ways in which the college recruits Canadian students, counteracts some popular misconceptions, and examines efforts being made to improve Houghton's service to Canadian students and alumni. We deeply appreciate

the responses of some 60 people whose cooperation made these features possible.

## Students

by Julie Romann '88

**T**HERE ARE 15 OF THEM on campus this year, but they're rarely, if ever, seen as a group. They look like most other "American"

*"American students treat college as an experience. Canadians are here for an education."*



From left: Esther McKnight, Dominique Schilke, Peggy Chatson

students, but they're not. They don't seem different, but they are. They are Houghton's Canadian students.

On a campus where "internationalization" is a buzzword, they have a lot to offer, but the richness of their potential contribution to campus diversity is muted or lost because of the perceived commonalities. A sampling of the differences emerged from question and answer interviews conducted with these Canadians at the end of last semester.

**Q. How do Canadians learn about Houghton?**

Peggy Chatson, Esther McKnight, Scott McGeorge and the Warren brothers are second generation students. Dominique and Stephan Schilke learned of Houghton through their home Wesleyan church.

Shelly Shannon read about Houghton in a magazine and sent for more information. She was impressed with the psychology offerings and decided to transfer.

Houghton alumni and faculty provided the link for others. Gayle Irwin '82, now a missionary in China, was a family friend of Dave Gillham's. James Obando attends the church where Canadian faculty member Valerie (Bock) Trexler's parents attend. During a Trexler visit home, James met their son Michael, then a student at Houghton Academy.

**Q. There are many fine colleges in Canada. Why did you choose to attend Houghton?**

The consensus among the Canadian students was that they selected Houghton to get liberal arts at a Christian college. Canada has only a handful of such institutions at present. Reasons given for not attending them ranged from

geographical inconvenience to limited offerings and lack of reputation.

**Q. From a student perspective, what are some differences you perceive between the U.S. and Canada?**

A major difference is the educational system. Although Canadian children enter kindergarten at age five as do their American counterparts, American students graduate from high school after grade 12. At that point they may enter the working world or continue in higher education.

Canadian students have other options. Students planning on entering the work force after high school or interested in pursuing a vocational education graduate after grade 12. Those planning on entering university complete an additional year of high school—grade 13. In the United States the terms college and university are used interchangeably; not so in Canada. University equates to American four-year degree programs. In Canada, college generally is for two years, is vocationally oriented, roughly analogous to a community college here.

As the structures vary, so do the emphases placed on subject matter: for example, geography and history. "I think Americans are geographically ignorant," Scott Warren observed, an opinion confirmed in national surveys in this country. Geography is stressed throughout junior high and high school in Canada. One Canadian student knew all U.S. states and their capitals. Few Americans know that Ottawa is Canada's national capital. But asked what year Canada became independent from England, many of those interviewed drew a blank. United States schools emphasize U.S. and world history. [Canadian faculty members point out that Canada did not experience a revolution, that separation from England was an amicable process and that Canada is still a member of the British Commonwealth.]

Liberal arts are interwoven into the four-year university programs in Canada, but are less stressed than at Houghton, the students felt. James Obando noted: "I think the requirements are good for you. . . a liberal arts education helps to define your interests." Scott Warren articulated an attitudinal difference toward higher education. "American students treat college as an experience," he said. "Canadians are here for an education."

The students concur that Canada's academic standards are higher than those in the U.S., but that Houghton's demands are somewhat close to their own. Still, transfer Shelley Shannon comparing Houghton to her Canadian university said, "Houghton is definitely different from Simon Fraser . . . it's easier." In the states a



grade of 90 percent or better is considered excellent. In Canada, students said, 80 percent is considered as an "A," [and ostensibly, is harder to get].

The concept of multiple choice exams was foreign to most of the Canadian interviewees. Essay exams were the norm at home. Some say multiple choice exams are too objective. American spelling required adjustment, too; for example, "favor" versus "favour." Dominique Schilke explained, "Some professors are sensitive to the differences, others have told me that since I'm in America, I should spell as Americans do."

Peggy Chatson observed that "there is a greater emphasis placed on sports in the U.S. than in Canada." No athletic scholarships are given to college or university students there.

Canadian students spoke highly of their news media: singling out the variety of world news presented to the audience. The Canadian Broadcasting Company is acclaimed for its international news coverage. Although strong CBC station signals reach Houghton, few of the Canadian students listen, because they prefer TV news. However, no Canadian TV is available over the air here, so apart from Canadian election news summaries or the recent brief flurry of coverage over the trade agreement ratification, Canada doesn't make news here.

In viewing American newscasts, the Canadian

students observed that media here relates everything to Americans and the impact of an event on the U.S. Dave Gillham felt that the perspective of ABC's World News Tonight [as it focuses on world news balanced with coverage of the United States] was closer to what he was used to at home. Of course, anchorman Peter Jennings is Canadian.

While there is much similarity in foods north and south of the border, differences go beyond having different names for identical products—M&Ms are called Smarties in Canada. Dave Gillham finds American honey "strange. . . it's runny. In Canada we have a creamed honey." One item Houghton's Canadians miss is "Nutella," a hazelnut/chocolate spread now beginning to appear in American specialty shops. [After sampling some, writer Romann thinks Americans should "become educated to this heavenly delicacy."]

Houghton's Canadians are more culturally adjusted to the states than are other internationals, but this is not always an advantage. Because the differences are subtle or invisible to many American eyes, some Canadian students feel that Canada is perceived as a 51st state, and they resent it. Scott McGeorge summed up magnanimously: "Since I've been here [in the U.S.] I've gained a better understanding of why Americans are the way they are."

#### **Q. Who are Houghton's Canadians?**

Sophomore Paula Barber resides in Shawville, Quebec, and transferred to Houghton from Bethany Bible College, Houghton's sister Wesleyan institution in New Brunswick. Peggy Chatson of Trenton, Ontario, is a senior music major. David Gillham, a junior, is studying history and minoring in missions. Mary Ann Harpell, a senior, and Scott McGeorge, sophomore, are both literature majors from Kingston, Ontario. Matt Hayes, a senior from Moncton, New Brunswick, is majoring in social science, minoring in business administration.

The 1988 Homecoming Queen, Esther McKnight, is a senior general science major from Trenton. James Obando, a sophomore art major, hails from Mississauga, just outside Toronto. Senior Mark Ohlman of Stouffville, Ontario, spent the first semester in France under the cooperative Central College (IA) study abroad program.

Kirk Sabine comes from Belmont, Nova Scotia. A junior, he's pursuing a degree in computer science. Dominique and Stephan Schilke are a sister and brother duo from Nepean, Ontario. Dominique is a senior business major with minors in French and accounting. Sophomore Stephan is pursuing his degree in history.

Shelly Shannon comes from Vancouver, British Columbia, and is a junior transfer from Simon Fraser University in B.C. She expects to earn her B.A. in psychology. Moncton, New Brunswick, resident LouAnne Smith is a junior psychology major.

Brothers Robb and Scott Warren came to Houghton from Manotick, Ontario. Robb, a senior, is studying computer science. Soph Scott is majoring in history and minoring in French and secondary education.



*From top left: Scott McGeorge, James Obando, Scott Warren, David Gillham.*

## Internationalizing curriculum? Don't overlook Nation to the north, say Houghton's Canadians

*I can live anywhere from Winnipeg to Halifax and people have even asked me if I'm from Newfoundland."*

*Below from left: Harold Kingdon, Scot Bennett, Larry Mullen*

**S**EVEN STRONG, Houghton's Canadian faculty contingent has nearly 75 years of service to its credit. Individually they teach in four of six divisions. They range from veterans to relative newcomers. And their opinions and expectations as Canadian citizens are as varied as they are.

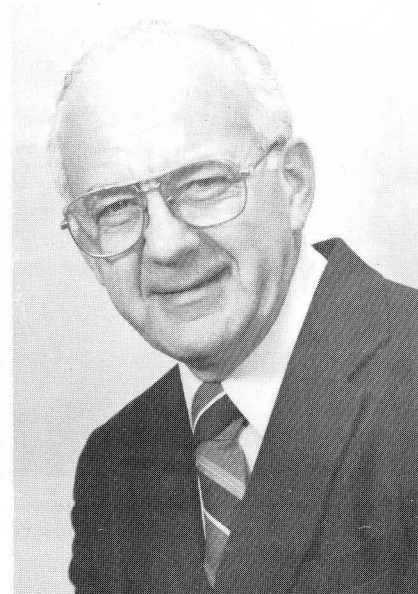
Bible and philosophy professor Larry Mullen grew up in a Reformed Baptist parsonage in Saint John, New Brunswick. After graduating from a Canadian high school 1945, he enrolled at Eastern Nazarene College (MA), where he majored in philosophy with a minor in Bible. He graduated with a B.A. and a Th.B., then earned a master's degree from Boston University in 1952. Back in Canada, he taught at Bethany Bible College in Sussex, NB, until 1957. That year he became pastor of a Reformed Baptist Church in Woodstock. When his denomination merged with The Wesleyan Church in 1966, he came to Houghton.

Only a year later Christian ministries professor Harold Kingdon came to fill an interim position. Born near Toronto and raised in North Bay, Ontario, Dr. Kingdon, at the age of five, was not expected to live. Subsequently he learned that his mother had committed Harold's life to the Lord. She believed God had indicated that her son would live, and that he would enter ministry. In grade 11 Harold rebelled against his Wesleyan upbringing. He quit school, took a job as a messenger boy with the Ontario Northern Railroad, and worked there for three-and-a-half years, rising to personal secretary of the treasurer.

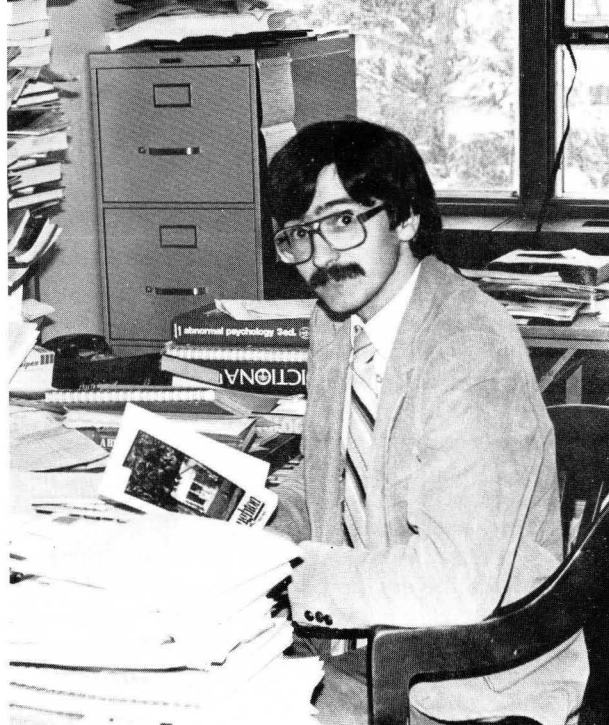
Meanwhile the Lord had been calling him back and Harold re-dedicated his life. Sensing a call toward some kind of service, he decided to leave his job, sell his car and go to college. When he told his parents, his mother told him about her prayers. Harold attended Marion College for a year then transferred to Houghton, where he met his wife, Mary (Sell '56), and graduated in 1957. After pastoring Spencerport (NY) Wesleyan Church for six years and getting M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Asbury Seminary, Kingdon began his Houghton career. Ten years ago he completed a D.Min at Bethel Seminary. Both Mullen and Kingdon were encouraged to apply to Houghton by former professor Bert Hall.

Art department head Scot Bennett was born in Listowel, Ontario. When he was in third grade and living in Preston (now part of Cambridge) his father joined a traveling quartet and the family moved west to the group's base in Vancouver, British Columbia. After his dad decided he couldn't make a living this way, the family returned to Preston. Scot finished grade and high school there, then entered Guelph University. Unable to "integrate well," Scot began looking elsewhere.

No Canadian liberal arts colleges offered an art major so he turned to the states, eventually enrolling at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, NY. There he met his wife and learned of Houghton, but not until Scot earned an MFA at RIT and had taught two years at Central Michigan University and another year at North Nazarene College, did he and Lisa come here in 1986.







Left: Paul Young, Brian Sayers

These faculty did not regret leaving Canada for the United States, nor did they feel it was an issue. Mullen observed, "I'm not ashamed of being Canadian, but I don't think most of us promote that." Kingdon and Bennett agreed. But surely being Canadian in the United States has some affect?

Dr. Kingdon expressed displeasure at not being able to vote in either country. Professor Mullen agreed, but felt the worst problem is that "our dear American friends don't know where Canada is. They know it's north. I can live anywhere from Winnipeg to Halifax and people have even asked me if I'm from Newfoundland. Americans are notoriously ignorant!" Harold Kingdon wryly echoed that point: "They just know it's one of those 'providences.'"

Are these Canadian professors involved in the lives of Houghton's Canadian students? Do they know who these students are? Mullen said that in the past Canadian faculty and students celebrated Canadian Thanksgiving, usually at the initiation of a student. But it hasn't happened recently. Scot Bennett expressed a burden he has for Canadian Christian students who want to study art. "There just isn't any place [in Canada]," he lamented.

Philosophy professor Brian Sayers joined the faculty in America's bicentennial year, a product of Canadian schools all the way—secondary school in Coburg, Ontario, a year of Bible school in Regina, Saskatchewan, B.A. from the University there, M.A. and Ph.D. from Queens University in Ontario. Oldest of six children born into a poor family, he is the only Christian. His conversion occurred in high school, and motivated him to attend Bible school. His wife is Canadian and their two sons have dual citizenship.

Paul Young was raised in a Reformed Baptist home in New Brunswick. He began his college level schooling at Bethany in New Brunswick,

then transferred to Houghton to complete a B.S. in psychology. "Houghton taught me it was all right to think about your faith rationally, but without denying the validity of experience," he observed. Paul met and married Debbie Fero '76 here. After college they moved to Edmonton where he completed M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Alberta. Their first daughter was born in Canada, the twins in the United States. All have dual citizenship. In college Paul had let it be known he'd like to return to teach at Houghton someday. He returned in 1980 and has just concluded a sabbatical leave.

"Americans have more energy and self-confidence than do Canadians," Sayers observed. "I've seen this illustrated on the soccer team. Players refuse to believe they may be second rate."

"Canadians feel morally superior to Americans," said Sayers. He attributed this to differences in treatment of native Americans, greater community consciousness, less materialism. Young noted that the recent Canadian reversal of policy on abortion somewhat undermines that superior sense. "Learning how Americans think, makes me less parochial, feel less morally superior," Paul says.

Asked what strengths a Canadian teacher offers in a U.S. school, Sayers replied, "You can show students alternative approaches, challenge assumptions," [because you've experienced other ways of dealing with social issues, economic problems, and relationships]. History department head Cameron Airhart says his beginnings in Canada, combined with long-time educational and work experiences in the U.S., tend to place him somewhere beyond both cultures. "Not feeling nationalistic is a help in teaching about nationalism," he illustrates.

In early childhood Cameron lived in Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Ontario. After high

*"Not feeling nationalistic is a help in teaching about nationalism"*

*"Canadians don't take government too seriously."*



Above: Cameron Airhart,  
Valerie Texler

*"Americans are more  
superficially friendly  
than Canadians."*

school in Hamilton he attended Northwest Nazarene College in Idaho, met his American wife there, then completed M.A. and Ph.D degrees at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His parents—in Nazarene pastorates—lived in the states, but are returned to Canada now.

Although he considered teaching at a major Canadian university after earning his doctorate, Cameron admits, "there are more opportunities in California than in all of Canada." He was teaching at SUNY Geneseo when he saw Houghton's ad in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Cameron had known former Houghton dean Arthur Lynip in California, and the Airharts visited Lynip's daughter Judith who works at Houghton Academy, before applying for the job which he began in 1987.

From the Toronto suburbs where she grew up with a Baptist/Methodist background, Valerie (Bock '62) Trexler attended Royal York Collegiate Institute where her father headed the math department. She was considering a distant stateside college when a Houghton alumni couple were dinner guests in her parents' home. Houghton's proximity and a pre-application visit led her to enroll. Here she met and married Fred Trexler, an American. Fred returned to teach physics in 1969 after they'd both earned graduate degrees at Penn State. Invited to teach when Fred began, Valerie declined because their children were young, but started teaching English two years ago. Their daughter was born in the states, their son in Canada during a visit to her family.

Have the Canadian faculty made an effort to instill "Canadian-ness" in their children? Professor Mullen's four kids were born in Canada and have maintained their citizenship. Kingdon's four were born in the states, but are registered in Canada. Three are United States citizens and one has dual citizenship. Scot's daughter was born in New York, but is registered in Canada. Brian Sayers' sons were born in Canada, and are at an age "when they like being deviant, refusing to say the pledge of allegiance." Sayers tries to keep up the Canadian ties with trips north of the border, but says that ultimately he considers a citizenship choice up to his sons.

Paul Young feels an obligation to preserve his heritage for the children, trying to keep them up on Canadian news, ways of speaking. Valerie Trexler believes her family is "truly international," but feels opportunities like their recent Canadian sabbatical maintain the ties sufficiently. Cameron Airhart uses visits, Canadian broadcasts and family conversation to reinforce ties, but it's not a particularly conscious effort.

When the time comes, where will Houghton's Canadian faculty spend their retirement? Scot Bennett says that's too far down the line to consider seriously. Mullen explains that if he did retire in Canada, he would receive a Canadian old age pension, medical benefits, maintain his social security and his TIAA benefits. Better than the financial security, he says is the great wind surfing back home.

Professor Kingdon thinks he will not retire in Canada; he envisions moving south where most of his children live. Paul Young considers a move back to Canada a certainty, and says his American wife agrees. "It will be going home," Brian Sayers declares. Valerie Trexler thinks the U.S. will be home. Cameron Airhart hasn't given it much thought, but says his Canadian citizenship gives him flexibility to consider 50 states and 10 provinces when the time comes.

Last observations are revealing.

"Americans are more superficially friendly than Canadians, but last year in the U.S. there were 10,000 deaths from handguns; in Canada there were 112. People there have little tolerance for violence."

"Canadians don't take government too seriously."

"There is greater cultural diversity. The French Canadians don't aspire to becoming Anglo. Economic opportunity is less racist."

In Houghton's move to internationalize curriculum, some Canadian faculty feel the ignoring of their backgrounds and failure, so far, to capitalize on the closeness of Canada are short sighted, perpetuating the misconception that there are no important differences. "They're looking for the dramatic, rather than the subtle," says Scot Bennett, "but subtleties may be more significant than the overt."

Cameron Airhart notes, "business students should be more attuned to Canadian opportunities rather than toward Japan. Houghton is an eastern school, we're not on the Pacific rim; and Canada is America's main trading partner." He adds, "I don't know why we don't go to Quebec more [for immersion in a different culture]."

Airhart then noted that social welfare classes are visiting Toronto, "seeing ethnic individualism, not a melting pot—but people get along." He's also working on getting a Canadian student into a Ft. Erie, Ontario, school for his student teaching experience.

Do these faculty recommend Houghton to Canadians? Despite the dollar gap, some do, but it's because they believe in the "Christian component" Houghton offers, not its educational superiority.





**L**ONGEVITY, energy, versatility, achievement: Houghton's Canadian alumni have it. Senior among them may be Jessie Watt Summers '18, who visited the campus in 1987 after an absence of 60 years!

The late Adam Shea's six children who were collectively named 1973 alumni of the year, with one exception originated in Canada. Whether they live in Canada, in the United States or are scattered abroad, perhaps 300 Canadians call Houghton *alma mater*.

Canadians are popular world citizens. Maple leaf lapel pins or baggage stickers frequently guarantee their owners' quick and unhassled passage through immigration checks and customs. As members of the British Commonwealth they find affinities in many parts of the world, as well as preferred treatment. They are loyal citizens, but don't exude the blatant nationalism which can roughen the path of Americans overseas.

The Canadian agenda differs from the American one, and most of the Canadians who responded to our questionnaire evidenced pride in those differences. Three respondents said

they'd been born Americans, but had elected Canadian citizenship after living there.

[Editor's note: As subject matter grew with the enthusiastic response, *Milieu* is deferring publication of the alumni segment until the March issue. Consequently, Canadian alumni who didn't return questionnaires, or who failed to receive one, are invited to augment the response until mid-February].

## Recruitment \$ and sense

**H**OUGHTON COLLEGE efforts to recruit and serve Canadian students are little publicized, but are of long standing and are intensifying.

Admissions director Tim Fuller told *Milieu* that one admissions counselor is assigned Canada as a part of his area. The college has sponsored van trips to Houghton from Canadian cities and is eager to do so in the future. Canadian teams have also participated in the college's Spring on-campus computer competition for high schoolers.

The admissions office also welcomes visits by prospective students coming to campus with returning alumni. Fuller has been given the names of *Milieu* questionnaire respondents who said they would consider representing the college. He points out that limited recruitment funds are concentrated in areas of highest return so volunteer efforts are much appreciated, not only in Canada, but in other parts of the United States.

Many Canadian alumni said they hesitated to recommend Houghton because of currency exchange rates. Fuller explained that just as American student aid packages are subject to standardized criteria in establishing appropriate family contribution, so are those of Canadians. But for Canadians, the resulting figure is converted to U.S. funds and 60 percent of the exchange rate is forgiven. Houghton does not automatically forgive the entire differential because need is a consideration in preparing all aid packages. Still, other help is being planned.

The college is establishing an independent Canadian foundation or trust with Canadian directors to solicit gifts in Canada to underwrite scholarships for Canadian students. Legal work is being completed on this project and the mechanism should be in place this year. Too, the Canadian government has restated the tax deductibility of Canadian gifts to Houghton College.

So I say to you, my friends, that... must f  
lies of today and tomorrow, I still have a... It  
rooted in the American dream that one day... as natio  
live out the true meaning of its creed—we hold these  
evident, that all men are created equal.

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together at the table of brotherhood.

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## Exploring a Heritage, Black History Month

CARTER WOODSON established Black History Month in 1926. It was 1980 when Houghton College black students first celebrated their heritage with a series of seminars and exhibits. What began then as a long February weekend of events, becomes in 1989, Black History Month.

Houghton's black student population has not grown that much in eight years. What accounts for the change, then? The Black Students' Organization is part of the answer. So is the determination of its advisor, sociology professor Dr. Mary Conklin. Too, leadership in student development and the academic dean's office recognizes the need to affirm Houghton's black students and their heritage. Together they were instrumental in putting together the January 16 celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday (see separate story).

Sprinkled throughout February are a half-dozen special events unified under the theme, "Reflections on the Past." On the first a student study break will feature Motown music. Two choirs from the black New Hope Baptist Church in Buffalo will minister in the evening church

service on the 12th, and the church pastor, Rev. Paul Thompson, will speak.

Lorna Hill, artistic director of Buffalo's Ujima Theater, made a solo dramatic appearance at Houghton last year. This February 14 she will conduct an afternoon writers' workshop, and at 8:00 pm, she and several other players from the theater will offer *Childhood—performances from my own writings*.

1977 alumna Ruby Wilson, winner of a Toastmaster's speaking award, will address the chapel audience on the 14th. The film *Cry Freedom* is tentatively slated for the 24th. Another film, *Ethnic Notions*, will also play during the month. In addition to periodic radio and chapel vignettes on historical figures, there will be a weekly Black History trivia contest to round out the month-long celebration.

So readers may test their Black History savvy, sample questions from previous year's contests follow. (Answers may be found at the end of the Martin Luther King Day story on the next page.)

1. Who performed the first open heart surgery and in what year?

2. What was Satchel Paige's earned run average?
3. Who is credited with inventing the traffic signal?
4. Jesse Jackson established PUSH. For what do the letters of the acronym stand?
5. Sojourner Truth's given name was?
6. First black to receive the Nobel Peace prize?
7. First black Metropolitan Opera singer?
8. What's Romare Bearden's claim to

## Rememberin

A majority of Houghton students and faculty turned out for a voluntary chapel program on January 16, Martin Luther King Day. Sponsored by the Black Students' Organization, the service featured presentation of a painting by emerita art professor Marjorie Ortlip Stockin, a reading of Dr. King's famed "I Have a Dream" speech by BSO co-president Alicia Beckford, and a meditation by her grandfather, the Rev. Wilson.

Mrs. Stockin explained that she was inspired to create the painting as on television she watched Dr. King's young daughter at her father's funeral in 1968, recalling his dream that someday, children of all races would play together. She engaged then professor Abraham Davis's young daughter, Silena, as a model. Mrs. Stockin noted: "I'm not a portrait painter, but with relative ease the form, the colors and values seemed to fall in place [as I painted]."

Twenty years later when she learned of the planned King commemoration, she was moved to present the painting to the college in Dr. King's memory. The paint-



Left to right: Rev. Wilson chats with faculty, bl



fame?

9. Who were the first black women to win Olympic medals?
10. For how many days did the black community boycott the segregated buses of Montgomery, Alabama?
11. Who wrote the songs, *I'm Just Wild about Harry* and *Love Will Find a Way*?
12. What guide/pioneer found the pass in the Sierra Nevada Mts. to make possible the transcontinental trip by wagon?

## the Dream

ing (see below) will hang in the education section of the new academic building, when it is completed.

Rev. Wilson had shared a platform with Dr. King in Philadelphia, PA. His own colorful life has included a boxing career in the days of Joe Louis, a stint as a jazz musician, and decades now as a minister. He was instrumental in the conversion of trumpeter Louis Armstrong shortly before his death. Rev. Wilson challenged his audience to carry on Dr. King's dream as a practical outgrowth of the gospel. The service concluded with the singing of "We Shall Overcome."

Answers to trivia questions:

1. Daniel H. Williams, July 10, 1893
2. 3,29 (career av. in major leagues)
3. Garrett Morgan
4. People United to Serve Humanity
5. Isabella Baumfree
6. Ralph Bunche
7. Marian Anderson
8. Famous artist
9. Alice Coachman and Audrey Patterson
10. 381 days
11. Eubie Blake
12. James P. Beckworth



students; Mrs. Stockin's memorial painting.

## A pair of Western New York poems

for Michael and Sharon

### I

January here  
is the season of subtle colors  
you need to seek out, desire,  
imagine deepening into their own:  
lime-green grasses lie along the road,  
taupe trees sweep up wide hills,  
old copper leaves shake in the dells,  
a brown tractor sets off a brown field.

Other seasons overwhelm, true  
with a brilliance outlined and bold  
as sunny Paradises on old  
orange crates  
stacked up for sale  
by their loud auctioneer, who reels off:  
one blink—  
they're sold.

### II

This winter season  
marking the Southern Tier's route:  
chalk-gold grasses,  
birds punctuating white pond's ice,  
gray strokes of tree trunks shaping  
hills, the color of ink:  
through these work the Spirit's  
various greens  
and Christ's own best flaming out.



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## Operation Rescue—Atlanta

### The Christian community must respond

by Christine Webber '77

**C**VIL DISOBEDIENCE. I hoped, perhaps like an ostrich with its head in the sand, I would never see that day come for American Christians. Yet this year in Atlanta, my head has been yanked from the sand; I have seen many arrested because their conviction for the value of human life had compelled them to break the law.

In July, a pro-life group called Operation Rescue came to Atlanta. The director of this organization wanted to prevent women in Atlanta from having abortions. The approach is called "a rescue" of both the unborn child and the exploited woman. He also wanted to challenge the Democratic Convention to respond to the abortion issue.

A friend called and invited me to participate in the first rescue. She told me the participants would probably be arrested as the strategy involved blocking the entrances of an abortion clinic so that pregnant women could not enter. I had read about events like this around the country, but pro-life people in Atlanta had never publicly done more than picket clinics and march to the state capital once a year.

Initially, I thought Operation Rescue's approach was extreme. What? Risk being arrested and losing time from my job? Surely there were *legal* ways to speak out against abortion. I did not go to that rescue.

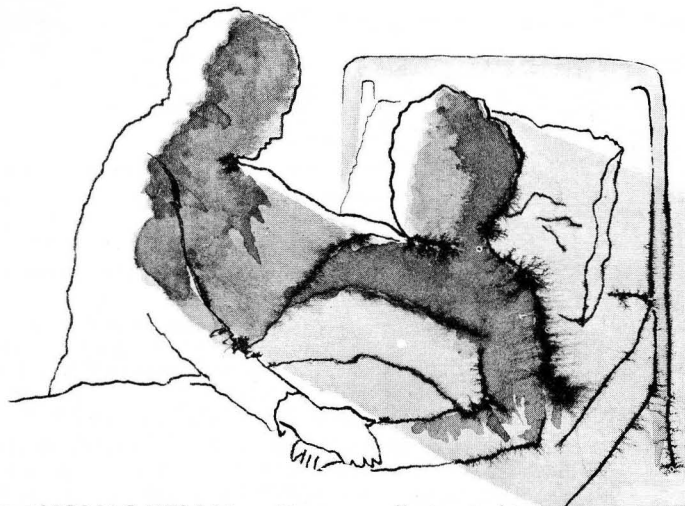
That first day two women from my church were arrested.



Before the year's end, six people from the church would be arrested, part of over 1,200 arrests.

Though I knew these women had technically broken the law by "obstructing a business," I was really shocked that they had been arrested. The approach was totally non-violent and these people were acting according to conscience. I was also amazed when I saw the first media coverage of the event. Reporters got comments from the clinic director and feminist leaders but did not interview *any* pro-life person. When I saw that my Christian friends had actually been arrested and that their viewpoint was not adequately represented by the press, my heart was greatly distressed.

The following week I visited one friend in jail. She told me there were Christians from all over the country imprisoned with her—Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox believers, all there together. Great prayer and praise times were taking place even though the guards had officially forbidden such gatherings. One



**T**HOMAS KELLY, writing on suffering in his book, *A Testament of Devotion*, says: "The heart is stretched through suffering and enlarged. But O the agony of this enlarging of the heart, that one may be prepared to enter into the anguish of others. Yet the way of holy obedience leads out from the heart of God and extends through the valley of the shadow."

I learned more about "entering the anguish of others" during 1987 when I worked at a hospice in Ithaca, NY, during my husband's sabbatical leave from teaching math at Houghton. I

## Thoughts of a Wounded Healer

by Dionne Parker

began as a home care nurse, then filled the vacant position of family care coordinator/nursing supervisor and was interim acting director. The reality of the scripture verse, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness" (II Cor 12:9) became clear to me throughout the year.

Before this experience, my previous acquaintance with hospice came through readings and discussions with a friend, a nurse with a compelling interest in caring for the dying. Hospice care is for the terminally ill, people whose prognosis is generally for six months or less of life, and who have chosen to receive palliative care for this period. The hospice philosophy emphasizes symptom management, quality of life and peace of mind.

I felt that I had "entered into anguish" when I entered Roger's life. (All names have been changed to protect privacy.) During my visit to his home one day, we sat for hours holding hands and talking about his life after high school and through early years of college. He'd sought to find himself, as young people do, only to discover after he'd decided on his career and started working in his field that he had cancer.

Two years of fighting cancer had not defeated the disease. Roger's zest for life. Bald and emaciated, he still would make





prostitute joined a prayer time and began weeping as she heard the Christians pray. She received Christ as her Lord that day.

At the close of this visit I heard singing from the men's ward: "Onward Christian Soldiers," then "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus." I tell you; it is a strange thing to hear a jail resound with great hymns of the faith. I wept as I walked away and prayed that his experience would not be a fortaste of things to come. Would there be more American

Christians who would become prisoners of conscience for other issues?

My spirit underwent much upheaval as I watched the arrests continue on an almost daily basis. There was that sense of shock. There was a sense of uncertainty; what would happen next? There was a feeling of fear; the clinic directors and pro-abortionists were openly very angry about these pro-life actions. There was a sense of personal shame; I was ashamed that I had not taken more risks myself in speaking out for the weak and helpless in this modern world. I was sorry that I had not reached out to women who were in a crisis pregnancy. Now, more than ever, I saw Atlanta as a city of suffering, hurting people who were not only destroying those yet to be born but destroying themselves.

Contrary to media reports, some women did change their minds. Sherry had already made it into the clinic that first day of rescue. But she came running out when she heard the singing

the immense effort to go out with his friends for Italian food, pushing his IV-pole along beside him; spaghetti and morphine, both necessary for him. He talked kindly and lovingly that day of his home, his parents and siblings, and of his life. He summed it up with the statement that "everything turned out all right in the end." He and I both cried when he asked me about my children, who were his age and in such excellent health. We knew our tears were for him and for all he was losing, and yet his zest was so evident when he squeezed my hand and told me he was glad for us.

I know I walked through the valley of the shadow with Betty and Jim, who had been married 50 years and raised a family. Although they'd lived in Ithaca most of their married lives, they had traveled around the world. Betty was a vivacious, elegant 75-year-old lady who had been diagnosed as having cancer a year earlier. They had requested hospice services so that Jim could have support in caring for her at home, and—if that became too much for him—so that Betty could have the assistance of nurses, aides, and volunteers at home. We three had many occasions for talk about her disease, its progress, remission, and reactivation. From our discussions over the months, I gained a sense of their family life, of their history as a couple, and of their lack of belief in anything beyond the present life.

With hospice assistance, Jim cared for Betty. One morning he called, asking me to come over. When Anna, another nurse, and I arrived, Betty was dead. Jim had been with her,

outside. One woman from my church met her and has continued to help her throughout her pregnancy. On December 10th, the women of our church gave her a substantial baby shower.

Another pregnant woman, who was in jail for drug possession and abuse at the same time as the pro-lifers, decided to have her baby and give it up for adoption. A couple from my church is adopting the baby. The mother has been encouraged to admit herself to a drug treatment program, although she has not yet done so.

Atlanta Care Center, the city's largest crisis pregnancy counselling center, has reported an hundred-fold increase in the number of telephone calls since the rescue attempts began. People have asked what they could do or how they could get involved. Some who had never before been involved in pro-life work would walk into the Center and hand the director a check.

In his book, *A Christian Manifesto*, Francis Schaeffer summarizes the challenge I have as a Christian responding to abortion in America. "Those who have the responsibility as Christians, as they live under Scripture, must not only take the necessary legal and political stands, but must practice all the possible Christian alternatives simultaneously while taking stands politically and legally. This is so, and especially so, even when it is extremely costly in money, time, and energy (p. 133)."

The actual number of women and unborn infants saved from the experience of abortion in Atlanta is not known. But the rescue-protests themselves have stimulated a local as well as national awareness of abortion. Not since 1973 has the public, including the Christian community, been so challenged to confront this issue. Now with this heightened sensitivity to the issue, I pray that the response of the Christian community will continue to increase.

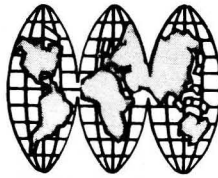
and it had been a peaceful death. My heart was "stretched and enlarged" that day. As we cared for Betty in death, I had a strong sense of reverence and love for her as Jim's wife, and that same sense toward Jim as a grieving husband.

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**Tina Webber '77** has a master's degree in neonatal/perinatal nursing and works in the neonatal unit at Crawford Long Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. She has participated in Christian health care teams in Nigeria and Thailand. Tina is currently developing a prayer ministry at her church and among Christian nurses in Atlanta.

**Dionne Parker** directs student health services at Houghton College. A registered nurse when she came to Houghton in 1976 she first completed bachelor and master's degrees, then earned a nurse practitioner's degree from Brigham Young University. With two years off for the latter study, she's worked in college health services since 1978. One-quarter of her time is spent in the counseling center. Mother of four grown daughters, Dee jogs four days a week on area roads.





## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### Thoughts of a Wounded Healer. . .

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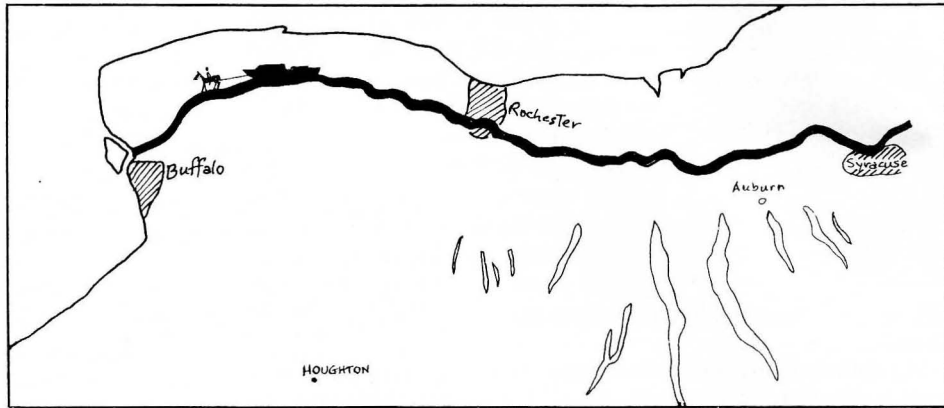
The Holy Spirit can love and work and reach out, even when there is no acknowledgment of belief. Anna and I grieved with Jim, helped him with funeral arrangements and family contacts, then shared our own grief with each other in our van after we left their home. Because of our tears we made several wrong turns on city streets and were late returning to the office.

Henri Nouwen, describing *The Wounded Healer* says: "... a deep understanding of his own pain makes it possible for him to convert his weakness into strength and to offer his own experiences as a source of healing to those who are lost in the darkness of their own misunderstood sufferings."

In my work with students at the college health and counseling centers, my Hospice experiences have given me deeper empathy as well as more specific skills. There is a place for the hospice concept whether I talk with a student suffering with cancer or to one whose grandfather has just died; whether I console another whose foster father is dying in an out-of-state hospice or the student whose close friend was killed in a car accident.

My experiences with hospice prepared and enabled me to become involved with the late Beaver Perkins upon my return to Houghton. I mention Beaver since she was so well known to the college and community, and because her death was felt so strongly among us. Entering into discussions of death with a colleague and friend who was dying was something I'd not encountered before. Being present at her bedside and giving care her last night was in a small way, reason enough for the year of hospice experience.

Regionally a three-year grant is underwriting work of a two-county task force studying an area hospice, and I've joined it. Need has been established, and we're working on delivering care to a scattered population. Family support groups are already active toward implementing a program in 1990.



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### 1930s & 40s

'31 **ESTHER (BERG) DEPEW** was honored at the California Wesleyan District Conference in July for serving 60 consecutive years in ministerial work. She received a gold watch.

'32 **ELEANOR TAPPIN** is retired from teaching sixth grade for 36 years at Mooers (NY) Elementary School.

'34 **HAROLD WAITE** received a certificate of service from The Wesleyan Church, recognizing 47 years of service. He is a retired minister living in Falconer, NY.

'36 **RUTH (SENSION) LIDDICK** is among a dozen women profiled in the book "Of Noble Character" recently published by The Wesleyan Church. A retired missionary nurse and Wesleyan missions secretary for four decades, she lives in Brooksville, FL.

'41 **DONALD KAUFFMAN** had his book, *Ask and It Shall Be Given*, published by the C.R. Gibson Company. Last year he served as interim minister of Christ Church in Pawling, NY, and now is devoting his time to writing.

BBI '41 **AGNES (KOWLES) SCHAEFFER** ministers to a small group of Arizona State University students who are Chinese, and who have become, or are interested in becoming, Christians. She attends Scottsdale Baptist Church. Before World War II Mrs. Schaeffer spent seven-and-a-half years in China under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

After 29 years of teaching, C. **ALLYN RUSSELL** '42 retired as professor of religion at Boston University, The College of Liberal Arts, on August 31, 1988. During that time he taught some 7,700 students in 13 different courses. In 1982 he was the recipient of the Metcalf Cup and Prize for excellence in teaching; it is the



## Down the Aisle

Richard & Leslie Danielson '83  
 Rich & Lori Felder '81  
 Paul & Michelle (O'Hara '86) Kobi  
 Brian & Tammy (Crane '86) Newville  
 Mark & Ruth (Weatherington '83) Taylor  
 Joseph & Rebecca (Bramble '88) Thompson  
 Bernard & Tishia (Kohr '89) Wiest, Jr.

University's highest award for work in the classroom. Russell has lectured or preached in over 70 churches in New England. In retirement he plans to lecture, preach and do research and writing.

'43 **FRANK HOUSER, JR.** spent last year teaching English at Nanjing University in the People's Republic of China under the Exchange Program with Whitworth College (WA), where he teaches. He writes of his experience: "It was fascinating [to get to] know the country, the people, and [myself]."

After suffering a stroke in April, 1987, **ED BUCK '44** is back working at the Integrated Resources Equity Corporation office (Greensboro, NC), where he is managing executive. He said the stroke has affected his eyesight and has limited his mobility, but expresses gratitude to the Lord for being "a friend in this time of need."

In July **JOHN** and his wife, **PRISCILLA (PERKINS '45) EDLING '44**, left medical missionary service in Haiti where they had served under Wesleyan World Missions for 26 years. They received an appreciation plaque and gold watches. After some rest and recuperation, they will be seeking a new area of ministry as the Lord leads.

'45 **FAITH (WINGER) CROWN** and her husband have had a book published, *Mail Order Treasure in Your Library: How to Find It*, to help mail order dealers use the library as a source of pertinent business information. The book grew out of her training as a librarian and their experience selling water and energy-saving items by mail.

'45 **JEAN (MARBLE) MARTIN** plays the century-old one-manual tracker pipe organ in a Lutheran church in Willingboro, NJ. Her husband, **JAMES MARTIN '44**, continues to work on behalf of military veterans for the state of New Jersey, sings in the choir and supply pastors.

In October **HAZEN BRITTIN '46** retired from the ministry, having served 43 years. The last 18 years he pastored the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Olean (NY).

'46 **RALPH POWELL** has retired as minister of the Berean Church in Alaska, but continues an active ministry of teaching and evangelizing the Indian people of remote villages throughout Alaska. He also pulpit supplies in local churches.

'47 **CARL BECKER, JR.** was in Kenya on sabbatical leave from the Evangelical School of Theology (PA) until the end of December. He taught at Scott Theological College and visited Zaire, where he and his family spent 25 years as missionaries.

In September **VIOLA BLAKE '48** retired from the staff of *Decision* magazine. Viola received a Distinguished Alumna award from Houghton College in 1988.

'49 **HAROLD LITTLE** has worked for the New York State Department of Labor over 23 years and was recently approved for assignment as a chaplain with the NYS Department of Corrections. He has been minister of music in the Rome

(NY) Wesleyan Church for 25 years.

'49 **GRACE (FARAH) WATKINS** co-authored "The Good Seed," a biography of missionary Marianna Slocum and her work with the Tzeltal people in Mexico.

## 1950s

'50 **REXFORD COLE** is a coordinator for the Johnson City (NY) School District's Self-directed Learner Program.

After 27 years in the word processing center at Blue Cross and Blue Shield, **HELEN (SANBORN) HUTCHINS '51** has retired. She is enrolled in a course to learn Braille and is taking white cane training because she has a degenerating eye disease. However, she and her husband are still able to travel, and she is active in the National Federation of the Blind as state secretary. Helen is also becoming involved with correspondence and a telephone ministry to the blind.

Last April **RALPH LENT '51** had a kidney removed but recovered well enough to teach his summer driver's education course. He and his wife live in Otego, NY, and visit a nursing home in Oneonta every Tuesday, bringing devotions and special music.

Besides working full-time at a bank in North Carolina as payments processor in the revolving credit department, **ARLENE (ROBSON) NUCKOLS '51** owns her own craft company, selling rubber mint molds, flavoring oils, food coloring and related items for making candy. Additionally, she and her husband paint and sell wall plaques and nativity sets.

In February **HERBERT MITCHELL '52** will celebrate pastoring at the Immanuel Baptist Church (NJ) for 30 years.

'53 **RONALD JAMES** writes that he and his wife, **LOIS (BAILEY '53)**, are getting a divorce. He expressed gratitude for the "outpouring of love and support from the people." He pastors the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, CT. They have four grown children.

'53 **ROBERT JONES** has been in the ministry for 35 years and was appointed pastor of the Central Park United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY. He was superintendent of the Rochester District of the Western New York Conference for six years.

Besides caring for her 86-year-old mother who lives with her and her husband, **MARTHA (BALDWIN) EVERHART '54** teaches CYC Thursday evenings at their local church in Marion, IN. She is music chairman in Delta Kappa Gamma and sings in the choral society.

During 1989 **PAUL SWAUGER '54** and his wife, **NANCY (PHILIPPE '54)**, will be conducting church-planting seminars in England, Indonesia and Colombia. He is director of special ministries for Wesleyan World Ministries.

In June **WILLIAM TAYLOR '54** retired after 32 years of teaching. He is devoting more time to his local church near Waterloo, NY, and to the Finger Lakes Houghton alumni chapter he helped found 20 years ago.

In her 15th year teaching English at Toccoa Falls College (GA), **ROBERTA SWAUGER '56** is pursuing a master's degree in library science.

Since January **ROBERT KREIDLER '57** has been serving as executive director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for South Central Connecticut. He recruits retirees 55 years of age and older to serve in not-for-profit organizations.

'58 **JEAN (SMILES) BUTTERFIELD** has completed her 10th year teaching at Ethan Allen School in Wales, WI. Ethan Allen is a juvenile correctional institution serving adjudicated youth in southern Wisconsin.

'58 **JOHN "PETE" HAMMOND** writes that the challenge of directing InterVarsity's Marketplace program (see *Milieu* for June 1986) is "totally consuming." In addition to producing a periodical which shows the 90 percent of Christians in so-called secular professions how to make their faith vital to themselves and in their daily professional contacts, Pete does a daily radio show, Marketplace Voices. The thoughtful and handsome newsletter, "Marketplace Networks," can be obtained by writing IVCF at 6400 Schroeder Rd., P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707.

'59 **CAROL (STURGIS) SAVOLAINE** is near completing a bachelor of arts degree in gerontology and does volunteer work in the field.

## 1960s

Last March **DONALD CORLISS '60** became registrar and director of institutional research at the University of Dubuque, IA, a Presbyterian college and theological seminary. His wife, **GERALDINE (RUMOHR '62)**, has accepted three part-time positions: principal second violin with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, instructor in music at the University, and telemarketer of college music texts for William C. Brown Publishing Company.

'60 **DAVID DAY** spent New Year's Day in Saudi Arabia. His job with the Air Borne Warning and Control has him flying all over the world. Recently he was in Iceland. December marked 24 years with the USAF. His wife, **EVELYN (SMITH '63)**, is one of three coordinators for the 1989 Quilt Show in Oklahoma, where over 500 quilts are expected to be displayed. Nationally-known quilt teachers and lecturers will be on hand. Evelyn will exhibit four or five of her own quilts.

'60 **DIRK DUNLAP** has retired as headmaster of Newtown Friends School (PA). He has been in that position for 19 years and according to a Bucks County news article, feels "it's time to move on." Under his leadership the school, founded in 1948 by local people as an alternative to public education, has grown from 140 children to 265. The budget has grown from \$90,000 to \$1 million. Talking about his philosophy, he said the school has been successful because "we have the attitude that a student has a heart as well as a brain." Dunlap plans to grow Christmas trees on his 40-acre farm and remain in education on a part-time basis. He's been a Rotarian for 20 years and plans to stay active.

'61 **WALTER O' BRYAN** has been an assistant administrator in a secure facility for hard core juvenile offenders near Middletown, NY, for 10 years. He is a deacon in his church, is a member of the building committee, works with youth ministries and in his spare time, sells mobile homes for a local dealer.

After ministering nine-and-a-half months in the states, **BARRY** and **MARGARET (TYSINGER '59) ROSS '60** have returned to Japan. They are missionaries with Wesleyan Mission. While in the states they traveled some 16,000 miles by motorhome and 4,000 miles by air.

'61 **VIRGINIA (ALLEN) RASMUSSEN** is serving a second term as an election district representative to the General Board (the governing, policy-making body) of the American Baptist Churches/USA. She is one of two representatives from Rhode Island.

'62 **MICKI CABANISS**, associate director of residency program obstetrics and gynecology, and director of perinatal services of Sacred Heart Hospital (FL), was elected president of the National Perinatal Association. NPA is a 6,200-member non-profit organization dedicated to promoting perinatal health through fostering delivery of optimal care, education, research and ordering of national priorities.

'62 **RAYMOND GORDON** was elected director of the North America Branch of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (Wycliffe), administering 27 translation projects.

'62 **PETER HARRIS** has stopped teaching at East Central University (OK) to work as a freelance writer. He's working on The Automated Teacher's Edition to accompany textbook series "Adventures in Literature" for secondary schools.

'62 **BOB ORR** continues his family practice in Vermont and has been named to the Christian Medical Dental Society Ethics Commission. His wife, **JOYCE (WIRICK '62)**, works part-time in his office and volunteers for the local hospice group.

'62 **CALVIN SEITZ** breeds and sells thoroughbred race horses and makes and sells the "Maryland Rocking Pony," a copyrighted rocking horse with registration and pedigree.

'63 **PENNY (HOLLOWAY) HOWE** received the 1988 Community Service Award during the second annual Paradise Valley (AZ) Community Awareness Festival, sponsored by the Paradise Valley Community Council, Chamber of Commerce and an independent newspaper.

'63 **SHARON (JOHNSON) KONECNE** serves on the executive board of the oncology section of the American Physical Therapy Association (CO) and is a member of the Arvada Covenant Church.

'64 **HARVEY JEWELL** has completed an MBA in the executive program, Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago. He is executive vice president and dean at the American Conservatory of Music (IL).

Last August, **MARION (SAME) BYERS '65** earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Kentucky, where she had earned a

## Future Alumni

Richard & Marilyn (Hand '68) Bendoritis  
Willard & Barbara (Tupitza '73) Boyes '70  
Robert & Cheryl (Hunter '76) Burns '76  
Robert & Jennifer (Borowiak '83) Campbell  
Donald & Debora Ann Carman '74  
Scott & Mercy (Zeher '82) Dawson '82  
Robert & Judy Ether '77  
Thomas & Jayne (Davis '78) Fiegl '77  
Kenneth & Janet (Boyd '81) Hallatt  
Randy & Cathy (Corrigan '83) Hopkins  
Donald & Dawn (Hoffman '81) Howells  
Stephen & Eileen Lennox '79  
Theodore (F) & Nancy Murphy  
Duane & Robin (Strein '80) Orton '80  
Randolph & Lynne (Baldwin '72) Ott  
Mark & Ruth (Campbell '79) Phinney '79  
Rick & Beth (Hess '80) Pocock '80  
Steve & Audrey (Smith '79) Pocock '79  
David & Eva Roman '72  
Richard & Ruth (Reilly '77) Rudd  
Trip & Linda (Thomson '83) Schweighardt  
Carl & Robin (Whiting '81) Smith  
John & Gail Steinhoff '75  
Ed & Barbara (Mortensen '77) Syvertson  
James & Karen Tupitza '71  
Keith & Priscilla (Dayton '77) Tyler '77  
Scott & Sharon (Speyer '83) Wallace

Marin Alice 6- 2-88  
Brandon John 8-16-88  
Nathan Reed 7- 1-88  
Tabitha Joy 10-16-88  
Matthew David 7-18-88  
Briana Beth 9-14-88  
Nathaniel David 9- 3-88  
Diana Elise 5-11-88  
Kelsey Irene 9-10-88  
Cassandra Ashley 4-25-88  
Ashley Samantha 12- 8-87  
Ethan Charles 4-28-88  
Sally Catherine 12-28-88  
Jonathan David 8-18-88  
Caleb 8-22-88  
Justin Cyrus 9-11-88  
Ruth Elise 11-22-88  
Michael Dwayne 10-18-88  
Gabriel David 1- 6-87  
Timothy James 8- 4-88  
Joseph George 5- 8-88  
Ian Joseph 7-14-88  
Jennifer Gail 3-10-88  
Todd Christopher 9- 8-88  
Kevin Ivan 10-13-88  
Mary 2-24-87  
Joshua Scott 11-18-88  
Jeremiah Seth 11-18-88

master's in English in 1969.

'65 **STEVE** and **KAREN (GREER '65) LYNIP** have returned to the Philippines for their fifth term of field service with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are consultants in community health education and anthropology. During the fall quarter of 1988 Steve completed a master's degree in public health at Loma Linda University (CA). The Lynip's first-born, Keith, is a freshman at Houghton College.

'67 **KAREN (BERG) DE RIGHT** is choir director and pianist at the Oxford (OH) Bible Fellowship and teaches learning disabled students at Talawanda City Schools.

'68 **WAYNE EASTLACK** has been a counselor in private practice for the past 15 years with offices in Woodbury and Millville (NJ). He has a Ph.D. in behavioral science and social change and is board certified counselor and behavioral therapist. He is also a gospel concert performer and speaks for Family Life conferences, retreats, and Family Radio.

Since September 1987, **JANET (PAPE) OATS '68** has been living in Eagle River, AK, where she directs marketing and community relations for Providence Hospital-Anchorage, the state's major facility. Her husband John is circulation director for The Anchorage Daily News.

'68 **HOWARD WILKERSON** has received a graduate degree in computer science from SUNY Binghamton and is a computer programmer at IBM's Endicott, NY, plant. He attends the First

Assembly of God Church and helps teach a group of five-year-olds at Sunday school.

'69 **JAMES EISS** earned a J.D. *cum laude* in June from SUNY Buffalo. In July he passed the bar and will be specializing in immigration law. He has spent the last 15 years working for the United States immigration and naturalization service before leaving to attend law school.

'69 **ALVIN MC CARTY** is president of the teacher's union for Allegany-Cattaraugus County (NY) BOCES, coaches junior varsity basketball and varsity baseball at Belmont (NY). His wife **MARTHA (HOGUE '72)**, is taking a one-year leave of absence from the Allegany County department of social services to pursue a M.S.W. degree from the University of Buffalo. She received one of three Allegany County Mental Health scholarship awards in 1988 to do this.

For a year beginning in July **PAUL SHEA '69** and his wife, **DEBORAH (GREENMEYER '69)**, will be on furlough. Paul is acting principal of Sierra Leone Bible College, an international diploma and degree-granting college. Mrs. Shea is in charge of at least a dozen student wives' training program. She is also acting medical officer for the Bible College. The Sheas have served with Wesleyan World Missions for 10 years.

'69 **MARK HORTON** is pastor of the First Congregational Church in Bethel, CT. **SUSAN (JENNETT '69)** is working on a master's degree in library science.

'68 **JIM WERT** has become pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church (TX). He had pastored the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo for eight years. His wife, **LINDA (FELLER '68)**, was director of Child Garden Pre-School and was a public school teacher. The Werts have two children.

## 1970s

'70 **DEAN EVERHART** has become pastor of Bible Baptist Church and administers their 60-student, North Spencer (NY) Christian Academy.

'70 **BRYNDA (VAN SLIKE) FILKINS**, who earned an MLS (library science) at Syracuse University a decade ago, edited a local history book last summer. She homeschools her three children and, with her husband David, leads Navigator Discipleship groups at Eastern Hills Bible Church in Manlius, NY.

'70 **MICHAEL ROGERS** became senior pastor at Valley Presbyterian Church in Lutherville, MD, in July after eight years of church planting in Williamsville, NY.

'71 **ALAN COLE** writes that he and his family are in a period of transition as he seeks a church to pastor. Having completed degree work at Dallas Theological Seminary, he has submitted resumes from Maui to Maine.

'71 **GRACE (BULL) VAUS** and her two children left for Australia for a year. Grace has been awarded an international teacher exchange fellowship and will be teaching at Eltham High School located in a small suburb northeast of Melbourne. She will be exchanging homes and jobs. The Vauses will be doing a lot of camping and traveling.

'71 **DAVID WYRTZEN** has been pastoring in Midlothian (TX) for 15 years. He writes that he and his wife have "seen the Lord develop a mature family of believers with a heart to be involved in heralding the Gospel around the world."

'71 **CHARLENE (BONGIORNO) ZANELLA** was chosen by the state of Connecticut and Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) as a celebrant of the annual "Celebration of Excellence" for 1987-88. The program honors 50 teachers statewide for innovation and excellence in curriculum developments. Awards included personal monetary awards, money for curriculum developments and statewide speaking engagements.

'72 **PHYLLIS (AMENT) MORRIS** and her husband George have moved to Cedarville, OH, where he became maintenance head at Cedarville College, a Christian liberal arts institution. George had worked at Ford Motor Company (NY) for 32 years, and when he retired he was a supervisor.

'73 **PATRICIA (GIBSON) BOWDITCH** homeschools her two children and coordinates an area home school support group for more than 20 participating families. She and her family live in Toms River, NJ.

'73 **CYNTHIA (NOBLE) SAYLER** and her

husband Larry have recently been licensed as foster parents and have a pair of sisters, ages four and six, living with them in their Alta Loma, CA, home.

'74 **JOANNA (DOTTS '74) ASKINS** and her husband Greg have moved from Los Angeles, CA, to Bangor, ME, where he is a hand surgeon at Eastern Maine Medical Center. Joanna is working part-time as a developmental pediatrician in the behavioral and developmental pediatric department at the Center. The rest of her time she spends caring for their infant son.

'74 **JILL (PETERSON) PLACEWAY** and her husband Tim have moved to Pennsylvania with their three children. Tim is associate pastor of the Elizabethtown Grace Brethren Church and Jill has begun a Suzuki Talent Education Program at Elizabethtown College. She also teaches part-time in the public schools.

'75 **DEBORAH (PAULES) STOKKAN** has begun a "mid-life sabbatical" and is enjoying the freedom of being a full-time homemaker for the first time since graduating from Houghton. She is a volunteer at the Art Institute of Chicago, where she was recently involved with the Gauguin exhibition. Deborah and her husband, who is the president of the international licensing group for Playboy Enterprises, Inc., commute monthly between their homes in New York City and Chicago. Business takes them abroad for three months throughout the year where Deborah takes in galleries, museums and ruins—and "wishes she had paid more attention during her freshman Western Civilization course."

'76 **DAVID ELEIOTT** is a pharmacist in a small

hospital in northern British Columbia, Canada. Outside of work he works with the native Indian sharing the Good News, and works with the Mennonite church and the Salvation Army, and his wife are also foster parents.

After teaching elementary school for five years, **DONNA (NOLAN '76) FLOAT** decided to come home to raise their two children. She also as her pastor husband in his ministry at Central Baptist Church (IA).

'76 **JUDY HARPER** is an emergency registered nurse in South Lake Tahoe, CA, an administrative nurse manager at Kirkwood Medical Center. She continues to be active in WOOF Search and Rescue Dog handler, a mountain medicine consultant, and as an adventure seeker, trekking to 19,000 feet in Nepal, climbing the French Alps, and guiding a blind, 11-year old boy in downhill skiing.

'76 **LINDA (VANDENBERGH) OSGOOD** active in the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Poughkeepsie, NY, and in November, went on a ministry trip to Austria and Germany where she met 7,000-9,000 European Christians attended a conference. She writes that "the Lord is 'restoring years the locusts had devoured' with the death of my husband Jeff in 1986—I'm having great joy in my relationship with Jesus, my church ministry."

'77 **DAVID WELLS** is working on a doctorate at InterAmerican University in Puerto Rico. He has been with Wesleyan World Missions for 10 years.

'78 **MARY JO MILLER** is studying at a University to be a physician's associate.

## 1989 Hospitality Home Directory Survey

Eighty-six alumni from half of the states and several foreign countries are listed in the present Hospitality Home Directory. It describes the program, lists hosts' locations, facilities and area attractions. Current overnight charge is \$10 per couple, plus a minimal charge per child, with breakfast often included. Participants are enthusiastic and you can join them. Just fill out the survey below and return it to: Alumni Director Richard Alderman, Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744, to arrive by February 25. (Send \$2 if you wish to order a directory).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Identification of location: i.e. 3 miles east of Niagara Falls, etc.:

\_\_\_\_\_

### Fill in the remainder of the survey by use of a check mark or other response:

Interested as: A traveler \_\_\_\_\_ A host \_\_\_\_\_

If as a host, answer the following:

Lodging only \_\_\_\_\_ Lodging with breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rooms available \_\_\_\_\_ Bath facilities: Share \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_

Children welcome? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Pet permitted? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Air conditioning? \_\_\_\_\_ Pool? \_\_\_\_\_ Space for an RV? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you accept the following rates?

\$10.00 per couple/\$5.00 per child including breakfast Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please use separate sheet for comments.



## 1980s

'84 **DIANE VERSAW** is a physical therapist working with multiply handicapped children. She is involved in the New Life Presbyterian Church in Gien side (PA), leading the junior high youth group. She also coaches the Middle School field hockey team at Phil-mont Christian Academy.

'85 **EVELYN (OWENS) ALESSI** is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Belfast (NY) Central School and has begun graduate work at St. Bonaventure University.

'85 **ELAINE BARNA** graduated from Youngstown (PA) State University in June with a B.S. degree in food and nutrition. She is a member of the American Dietetics Association and is looking for a job.

'85 **TIMOTHY COLLINS** is in his first year at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA.

'85 **JOSEPH CONWAY** is working at Naval Research Lab full-time and pursuing an M.S. degree in information systems and computer science at George Washington University (VA). He and his wife, **LOIS (KELLEY '86)**, are active in McLean (VA) Bible Church and plan to do tent-making missions in countries closed to traditional missionaries.

'85 **BILLIE CRANE** is working on a master's degree in counselor education, with emphasis in counseling minority groups, at SUNY Brockport. She has a stipend and is working as an intern counselor in Brockport's educational opportunity program.

After spending several weeks this summer in Godthab and Frederikshab, Greenland, on a short-term project with New Tribes Mission, **DAVE EWERT '85** returned to his job at Emed Graphics in Buffalo, NY, and was promoted to customer service supervisor.

## SPRING CHAPTER MEETINGS 1989

Date	Chapter
Jan. 20	Asheville
Jan. 21	North Carolina
Feb. 3	Atlanta
Feb. 4	S.W. Florida (Sarasota)
Feb. 10	Phoenix
Feb. 11	W. Central Florida
Feb. 11	San Francisco
Feb. 18	Orlando
Feb. 25	Miami
Mar. 2	Puerto Rico
Mar. 4	Ft. Myers
Mar. 9	Columbus
Mar. 11	Kentucky
Mar. 17	Harrisburg
Apr. 8	Baltimore
Apr. 15	Philadelphia
Apr. 15	Long Island
Apr. 21	New York/New Jersey

'85 **ANGELA GILMORE** graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in May is an associate with a Baltimore (MD) law firm.

After working for Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester (NY), as a pharmacy technician for two years, **WILLIAM MIROLA '85** has enrolled in the doctoral program at Indiana University. He is doing research in stress and religion in the lives of married and divorced people living in Indianapolis. In Bloomington he has been working at a shelter for local homeless people and participating in social and political groups and activities.

'85 **LAURIE REYNOLDS** took a leave of absence from teaching at Hermon-Dekalb Central

School (NY) to obtain a master's degree in reading at Potsdam State University.

'85 **LINDA (YARNALL) SELLERS** took a position as secretary in the language and literature department at Wilkes College (PA) for a while after moving back to the area with her husband, **BRUCE SELLERS '78**, but has since accepted a position with C-TEC Cellular Services as secretary to the vice president of the sales department. This company develops computerized billing systems for the cellular industry. In September she enrolled in a master's program in counseling at Marywood College in Scranton. She will attend part-time, hoping to complete the program in three years.

'85 **JEROME TAYLOR** and his wife have been working with Chinese churches for the past two years in California. Jerome obtained a master's degree in cross cultural studies from School of World Missions at Fuller Seminary (CA). Now they live in Washington, DC, and are involved in a United Methodist church.

'86 **DOUGLAS ALLEN** is a vocal music teacher at Little Valley (NY) Central School, and does community theater and singing occasionally.

Navy Ensign **RONALD KERR '86** has been commissioned in his present rank upon graduation from officer candidate school in Newport, RI. During the 16-week course, Kerr studied the principles of leadership, manpower management techniques, navigation and communications. He joined the Navy in 1987.

'86 **LINDA MATTOCKS** traveled to Senegal, West Africa, for six weeks in July and August, as part of a New Tribes Mission summit team.

'86 **SUSAN (EDGEComb) MAYO** is working at Plank Road North Elementary School in Webster, NY, as a sixth grade teacher. She has a master's degree in education from SUNY Buffalo.

'86 **AKO NOMURA** recently finished systems engineer training at IBM in Japan and is a show-

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also fosters heightened anticipation of the new year.

Your recent actions as *Milieu* readers illuminate that kind of thinking, and promise to make 1989 a rewarding time to be editor. Since September 1,457 of you have contributed \$13,090 to the voluntary subscription fund in support of this publication. This makes 1988 our second best year, ever. Your gifts took such diverse forms as Deutsch marks and IBM matching checks. Letters, questionnaire responses, suggestions, and personal encouragements assure stimuli for more than a year's work.

Only one other subject has triggered the volume of response that last December's *Myline* elicited. The outpouring of

letters confirms the rightness of the decision to treat divorces as appropriate alumni news. The following letters column offers a brief sample of the response, which may ultimately produce feature material.

A special word to our Canadian alumni who may read the lead articles in this issue with particular interest: Because of the way the college records and addresses are compartmented, we likely missed surveying most expatriots. We regret that, but were pleased that nearly 25 percent of some 200 Canadian alumni contacted, responded. Though they'll not be part of these features, responses from others are still welcome and may prove a valuable resource to the college in providing better service to Canadians.

—Dean Liddick

## LETTERS

Dear Editor:

It was Erin S. Kelley's letter and your response in "Myline" that have really touched me. She expressed precisely the thoughts and feelings I have so often had. After 19 years of marriage, my mate who is also a Houghton alumnus, decided he wanted to end our partnership. Although I contested the legal action, I was unsuccessful, for divorce is easily obtained today. Although I feel that God understands the ache I have had, I have often felt like a failure, at the very least a "second class citizen." Even with being a part of this modern-day widespread malady, I do not have any answers, but I DO know that we of the divorce category need the friendship and fellowship of the Christian community at large, and particularly our Houghton associates who have maintained "successful" marriages.

My divorce happened 19 years ago, and God has blessed my life, with friends, a good career,

room demonstrator and consultant on IBM personal computers there.

'87 **TARA GREENWAY** is working in the office of the Nazarene-sponsored Lamb's Theater, an off-Broadway theater in New York City, and is also directing the drama youth program and theater workshop for welfare hotel kids in the Times Square area.

'87 **ERICH HOFFMAN** is working on a master's degree in business and urban planning at the University of Southern California.

As a U.S. Peace Corps worker, **SARAH HOWARD '87** is a high school English teacher in Lesotho, South Africa, until September 1989.

'87 **DAVID FOUNTAIN** has begun graduate work in the history program at the University of New Hampshire.

'87 **KATRINA ISAACSON** is a bilingual kindergarten and grade one teacher at Broward County (FL) Public Schools.

'87 **HOLLY LAWTON** is coordinator of broadcaster services in the broadcaster relations department at Trans World Radio's international headquarters in Chatham, NJ. She deals with programming and is in constant communication with TWR's fields and North American broadcasters who use the facilities.

'87 **CRAIG OSTERHUS** is supervisor of radon measurement services at Teledyne Isotopes in Westwood, NJ. He got his start there in 1987 when he became a lab technician in the gamma spectroscopy laboratory. His wife, **BRENDA (HESS '87)**, completed her nursing studies at Columbia University in May and recently received her RN license. She is a nurse at Pascack Valley Hospital in Westwood. They are involved at Pascack Bible Church in Hillsdale.

'87 **AMY (DURKEE) POLLOCK** and her husband, **NATHANIEL POLLOCK '89**, are volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, and live in Americus, GA.

and happiness. The pain of the divorce never leaves.

Thank you for listening.

Yours truly,  
Victoria J. LaBombarde '50

Dear Editor:

The new policy established concerning notices of divorce gave me a new sense of pride in my *Alma Mater*.

While recognizing that divorce *does* fall far short of Biblical standards, and, therefore, Houghton standards, I salute you for taking this position of practical compassion, enhancing the ministry of restoration.

I rejoice in the ever-growing understanding that I/we are all sinners, saved by Grace!

Thank you for your careful, sensitive work.

Cordially yours,  
Joan (Carville) Barnes '51

'87 **STEVEN SCHMIDT** will complete master's degree in Biblical studies requirements at Dallas Theological Seminary this year.

'87 **JEFF WAITE** earned a B.S. degree in microelectronic engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology in May and works for Motorola, Inc., in Phoenix, AZ.

'88 **JACKI COREY** is an admissions counselor and athletic department liaison at the University of Rochester.

'88 **JOSEPH HARVEY** is in his first year in the master's in public health and tropical medicine program at Tulane (LA) Medical School.

## In Memoriam

**CLYDICE (HIGGINS) FIEGL**, wife of Robert T. Fiegl, Sr., former superintendent of buildings and grounds at Houghton College, died in her Fillmore, NY, home December 21 after a long illness. Born October 19, 1914, in Centerville, NY, she was a member of the Higgins Wesleyan Church, where she was Sunday School teacher and Bible study leader. Besides her husband, survivors include three sons, **ZANE '56**, **GARY '64**, and **ROBERT '77**; three daughters, **ROBERTA BARNETT '59**, **CLAUDIA KAUFFMAN '68**, and **DAWN BATEMAN '74**; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother; and a stepsister.

'39 **DANIEL FOX** died November 18 in the Hunterdon (NJ) Medical Center. He was 69. Mr. Fox retired from Clinton Block and Supply Company in 1984. Previously he had worked at his family's Cyrus Fox Lumber Company for more than 40 years. He served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Fox, who lived in Clinton, NJ, at the time of his death, was that town's municipal treasurer for 27 years, served on the town's Board of Education and was an exempt member of their volunteer fire company. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Flemington, NJ, served on the church's board of trustees. Fox also had served as director and treasurer of the Riverside Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, **GRACE (PARKER '38)**; two daughters, **MARTHA SITZMAN '67** and **EDNA MAE SWINBORNE '71**; a sister, **MARGARET ELLIOTT '43**; and three grandchildren.

'35 **WILLARD E. HOUGHTON**, thought to be a direct descendent of the founder of Houghton College, died in the Bertrand Chaffee Hospital (NY) December 29. He had been a special education teacher, teaching BOCES in Lakeshore, Randolph, and North Collins (all NY). He was a member of the First Wesleyan Church of Cataugus, where he was treasurer, and a member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association. Surviving besides his wife, **NELLIE (COLE '36)**, are two daughters, **RUTH '57** and **JEAN '58**; a son; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

'40 **LAWRENCE P. MCCARTHY** died November 21 in Geneva (NY) Hospital. He had taught in Troupsburg and Romulus (NY) Central School before his retirement in 1975. Also, he

worked with the Seneca County Senior Citizens Nutrition Program for several years. He was a member and former treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Romulus, where he served as elder. His wife survives, as well as a son; three daughters; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; four sisters; a brother; and several nieces and nephews.

'42 **ARTHUR MENEELY** died February 23, 1988, at Saint Ann's Hospital in Columbus, OH. He was an American Baptist minister for 40 years, serving four churches in Pennsylvania towns before settling in Sunbury (PA), where he retired in 1985. He earned a degree from Eastern Baptist Seminary (PA) and was a veteran of World War II. Surviving besides his wife, **ELOUISE (COOK '42)**, is a daughter; two sons; five grandchildren; and one sister.

'38 **EURICA (HEIDEL) PERRY** died September 25, 1988. She had lived in West Seneca, NY, and had suffered from a serious heart condition.

'88 **RUTH (CROUCH) Van RIPER** died November 30 in her Maryland home. Born May 22, 1908, in Savona, NY, she married Linley Van Riper in 1931. He died in 1967. Two sons, two daughters, a sister, five grandchildren, three brothers, and several nieces and nephews survive.

## Memorial Gifts

**FREIDA GILLETTE** by S. John and Elizabeth Aboutak and Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Banker.

**CLAUDE RIES** by Priscilla Ries.

**JULIA MARSHAL CRONK** by Dr. & Mrs. Alton Cronk.

**MARY MILLER** by Mr. Carl Miller.

**JAMES EVANS** by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Marsh.

**ARLENE TREADWELL** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wolf and J. Mabel Overton.

**(MRS) FRANK PATNELLA** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Zaranski.

**DAVID PITT** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Zaranski.

**DANIEL FOX** by Joan Seaman.

**CLYDICE FIEGL** by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Luckey.

**GEORGE MORELAND** by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Farver.

**JULIA HANDEL** by Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Widlicka.

## In Honor Gifts

**LOIS WILT** by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Stark.

**MARGE STOCKIN** by Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson.

**ED WILLETT** by Mr. & Mrs. C. Edward Greenwald.

**STEPHEN PAINE** by Mr. & Mrs. James Hurd.  
**GORDON & MILLCENT TROPH** by Mr. & Mrs. Forest Steva.



At the January meeting of the board, 10 new trustees began service to the college. Left to right at top are: social worker Edith Orem, College Park, MD; pastor Reid Stairs, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; professor David Clark, Fredericton, New Brunswick; middle row: businessman Donald Osgood, Pound Ridge, NY; church c.e. director Shirley Pawling, Pulaski, NY; pastor David Holdren, Columbus, OH; bottom: teacher Sarah Bardsley, Tipton, IN; church lay ministries director JoAnne Lyon, Warrenton, MS; church district superintendent Vaughn Drummonds, Houghton, NY. Not pictured is pastor Donovan Shoemaker, Jersey City, NJ.

## Tuition rises, Buffalo Campus Sale Eyed

When the fall '89 semester opens, costs for a year at Houghton College will break over \$10,000 for the first time. Reporting actions of the college board of trustees at their January meeting, president Chamberlain said that he believes the \$10,368 comprehensive fee will still place Houghton in the middle of its competition once the annual round of collegiate increases is over. Present cost is \$9,690. The president said that marketing increases is chancy. Some colleges note a marked upturn in applications when prices rise, some suffer decline. Houghton's applications, acceptances and tuition deposits for next year are up marginally. The president promised five percent pay increases to college employees.

Chamberlain said the college was approached last year by a potential buyer for the Buffalo Suburban Campus. Because the school has access to other locations in the city, it seemed prudent to consider the offer, but at board time, the offering party was reconsidering because of its own finances and possible restrictions on its use of the property, not ap-

plicable to the college. Such restrictions would limit the property's utility to the purchaser, and its value. Consequently, the board put a February 15 deadline on negotiations. If this sale does not materialize, the president said the college will not seek other offers, but will rather pursue its academic agenda where it is. "A period of uncertainty," he observed, "could be a prelude to disaster."

The board has given permission for the college to explore offering a degree completion program, probably in Buffalo. A progress report will be made in April.

Faculty promotions were: to associate professor—Cameron Airhart, Carlton Fisher, Claity Massey and James Wolfe; to assistant professor—Lawrie Merz and Paula Maxwell. Emeriti status was granted to professors Robert Cummings, Arnold and Elizabeth Cook, Ruth Hut-ton, Robert Matke, and George Wells.

Tenure was granted to professors William O'Byrne, Christian education, and James Zoller, English. At this point a faculty member was granted opportunity to read a statement criticizing the confidentiality of the board's tenure discus-

sions which resulted in denial of one candidate's tenure.

President Chamberlain characterized the trustee action as "a good faith effort on their part to do what is best for individuals and the institution." He added, "We must judge trustee performance as a whole . . . This is essential if we're to preserve the fragile fabric of community and not take disagreements and turn them into disruptions. The trustee action was not taken in haste, in anger, or at the behest of a person or persons." Later the president promised that the procedural matter would be explored further.

The board approved purchase of a new administrative computer to handle student records, admissions, financial aid, payroll, alumni and development records. The computer will be bought out of quasi-endowment funds to be repaid over five years at 10 percent interest.

Alluding to the unusual replacement of 10 of the 25 trustees this year, brought on by a combination of retirements and moves that changed eligibility to serve, Dr. Chamberlain noted the new board's personal and professional quality and variety. Fifteen hold graduate degrees (seven of these are earned doctorates, two others doing doctoral studies), 11 serve in education, four are women, six are corporate executives, one is black.

## President begins Sabbatical

President and Mrs. Daniel Chamberlain began a six-month sabbatical leave from Houghton College on January 17. During his absence, academic vice president C.L. Bence will be acting president in addition to his other duties. To facilitate this arrangement, other senior administrators

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New roles: the Bences, Chamberlains



# Theological Institute

"The Challenge of John Wesley Today" is the theme for the 1989 Houghton College Theology Institute, to be held March 6-8. Leading the institute will be Dr. C.L. Bence, academic vice president of the college and, this semester, acting college president.

Dr. Bence graduated from Houghton College, earned his master's degree and doctorate from Asbury Theological Seminary and Emory University, respectively. His doctoral dissertation was "John Wesley's Theological Hermeneutic." Seven years ago he did post doctoral studies at Oxford University in England. A former pastor and college professor, he has published numerous articles and is a popular guest lecturer.

In addition to Dr. Bence's presentation, there will be seminars featuring professors of Houghton's religion division, centering on such topics as Wesley's Theological Method—Then and Now, Wesley and the Sacraments, Wesley, Bible Scholar Extraordinaire, A Biblical Basis for a Wesleyan Social Conscience, Wesley the Philosopher, and E. Stanley Jones: Pioneer in Dialogue. The 22nd Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award will also be presented during the institute.

Pastors interested in attending should make reservations with the church relations office at the college before February 22. Registration is \$35 for pastors, \$25 for spouses, and includes an institute notebook, materials, continental breakfast, closing luncheon and attendance at all sessions. Various options for accommodations may be made.

## MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK

During November the New Vision Conference (formerly FMF Conquest), brought 20 missionaries to campus for personal interaction and seminars. Main speakers were linguist Michael Fullinghim, Wesleyan World Missions, and Waldron Scott, former executive secretary of World Evangelical Fellowship, now heading.



Service recognition and retirement awards were made to 20 members of the college faculty, staff, administration and trustees. Standing left to right are: Messrs. Howard, Doezema, Seamen, Fancher, Fero, Christensen, Grant, Frasier, Trexler, Brown, Ries, Liddick, McNiel and Cook. Seated are Mesdames Wilt, Richardson, Cook and Brenneman.

## 20 get Awards for 449 Years' Service

At Houghton College's 14th recognition banquet held January 12, President Daniel Chamberlain cited 20 employees and one trustee for 315 years of service to the college, then announced six retirees who'd contributed another 134 years.

Chamberlain lauded Houghton Press foreman Lowell Fancher for 40 years, noting that in 1959 the college named its former administration building Fancher Hall to honor three generations of the family's service (220 years) to the college. Alluding to Mr. Fancher's service to Boy Scouts of America, the Hume, NY, United Methodist Church, Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department and Central

School—for which he's driven buses for 900,000 miles without an accident—Chamberlain concluded: "Your personal and community life interprets Christian ideals. . . into caring witness."

Recognized for 30 years of service were brass instrument department head Harold McNiel and trustee Edwin Seaman. Chamberlain credited Dr. McNiel for bringing jazz to Houghton and for developing a successful and popular jazz ensemble.

Speaking of Seaman's unprecedented 30 years of service as a trustee, Chamberlain told the retired Wesleyan minister (three charges in 46 years), "You've traveled more than 75,000 miles between Houghton and your northern New York pastorates and have served on almost every board committee. Presently you're vice chairman of the finance committee. We salute your endurance and faithfulness."

Staff members Harold Grant and Dean Liddick were each cited for 25 years with the college. Mr. Grant works at Houghton Press. Adept in all forms of letterpress operation from his early days in religious and newspaper printing, Grant is now responsible for offset quick-print and duplicating services. Chamberlain noted Grant's involvement in the Houghton fire company and his service on the Community Association. (continued on page 22)

## ENROLLMENT STEADY FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Enrollment for second semester at Houghton is 1,120—1,080 of that at the main campus. An unusually high number of students completed their course work in December, 39. As it becomes harder to complete certain programs in eight semesters, this trend is expected to continue. Twenty-eight new students have come to campus.

The first semester dean's list has been released, and features 191 names, 30 of them with 4.000 averages.

## CALENDAR

### February

- 2 Faculty art show begins: Ted Murphy
- Lecture Series: James Young, theater
- 6 Faculty Recital: George Boespflug, piano
- 8 Young Composers' Concert
- 9 Lecture Series: Ted Murphy, art
- 10-
- 11 Winter Weekend
- 17-
- 19 February break
- 23 Houghton Philharmonia Concert
- 23-
- 25 English Expression Club Play, "Anastasia"

### March

- 1 Art exhibit opening: D. Maust, ceramist
- Faculty Recital: W. Priebe, percussion
- 2-3 Fine Arts Festival
- 6-8 Institute of Theology: "The Challenge of John Wesley Today"
- 9-
- 10 Fine Arts Festival
- 10 Wind Ensemble Concert
- 16 Spring lecture
- 17 Easter break begins
- 28 Classes resume
- 30 Business lecture: Fred Kiesner
- 31 Artist Series: Christ Church Choir
- 8:00 p.m. is the program starting time.

### Awards. . . (cont. from page 21)

Dr. Chamberlain told the audience that public information director Liddick founded the college magazine, *Milieu*, and does a variety of writing, editing and photography projects for the college. Liddick has also served in capacities ranging from college staff president to Houghton Wesleyan Church secretary.

Faculty and staff recognized for 20-years with the college were: Dr. Larry Christensen, chemistry; Dr. David Howard, history; Ms. Mary Richardson, secretary; Dr. Carl Schultz, religion, and Dr. Fred Trexler, physics. Dr. Bruce Brown was recognized for 15 years on the voice faculty. Honored for 10 years' service were Mrs. Kathie Breneman, receptionist; Dr. William Doezema, history; Mr. David Frasier, business administration; Ms. Joan Miller, secretary, and Dr. John Tyson, theology.

Retirees include Mr. Herschel Ries, superintendent of buildings and grounds; Professors Arnold and Betty Cook, founder and former head of the business department, and botany teacher, respectively; Mrs. Lois Wilt, assistant professor of music, and Dr. Homer Fero, trustee. (Retiring trustee Dr. Daniel Heinz was unable to attend.)

## New faculty named, award, degree bestowed

Two new faculty members began service at Houghton in January. Kenneth Bates, a 1971 Houghton alumnus in mathematics and business, has been named assistant professor of business. Bates completed his M.B.A. at Loyola College (MD) in 1980, and was previously with American Machine Tool Distributors' Association in Maryland. Earlier he did business management for Youth for Christ in that state. He is married to the former Barbara Robbins '72.

Named associate professor of accounting is Myron J. Hubler, Jr. Majoring in accounting, he earned his B.S. in business administration at Ohio State University in 1952, an M.B.A. from Case Western Reserve, and has completed part of a doctoral program. He also holds a ministerial studies diploma from Berean College (MO).

Mr. Hubler is a CPA, experienced in higher education from the classroom to grantsmanship at Akron and Cleveland State Universities, and has lectured at several other schools. He has some two dozen publications to his credit. He's also

worked for the Federal Trade Commission and the American Institute of CPAs. He is married.

David Pollock, adjunct professor of social science and director of intercultural programs, became the first recipient of the Ruth Hill Useem award of Global Nomads during a December meeting of the organization in Washington, DC. Global Nomads focuses on adjustments and development of adult third culture persons. Pollock was cited for developing a TCK profile and for his services to TCKs and their families.

Pollock will leave Houghton January 28, visiting five schools and conduct seminars for TCK students, adults and state department personnel in Southeast Asia from New Guinea to India.

Campus media services coordinator Daniel Moore has completed a master's degree in communications and training methods at the University of Northern Iowa. During Mayterm he will be teaching an education media course.

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will assume some day-to-day responsibilities, but Dr. Bence will be the executive officer of the board, directly responsible to them for the fiscal, academic, spiritual and disciplinary affairs of the college.

Explaining the nature of the president's leave, board chairman Herbert Stevenson said this would be Chamberlain's first such extended absence from a post in higher education in 35 years (12 years at Houghton). Initially Dr. Chamberlain will do research in Washington, DC, preparatory to lectures he is to deliver at the Wesleyan college in Barbados, in the West Indies; and a more extended series he will deliver in Hong Kong and China. Too, he will seek cross-cultural educational exchange opportunities for students and faculty between Houghton and selected overseas locations.

Dr. Chamberlain will return to Houghton to preside at commencement in May, regularly in his office in July.

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## Lois Wilt retiring

The country doctor/county coroner, was a busy man. But each week he made time to drive his eighth grade daughter, Lois, the 60-mile round trip between Rushford and East Aurora, where she took flute lessons from a retired Buffalo Philharmonic flutist.

That was more than 40 years ago. But Dr. Hardy's investment has been paying off ever since. In addition to becoming an accomplished flutist, Lois Hardy Wilt became a teacher, counselor/advocate. Maybe memories of coming home from a lesson through a blizzard was behind Lois's overheard remark to one student on a Houghton registration line: "It's not enough to *like* music. To succeed as a major you must gladly eat, sleep and live music." That said, Lois also admits that she's been known to champion students if she saw potential.

Lois wanted to go to Oberlin when she graduated from Rushford high school. Her father agreed to send her there—if she'd go to the little college eight miles over the hills for the first two years. She took the bait, then found she liked Houghton and completed a bachelor of music degree here in 1946. She also met Lloyd Wilt, but Lois earned her master's degree in music education from Western Reserve University, and taught music in Cleveland and Rushford before they married in 1948.

While he finished seminary, she substitute taught in Wilmington, Delaware, then worked for DuPont—do-

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Renee Potter of the development staff. She recruited some 48 paid students who rotated in making calls five nights a week beginning last September 28. Audrey Vitolins told fellow students in chapel that she'd been skeptical a year ago when a campus-wide prayer meeting in support of the campaign was held. But as a volunteer, she learned "people don't support perfect colleges, they support people and programs they believe in." To permit donors some breathing room, the regular phonathon for scholarships has been postponed from February until April.

ing "everything from filing to finance." As a pastor's wife in Rhode Island, she concentrated on mothering two sons and a daughter, but still played solos and helped out with the church music. By 1968 Lloyd was teaching English at the University of Maine in Machias.

When the music division chairman learned that the English division was negotiating with Lloyd to teach at Houghton, he asked Lois, "Have you ever thought about teaching sight-singing?" Lois couldn't believe her ears. "Sight singing was always so easy for me!" Then he asked if she'd consider flute instruction. That was 20 years ago.

In addition to her teaching, Lois has played in a faculty woodwind ensemble, founded a flute choir that annually averages 13 members—"that's one of my joys," she says—and made a practice of attending courses or conferences in her field each summer.

Having completed full-time service last spring, Lois observes, "I praise the Lord that last year was one of the best—attitudes and the sense of working together were something special." In the fall she visited student elementary music teachers. Now? She and Lloyd will celebrate their first joint semester of freedom touring the U.S. Gulf Coast, pulling their camping trailer from Florida to Texas, canoeing and hiking along the way. While Houghton will remain home, the Wilts are considering volunteer service options.

Vice president for development G. Blair Dowden said he is pleased that donors have distinguished between capital and current giving, so that normal operating fund gift levels have been maintained. An example of this phenomenon is a 96-year-old woman from Salem, Oregon, who took out a \$5,000 college annuity in 1960. Through the years she's drawn her annuity payments, but last August she mailed in her contract and a letter explaining: "It seems I should release these funds for the Lord's work now, rather than wait until I'm called home . . . I trust God is continuing to work in the college affairs." Only a year earlier this same person terminated a larger agreement which also benefited current funds.

During his chapel remarks, Dr. Bence likened the thousands of small stones comprising the academic building's 57-foot-high atrium wall to the manner in which the campaign goals have been subscribed. Successful campaigns generally rely on so-called leadership gifts of a million dollars or more. Houghton's campaign received no gifts that large. Instead, sheer volume participation keyed the success. Reading I Chronicles 29:10-20 which celebrates completion of the Jewish temple, Dowden said this chapter offered God's model for a successful campaign.

A fine arts task force meeting to consider financing, plans and a timetable for construction of the building concluded that need for the building is urgent—fine arts faculty calculate that five students a year turn elsewhere because of present facilities. They also believe that sufficient money can be raised to insure a 1990 start. If \$1.5 million has been raised by September (\$316,000 is now on hand), working drawings will be ordered. A decision on whether or not to proceed in 1990 will be made by the college trustees a year from now, based on fund-raising progress by next January. At this writing, a volunteer leadership structure for the campaign is being completed.



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## ***Fine Arts in Focus, Campaign passes original \$13.5 million goal***

**U**NPRECEDENTED GIVING reaching \$1,066,000 during December of 1988, and success in the phone aspect of the campaign, have cleared The Campaign for Houghton's agenda to a single item: assembling financing for the long-awaited fine arts center pictured above.

"It is with praise to the Lord, with appreciation to the college development staff for its hard work, with gratitude to the many volunteers who lent their expertise and time to the campaign, and with thanks to the thousands of donors who have supported The Campaign for Houghton, that I announce that we have reached a crucial milestone. As of today, we have exceeded the original campaign goal of \$13.5 million with cash and pledges totalling \$14.35 million."

Such was president Chamberlain's message to assembled faculty and staff on January 12, a message which was repeated to students and the radio audience during a praise chapel on January 13. The president explained that an additional \$4.5 million must be raised for the fine arts center because many donors contributed to other specific aspects of the campaign and "we are scrupulous in using gifts as donors ask." Cards issued to those attending the chapel service acknowledged the magnitude and significance of the task completed, and outlined the steps remaining to realize all campaign goals.

Items for thanksgiving are: completion of funding for the academic building now under construction, work that is on target for fall '89 occupancy. Next, the campaign's endowment goal has been surpassed by more

than \$1 million. Again, unrestricted giving has been sufficient to maintain balanced budgets throughout the campaign to date. Last, the college's support base has grown by hundreds of new donors.

The continuing prayer concerns are raising the final \$4.5 million to build the fine arts center, wisdom and continuing energy for development staff, volunteers and donors.

Success of the phone portion of the campaign was particularly gratifying considering its uneven start. As of mid-November the hoped for 17 percent response was not being achieved, and consultants suggested cutting the goal from \$500,000 to \$300,000. But in the month before Christmas, the callers passed the \$507,000 mark and celebrated victory with a 21 percent response. Coordinating the effort was Ms.

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*Campaign by phone volunteers celebrated topping their \$500,000 goal on December 14, having reached 6,161 homes. Though responses ranged from enthusiasm to "what, you again?" most donors made three-year pledges. Top student caller Anke Suelzner raised some \$30,000. Scholarship phonathon champion and faculty wife Diane Galloway dialed in \$130,000. Success wasn't measured in dollars alone. Some 20-minute calls "merely" cleared up questions in the minds of those called.*