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Lawyering at its Best

Lawyer jokes may be the most common and uncomplimentary of those told about any profession, with the possible exception of politicians. There are also stories about good lawyers. Last month *The Legal Intelligencer's* banner headline concluded with the words "Lawyering At Its Best." The phrase intrigued me, especially because the entire headline read, "New Era Deal Demonstrates Lawyering At Its Best." I eagerly read the story which was wonderful news for Houghton as well as a positive picture of the legal profession. (The good news was that Houghton and over 500 other charities will regain over 90 percent of what they deposited with New Era; in the future I will share additional details about this miraculous settlement.)

Just what is "lawyering at its best"? The article comments that "The (New Era) situation was ripe for lawyers to become problem makers rather than problem solvers ... but that did not happen. Lawyers acting in good faith on behalf of clients acting in good faith, achieved a resolution that was fair and equitable to all ..."

Houghton College helps pre-law students prepare for "lawyering at its best" by accepting and promoting the proposition that God is the creator and sustainer of the universe and of human society. He established physical laws to give order and predictability to

natural phenomenon and the moral law to bring order and equity to social relationships.

Second, we urge our students to follow Scripture as their guide. Micah writes, "He has told you ... what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?" Clearly the good life begins with justice for society; and justice means using authority and power to uphold what is right, just, or lawful. Biblical justice also includes rewarding good and punishing evil, and lawyers help society do both. Micah's mandate that justice should be administered with mercy and without arrogance is equally important.

Third, Houghton's Christian liberal arts program focuses on such fundamental skills as analysis, inquiry and understanding. We stress the centrality of creative, analytical thinking; cogent, lucid writing; and articulate, substantive speech. We also strive to encourage and model both private and public morality and integrity.

Houghton is proud that many of its graduates practice "lawyering at its best" as they pursue their profession in ways that are consistent with the ideals of their alma mater.

Daniel R. Chamberlain

Special Note:

New Era Pay-back Continues On Schedule

Houghton College received a check for \$517,000 in August, the second payment of monies being recovered from the ill-fated New Era collapse of 1995. When the third and final payment is made, later this fall, the college will have recovered more than 90 percent of its New Era deposit. President Chamberlain termed this "a miraculous return."

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Fall Enrollment Assures a Full House

Classes began at Houghton on September 2 with 1,250 traditional students—449 men, 801 women are enrolled. New students numbered 388, with 52 of these the children of Houghton alumni. Figures are not considered final for two to three weeks. Some dozen more are engaged in off-campus studies ranging from student teaching to internships.

Another 123 students are enrolled in the PACE adult degree completion programs in Buffalo and Olean. An additional 20-member PACE cohort is scheduled to begin in October.

Five years after its inception, Houghton's adult degree completion Program for Accelerating College Education has graduated 300-plus people—B.S. degrees earned by factory workers, mid-career professionals and grandparents. All have lauded the program. Now PACE is moving to new levels of content and delivery sophistication, including taking classes to area business sites which enroll 12 or more employees.

Two of the 12 courses have been revamped in the interest of greater breadth and program integration. Beginning this fall course materials distributed to an incoming cohort (the name given to the class groups formed six times a year) won't be 500 pages of requirements, readings and handouts, but a single, silvery CD ROM. Beyond compactness and trees saved, the CDs cross-reference course materials and offer links to relevant web sites. The revamped format also incorporates student suggestions. The innovations facilitate in-depth study and increase access to a broad range of research materials and lead students to develop their computer skills. Hereafter degree recipients will receive a B.S. in management, not organizational management.

A proven record, fresh content, greater curricular integration and CD delivery will be selling points in a major marketing effort, both to new students and to other institutions. Business professor David Frasier has left the Houghton classroom and moved to Buffalo to spearhead an effort to sell PACE's format to colleges entering or re-entering the adult education market.

To emphasize its community ties, the Buffalo Campus is now called Houghton at West Seneca. Physical changes at Lambein Learning Center reflect attention to the needs of non-traditional students balancing work place and family demands with academics. Gone are desk-wing chairs in favor of tables and padded chairs—kinder to anyone facing four hours of concentrated effort *after* a day's work. To reduce reliance on packaged snack foods and sandwiches, a kitchenette has been added so light meals can be prepared during mid-evening breaks. Outdoor conversation, study, and plain relaxation are facilitated by a cluster of benches, like those on the main campus.



Benches donated by West Seneca businesses, organizations and individuals memorialize the life and contributions of Andrea Zubricky, a town civic leader, who also served on the West Seneca campus advisory board. Zubricky died of cancer last February. Her extensive collection of West Seneca history has been donated to the college.



College Names New Finance VP

Jeffrey B. Spear '79 has been appointed Houghton's vice president for finance effective September 1, succeeding long-time VP Kenneth Nielsen who is retiring.

Mr. Spear, a CPA, received his M.S. in accountancy from Rochester Institute of Technology and has also been a member of AICPA. His professional experiences since graduation range from managing the Rochester, N.Y., Avis Rent-A-Car unit and being an audit and

tax specialist for Peat Marwick & Mitchell & Co., to being corporate controller for Thomas James Associates, Inc., both in Rochester. For two years Spear was assistant professor of accounting at Houghton College.

Since 1991 he has been vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer for Sayett Group and Sayett Technology of Rochester. Among his duties were orchestrating a \$9 million initial public offering for that high-tech manufacturer, participating in making various acquisitions, managing banking relationships, and managing information technology operations.

Spear has chaired the Rochester YFC executive board, was treasurer and capital campaign director for Gates Wesleyan Church, a member of the budget review committee for Spencerport Central School, and secretary of the Houghton College Highlander Sports Association. He has guest-lectured for the college at Word of Life Business Seminars in Hungary. Last January he resumed teaching (part-time) at Houghton, and expects to continue to do so in his new role. He and his wife, Janine (Filmer '81), have three children.

In wide-ranging comments on his new post Spear told *Milieu*: "I'm fortunate to follow a dedicated and successful incumbent. The college has a good financial footing ... and I believe the tools are available for us to keep on top. Economic growth in the community will strengthen the college by [improving] employment opportunities for students, increasing the tax base, and making the area more visible to a broader market. Houghton's distinction as a Christian liberal arts college must be continually bolstered and proclaimed."

Mr. Nielsen's 37-years of service to the college will be recognized in October ceremonies. In addition to transitional roles, he continues as the Willard J. Houghton Foundation's chief operating officer. Nielsen will be profiled in the December Milieu which will describe the challenges in college finance and financing college in the last decade of the century.

Scholarship Honors Teacher-Registrar

Family and friends have established the Rachel Davison Fee Endowed Scholarship in honor of the late Houghton math professor and registrar. The scholarship, to benefit female students with an aptitude for mathematics, will be first awarded in the fall of 1998.

Youngest of seven children born to a Wesleyan pastor in northern New York, Rachel was an avid reader who completed high school at age 14. She financed her Houghton education working in president James S. Luckey's office. Under his instruction she became the college bookkeeper. A math major active in the literary society and yearbook, Rachel took extra hours to stretch her graduation until 1925, becoming among the first to earn a Houghton four-year degree.

She taught math at Houghton till 1931, completing an M.A. at Oberlin College in 1932. She resumed teaching math here, becoming registrar part-time in 1944, full-time in 1946, also handling the placement bureau into the early '50s.

Alumni remember her efforts to arrange their schedules to help them meet specific educational goals. Rachel left Houghton in 1958 to marry Kenneth Fee. She received an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree in 1975 and was living in Shell Point Village, Fla., when she died in 1995.





Institute Studies Right and Wrong

Two summer conferences with implications far beyond campus were the second Houghton Institute for Integrative Studies, May 18-June 14, and the first camp of The Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship (CPAF) held June 22-July 20.

Houghton faculty members Douglas Frank (history at the Oregon Extension), Shannon O'Roarke (philosophy), John Rhett (art), and Ellen Weber (education) were among Christian scholars representing nine disciplines from 10 other colleges (alumni among them), who participated in readings, discussions and writing relating to the topic "Whatever Happened to Right and Wrong"—issues of morality. Leading the inquiry was Senior Scholar Dr. Arthur Holmes, emeritus professor at Wheaton (Ill.) College, widely respected for his decades of work to promote integration of faith and learning. Institute coordinator and biology professor Dr. James Marcum said the participants will submit manuscript drafts based on their research by November. After editing, Dr. Holmes will submit the manuscripts for publication as a book of essays.

New Faculty Have International Backgrounds

Houghton gains three new faculty members this fall. Named associate professor of computer science is Mr. Coenraad Bakker. Assistant professor of business administration is Dr. Jeffrey R. Moore. Dr. Wei Hu is assistant professor of mathematics and computer science.

Professor Bakker, who will commute from Fairport, N.Y., earned his B.S. in math from Parsons College (Iowa), his M.A. in math from the University of Rochester. He's completed math and computer related institutes, workshops and courses in various locales, among them the University of North Carolina, Syracuse University, and Rochester Institute of Technology. He has planned computing centers and developed systems for two colleges, taught at Northwestern, St. John Fisher and Roberts Wesleyan, consulted for several institutions, presented professional papers and done other writing. Bakker is proficient in three languages. He and his wife have three children.

Dr. Moore attended school in Germany and England, and earned his B.A. at Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash. He completed the D.E.S.S. (French M.B.A.) in accounting and finance, and his Ph.D. at the Universite de Nice Sophia-Antipolis in France. He has been a consultant in launching production factories in Bosnia and Romania, and consulted for World Vision in Romania. In 1993 he founded, directed, and taught finance, international business, and Christian business ethics at the Christian Small Business Center, Bucuresti, Romania. He's also taught at the Academy of Economic Studies in Romania and at the University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis, and done numerous consultancies. Dr. Moore speaks French and Romanian. He and his wife have two children.

Professor Hu, a native of Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, earned B.S. and M.S. degrees at Zhejiang Teacher's University and Hangzhou University, respectively. He also completed M.S. (mathematics) degrees at Michigan State University and the University of Kentucky (computer science). His Ph.D. in mathematics will be conferred by the University of Kentucky. He has previously taught in China, at MSU and U of K., and published articles in China and American professional journals. He and his wife have two children.



The December Milieu will carry profiles of three more faculty added after press time. Pictured l. to r. standing are: Dr. John Jensen '51 (history), Dr. Jeffrey Moore, and Dr. James Sims (literature). Seated are: Dr. Coenraad Bakker, and Dr. Wei Hu. Mr. Brad Wilber '91 (reference and music librarian) not present.

Faculty News— • Professor John Powell, director of the college's Buffalo-based pastoral and church ministries program, presided at a mid-June ceremony honoring four students who earned certificates in ministry. A Ford Foundation visitor has commended the program as "the most responsive and incarnational approach" to inner city ministry he's encountered. • Lawrie Merz, reference and music librarian at Houghton for the past nine years, has taken the position of cataloging and public services librarian at Messiah College. At Houghton Merz also served as a mentor to many first year students and on the women's faculty association, the Artist Series committee, and Allegany Arts Association.

Kilimanjaro: "An Ultimate Learning Experience"



Knowing other cultures and learning to thrive in a global village is vital, and Houghton College students are gaining a new tool to do both. Next May, 30 students from Houghton and other Christian colleges will participate in the first Houghton at Kilimanjaro—receiving what is billed as "an ultimate learning experience."

Directing the program will be Dr. Jon Arensen, anthropologist, veteran missionary linguist in Africa, and Houghton faculty member. Other faculty will include Dr. Tom Kettelkamp (ecotourism), and SIL (Wycliffe) instructors drawn from Africa. Arensen has spent much of the past year selecting sites and creating infrastructure in Africa from Mount Kenya and Lake Victoria to Mount Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti. Students will take nine hours of core studies in East African culture, history and ethology, and select up to eight more hours from options in linguistics, ecotourism, intercultural experience and independent study.

In addition to specific course content, students will learn new ways of seeing and thinking, learn to integrate theory and practice across disciplines, and engage in service projects. Program cost is \$9,300. For more information or applications contact Dr. Paul Shea, director of off-campus programs at Houghton.

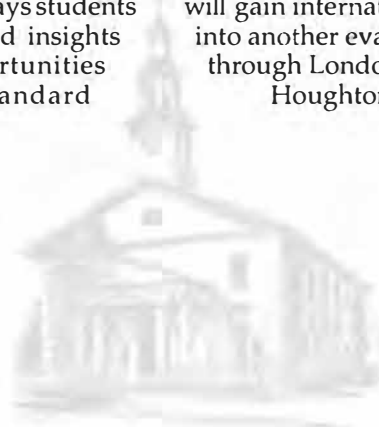
Houghton-in-London for Juniors and Seniors

Building on last term's successful First-Year Honors Program held in London, 24 juniors and seniors in seven disciplines join program director Dr. Cameron Airhart in September for Houghton-in-London, a semester designed for upperclass students.

Participants may gain 15 hours of coursework by selecting five of seven offerings in history, literature, Bible, fine arts, humanities and political science. Faculty other than Airhart will be British Christian adjuncts. As with the first-year honors program, students will live in apartments in London, and attend classes in the Institute for Contemporary Christianity, a facility directed by All Souls Church pastor Dr. John Stott.

Beyond challenging academics—all courses are departmentally approved for major credit—Airhart says students will gain international and cross-cultural experience, and insights into another evangelical tradition via ministry opportunities through London churches. Costs above a standard Houghton semester are just \$500 plus air fare.

St Peter's Church/London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (also known as Christian Impact). The building, first used in 1724, has been the institute's home since 1982.



It's NOT Your Father's Campus Store!

User friendliness emphasized, more items people want, faster, better service, the smell and taste of "gourmet" coffee, elements of surprise—if you've not visited Houghton's campus store recently, *you* might be surprised.

Store manager Michele Carlson, four part-time staff, and seven student workers are pleased to offer quicker and more accurate textbook procurement via computer ordering. A new book buy-back system means shorter lines. Even that wait has been sweetened by a give-away program (candy, hats, and sweatshirts) which was lauded in a text firm's publication.

Last year faculty, staff and students modeled the latest imprinted items in a popular fashion show, to be repeated on Winter Weekend. There are bigger computer and Hallmark Card sections. Special weekends will feature evening hours.

Having a hard time finding a particular alumnus author's book at home? Try the campus store. Brisk mail and phone orders for imprinted items reinforce favorable visitor comments. Later this fall a website will make checking out the merchandise and Christmas ordering simpler. For now just phone (716) 567-9620, fax to 5679577, or e-mail your request.

Cameras in the Courtroom: *Virtue, Vice or Just Video?*

by Douglas Gaerte



As the nation waited expectantly for the verdict in the O.J. Simpson criminal trial, a CNN journalist quipped that the whole Simpson case was "a bit like the TV series *Dallas*: people may criticize it while it's on the air, but no one wants to miss the verdict."

Following Simpson's acquittal, those who believed O.J. was guilty blamed L.A. prosecutors for their handling of the case, attacked the jury as incompetent, and criticized the "Dream Team" for appealing to racial bias to get O.J. off.

As Ted Gest of *U.S. News and World Report* asserted, however, the most prominent target of criticism was television. Observers blamed the use of cameras in the court for turning the trial into a media circus that distracted participants from the important task of doing justice.

In several recent high profile cases—the Simpson civil trial, the McVeigh trial, the trial of child-murderer Susan Smith, and the retrial of Erik and Lyle Menendez—commentators have frequently credited the absence of television cameras in the courtroom for the comparatively no-nonsense proceedings.

Is it fair, however, to blame the spectacle of the Simpson trial on the live broadcast of the court proceedings? Should the experience of the Simpson case determine whether or not future trials are televised? As with many issues related

to the Simpson case, the questions about the role of television in our criminal justice system are not easily resolved.

The practice of televising trials, critics contend, creates pressures on participants that may hinder the administration of justice. Citing the theatrics that frequently characterized the Simpson trial, some critics argue that cameras in the courtroom encourage attorneys to grandstand in an effort to influence public opinion toward their case. Intense public pressure could, in turn, compel jurors into making a decision based on popular opinion rather than on the evidence being presented in the courtroom.

In his article about the ethics of broadcasting jury deliberations, however, *U.S. News and World Report's* Timothy Noah admits, "There is no evidence that [televising trials] has affected any verdicts." Is it possible, in fact, that broadcasting trials could actually help reduce the influence of public opinion when jurors face the uncomfortable task of reaching a decision that will likely run counter to

popular sentiment?

In the case of Rodney King, for example, the public was outraged by the actions of Los Angeles police officers in the videotaped beating. As President Bush asserted, "What you saw and I saw on the TV video was revolting."

A guilty verdict in the case seemed inevitable. After all the evidence was presented, however, the jury ruled to acquit the officers of charges that they had used excessive force in subduing King. Public condemnation of the decision was swift. What was wrong with the jury that they could not see the vicious beating that was so obvious to the rest of us? What was wrong with our criminal justice system that those charged with upholding the law could get away with such outrageous behavior?

Writing in *American Lawyer* following the trial, Roger Parloff asserted that, while he hesitated to admit it, the evidence the jury had actually seen in the trial made their verdict understandable. After defense lawyers put the well-known video clip in its larger context and presented evidence about events leading up to the infamous beating, it was possible, Parloff argued, for the jury to find reasonable doubt in the charge that the officers had used excessive force.

According to Michael Rosen, associate general counsel at Boston University, "The video did not lie;

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nor did it present the full story." If the public had heard all of the evidence presented in the trial, perhaps they would have better understood the jury's rationale, even if many continued to believe that the police officers had been wrong.

One of the most common claims made by those who oppose televising trials is the charge that television cheapens the criminal justice system by turning trials into entertainment spectacles. The multitude of books that appeared in the weeks following the Simpson trial suggests that televising trials may serve to create celebrities who are more concerned with generating publicity and parlaying their fame into lucrative book deals than in determining the truth. The circus atmosphere may also serve to prolong a trial, increasing the costs and distracting public attention from more important issues in the news.

While such concerns, if true, might justify barring television cameras from the courtroom, making such claims on the basis of the

Simpson experience is problematic.

The Simpson case was hardly typical.

As law professor

Clark Kelso asserts, "An aberrational case shouldn't be the basis of major changes in the way courts work." Indeed, many of the most widely cited excesses of the case occurred outside the court-

room itself. The story was frequently the lead on the evening network news broadcasts, only to be highlighted again on the tabloid news programs that followed.

From Leno's "Dancing Itos" on *The Tonight Show* to the dramatic Simpson theme music on CNN, many of the features of the Simpson coverage that prompted criticism had little to do with the broadcasts of the actual trial. Indeed, many viewers would have preferred seeing more of the trial and hearing less of the never-ending commentary provided by Roger, Greta, and the hordes of legal pundits.

If the attention given Simpson was excessive, should the media alone bear the blame? Despite all the complaints about the media's fixation with the case, ratings for CNN's coverage were among the highest ever for the network, noted CNN executive vice president Ed Turner. When ABC returned to its regular programming lineup during the preliminary hearing, the network's ratings plunged. After Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki barred cameras from the civil trial, the E! cable channel, home of the *Howard Stern* television show and *Melrose Place* reruns, responded with the *O.J. Civil Trial* show, a nightly, one hour program in which actors used actual court transcripts to re-create the day's highlights. Ratings doubled for the 8 p.m. time slot.

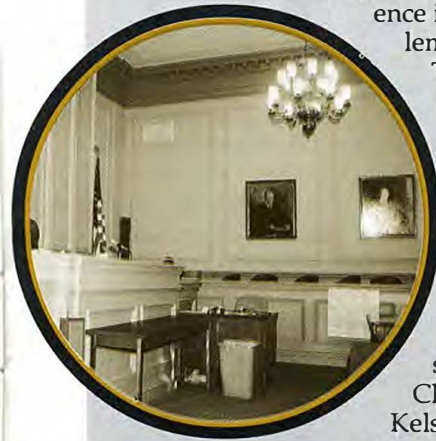
Perhaps the public, and not the media alone, should bear some responsibility for the hoopla surrounding the Simpson case. In his recent book *Breaking the News*, journalist James Fallows criticizes his fellow journalists for failing to give the public enough substantive information on significant social issues.

While Fallows's point has merit, should journalists and television ex-

ecutives alone be blamed when, last February 4th, the public showed it would rather watch the verdict announcement in the Simpson civil trial than President Clinton's State of the Union Address? "Why would viewers want to know about the president's \$10,000 deduction for college costs that could change their whole future," asked *Newsweek*, "when they could obsess over whether O.J.'s liability might force him to move out of Rockingham and lose his swimming pool?" Until our viewing habits clearly indicate the desire for more substance, perhaps all we can expect is "news-lite" tabloid journalism.

The Simpson case left more questions unresolved than it answered. It highlighted the significant racial tensions that continue to divide Americans, and it caused us to wonder why the cries of women facing domestic violence are still largely ignored. The whole affair also caused us to reevaluate the role of media in our society. While it might be easy to bar cameras from future trials in the hope that the Simpson spectacle will not be repeated, on this issue, too, the jury is still out. ♦

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Law in the Balance

Several of Houghton's alumni attorneys responded to a survey asking about their backgrounds and opinions concerning the role of law, their experiences with high-profile cases, how faith factors in their work, and their impressions of alternatives to litigation.

Great Expectations

"The public is fascinated with the legal system because it is a microcosm of the battle of good and evil in the universe. In court the good guys are supposed to win and the bad guys are supposed to break down under grueling cross examination. The 'little guy' can whip the big guy and 'justice' can be done by 12 people who are usually otherwise powerless." Such is the conventional wisdom, according to trial lawyer James Priest '77, who practices in Oklahoma City, Okla.

At the same time, Priest recognizes some erosion of belief in the efficacy and fairness of the law and the integrity of its practitioners. He explains: "I think laws have proliferated so much that people see the law, by and large, as a negative in their life—an intrusion on the way they want to live. In [earlier] times there were fewer laws and they helped maintain order and the *status quo*. The breakdown of moral consensus has resulted in laws invading every area of life in an ef-

fort to legislate morality ... and people generally resent it." Other attorneys cited literary and Biblical evidence that suspicion of, or low regard for, attorneys is ancient.

Catherine (Ray '73) Dodd, who specializes in health law and appellate advocacy in Phoenix, Ariz., observes: "Many people, including Christians, resort to litigation because they want to vent or play hardball. The legal system is viewed as a forum for vindication

when actually there are no winners in litigation—everyone loses something." She believes diminished societal respect for law and lawyers is accelerated by abuses of power and authority as exposed by the media.

Fredonia, N.Y., attorney Daryl Brautigam '77 adds: "People expect the law and lawyers to be able to solve problems which are beyond the range of the justice system, and then are disappointed when the system doesn't produce for them."

While America is said to be the world's most litigious society, Minneapolis attorney Terry Slye '79 reminded: "Most disputes aren't settled by litigation. They're settled by negotiation. Good lawyers learn to focus on problem solving, accepting differences of opinion, and seeking to resolve conflicts with fairness, firmness and sympathy... I'm pleased to see the fourth major long-term [Houghton] college objective is to teach civility and respect, virtues our society sorely needs. So does the church, if we are to have persuasive effect in our communities."



Media Pros and Cons

Several attorneys felt sensationalized coverage of certain trials negatively impacts routine cases. Others did not. There was some consensus that media coverage of a case *could* readily serve to educate a public unversed in the reasons for and nuances of legal procedures. Too often though, the media focuses on personality and emotion, generating heat instead of light. And several attorneys cited examples from their high-profile cases where parties on both sides manipulated the media with false or misleading information.

Daryl Brautigam says the Simpson case "highlighted the difference between the civil and the criminal justice systems," providing "a practical civics lesson about what it means to have a reasonable doubt, and the distinctions between standards of proof in the two systems."

No respondent favored banning news media from the court room *per se*, arguing that media should act more responsibly. Failing that, there was tacit agreement with '90 alumnus Edward R. Kennett's assertion: "The key to a fair trial is not to preclude the media from doing its job, but is to secure judges who can effectively manage a jury and a courtroom." A former Lancaster County (Pa.) assistant district attorney, Kennett is now in private practice.

Do books, movies and TV shows help or hinder the public in understanding how the law works? Daryl Brautigam says, "Most fictional treatments of legal cases hinder the public's appreciation of how the legal system really

Houghton College has more than 100 alumni who have become lawyers. Based upon a 1994 college legal professions survey, their graduation dates range from a handful for the '40s and '50s, and nine in the '60s, to 27 in the '70s, and 23 in the '80s. A majority completed their law degrees in the '80s.

The peak year for pre-law students at Houghton may have been 1977. Reasons for this could include a student body which had grown up in the Vietnam and Watergate eras when law was seen as a major antidote and corrective for society's ills. A rise in the number of law schools may also have had corollary influence. Alumni attorneys and faculty concur that at Houghton the leadership of Dr. Katherine Lindley was a major factor—both as the respected chair of the social science division and as the pre-law advisor. That a third of Houghton's alumni lawyers today are women may also be a result of her influence.

Attorneys responding to *Milieu's* survey rated their Houghton preparation as adequate to outstanding. As factors in their later success they cited faculty insistence on "careful, detailed, analytical thought," an emphasis on writing, and specific courses and personalities. Albany Law School professor Sandra (Mann '68) Stevenson praised Houghton's "brilliant, strong women" role models and men "who made [women students] feel they could achieve and gender was irrelevant." She attributed the latter to Houghton's Wesleyan heritage. Several attorneys noted they came to law careers via other majors.

Today the percentage of pre-law students at Houghton is slightly diminished, as it is on other campuses. Stevenson believes recent high-profile cases will have a significant impact on future student interest in law careers. Among lasting on-campus effects of Houghton's pre-law boom are two scholarships. The Bruce Merritt Scholarship was established by family and schoolmates in memory of a promising pre-law graduate who died tragically within days after his graduation in 1979. It is awarded to recognize character. The Lake and Amanda Harner Scholarship, established by an alumnus attorney's family, goes to the pre-law student with the highest grade point average.



works." Jim Priest thinks books can help when they treat a case in depth, but feels TV's time constraints skew the view they present, especially the dramatic aspects. He tells young lawyers, "There are not geniuses in the courtroom, only grunts in the [law] library." Catherine Dodd says "Perry Mason was more of a detective than a lawyer... L.A. Law [with its emphasis on different legal specialties and attorney individuality] helped foster greater understanding."

Turning the Other Cheek?

Asked if Christians are less likely to be involved in litigation, the attorneys split. Catherine Dodd's experience says they are less likely to be involved. Edward Kennett thinks Christians are "less inclined to litigate disputes [because of] a desire to 'turn the other cheek' and to seek mercy rather than justice."

Kennett contends that "while alternative dispute resolution serves an important role in certain [types of] cases... litigation will always be a critical tool in obtaining justice... I do not believe the Bible teaches that litigation is wrong, [although] it should be a last resort."

Jim Priest argues: "I don't see much difference between how Christians and non-Christians handle their disputes, [but] we should be teaching dispute resolution techniques in our churches and universities."

Alternatives to Litigation

Albany (N.Y.) Law School of Union University professor Sandra (Mann '68) Stevenson believes Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is the wave of the future. She not only teaches a seminar on the topic (typically it's taught at 8 am, and still draws 80-90 seniors), but was among researchers chosen to study ADR by the National Institute for Dispute Resolution. She is a participant in launching a Science and Technology Law Center. ADR has a major role in their first-year workplan. Particularly applicable to solving business disputes where efficiency and ongoing relationships are vital, Stevenson says the private bar has been less interested, perhaps because of anticipated bill-

ing loss. She has also specialized in environmental and intellectual property law.

Jim Priest observes: "Christians are called to be mediators and peacemakers. Whenever possible we should vigorously pursue and encourage alternatives to litigation... Early intervention is the most effective alternative to litigation... but usually people don't want to get reasonable until just before trial."

Reflecting Faith

How does an attorney's personal faith factor in legal practice? Brautigam says, "Christian friends sometimes ask, 'How can you, as a Christian, defend someone who is guilty?'" He replies, "How could I *not* defend someone who is guilty? The Bible has two analogies for Christ in terms of employment—one is as a shepherd, the other is as an advocate or attorney. Christians, of all people, should appreciate someone standing up for the guilty since we constantly benefit from Christ's advocacy on our behalf." Ruefully he adds: "Some of my most difficult clients are Christians who tend to be unrealistic in their view of what the justice system should do for them, as well as how their attorney should feel about them."

Jim Priest observes: "I believe God uses me to touch and speak to people who would never darken the doorway of a church, or otherwise listen to the claims of Christ. I

often pray with clients—Christian and non-Christian alike—and they always welcome it. [I try] to model excellence and integrity.”

Terry Slye rarely finds conflicts between faith and law practice. The challenge he sees is when and how to share his faith values with clients; i.e., “judging when more than purely legal advice will be respected. I find many clients *do* value the fact that I will give them more than legal analysis.”

Possibilities and Pressures

Milieu asked lawyer respondents what other questions we might have explored. Their several replies also illuminate what’s already been said.

Explore how Christian attorneys could make more of a difference was Catherine Dodd’s suggestion. She recommended *pro bono*

work for charitable causes, maintaining personal integrity, daring to be different, and “never allowing ourselves to be used as someone else’s hired gun.”

Edward Kennett recommended “a discussion regarding the tenuous balance between the guarantee of free exercise of religion and the prohibition against the establishment of religion.” As a volunteer for The Rutherford Institute, he says, “Christians need... greater understanding of First Amendment jurisprudence so we are equipped to analyze contemporary issues in a knowledgeable manner.”

Daryl Brautigam would opt to explore areas of tension or pressure for a Christian lawyer. Some examples he cited: 1. Practicing law is largely about money. 2. The time and concentration demands of law practice are incredibly stressful on the attorney’s personal and family life. 3. The legal profession is composed of haves and have-nots (high

profile lawyers who earn millions versus the majority who struggle along from fee to fee). He observed: “This tends to generate envy, covetousness, or pride, depending on where one is on the scale.” Finally he cited having to deal with “unrealistic demands, incompetence, time mismanagement, and incivility from the judicial bureaucracy.”

It's Up to Us

Edward Kennett summed up. “It is difficult in a fallen and rights-oriented society to harmonize the judicial system with the principles by which God intends law and justice to be directed... But understanding the basic structure of the systems and the principles upon which the nation was built would help... Alexis DeTouqueville observed that the survival of the republic requires an educated citizenry.” ♦

Have You Heard the One About . . . ?

Milieu’s lawyer sample’s opinion of lawyer jokes ranged from “most are funny [revealing human nature],” to “They’re popular for the same reason ethnic jokes are prevalent,” and, “I used to tell them in my seminars until I realized they demean the profession whose image I’m trying to improve.” Samples of both genres follow.

A lawyer, with two other professionals, is asked to return a deceased miser’s property to his grave. The first two put in bags of cash. The lawyer writes a personal check.

A graphic description of terrible waste—a bus loaded with attorneys goes over a cliff... with empty space on the back seat!

Cartoon: Two attorneys are standing in front of a wall of legal books. One says, “And to think we started with just the Ten Commandments!”

Q: What’s a lawyer?

A: Someone who reads a 10,000-word document and calls it a brief.



Feeding the 700



Picnic on the Quad, feeding the 700, with chicken and burgers for all!

Worship

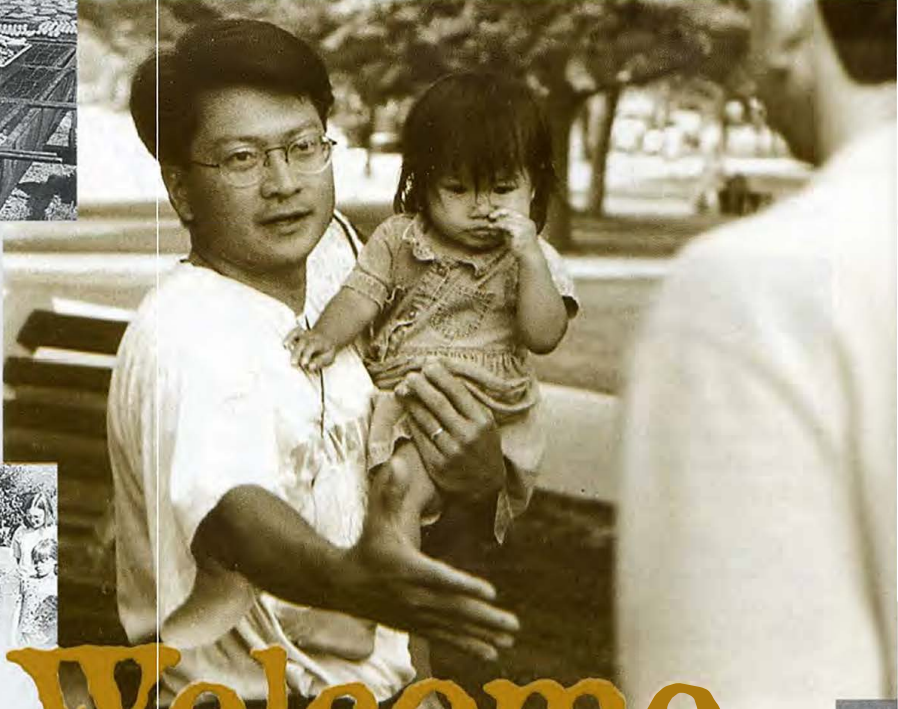


Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship campers' worship services combined stellar music turns and challenging messages by executive director Dr. Patrick Kavanaugh.

Fascinating!



Turning a banana into a makeshift hammer, physicist Fred Trexler wows the kids with his liquid nitrogen demonstration.



Welcome Alumni



Look who's here!



Whether they'd not seen each other for 50 years, or just since the last reunion, Alice Omdal and Esther Smeenge, both class of '47, enjoyed catching up.

Learning and Nostalgia Blended at Summer Alumni Weekend

Houghton's twin SAW weekends brought 1,192 alumni and family members to campus to enjoy reunions, thought-provoking seminars, good food, entertainment, corporate worship, and hours of reminiscence and catch-up conversation.

The Golden Agers' program drew some 130 persons, among them four representatives of the 65-year class of 1932 (Velma Harbeck Hewson, Lucy Joslyn, Vivian Marsh, and Paul Vogan), and 10 members of the 60-year class (James Bence, Wesley Churchill, Ellen Stickle Cooley, Dorothy Trowbridge DeLong, Betty Ratcliff Downs, Robert Luckey, Helen Paul Paine, Gerald Smith, and Wesley Thomas).

Attendees at the first weekend got to hear the MasterWorks Festival Orchestra in concert, an evening capped by a performance of Mozart's *Requiem* featuring two faculty soloists. The concert was part of the Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship's month-long camp concurrently being held on campus. Seminars included a look at the founding of Houghton Seminary with Dr. Tim Nichols '81, residence life director and associate dean of students; the economic impact of aging with Dr. Robert Black, economics professor; coping with challenges of aging with Carol (Sturgis '59) Savoline, a gerontology specialist, and practical financial planning and stewardship with attorney Greg Sperry. President Chamberlain also presented the 1997 Alumnus of the Year Award to Philip Stockin '67 (see page 19).

Not surprisingly, the "young" alumni weekend produced the biggest crowd—257 kids among them, including 35 three-year olds! Best turnout was by the 20-year class of '77 with 67 present. A poignant highlight of their reunion was greetings and thanks from John Bohall, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick (Susan Minot) Bohall, both '77. Class members presented John with a scrapbook filled with their recollections and photos of his father. Two years after Nick's untimely death in 1985, classmates began a scholarship fund for John, who lives with his mother in Wayland, Mass. Now the class is selling copies of its Glee Club history to further fund the scholarship.

Seminars the second weekend ranged from observations concerning his recent sabbatical spent teaching in Russia from political scientist and faculty member Dr. David Benedict '71; how to recognize and encourage budding athletes, by athletic director Skip Lord '80, and financial management for young families with business professor Richard Halberg '71.

The comprehensive kids' program included the irrepressible "Bubble Man," a field trip to Moss Lake, science demonstrations with physicist Dr. Fred Trexler '64, plus sports clinics and other events. ♦

Remember When?



Reminiscing—Daryl Brautigam, Peter Spear and Jim Priest

A nature hike at Moss Lake Nature Sanctuary.



Activities

Haven't we met enough people for one day, Dad?"

Fascinating the kids—"Bubble Man" Douglas Rougeux blew them away with his multiple, moving, shimmering spheres.

Amazing



Alumnus of the Year

Philip G. Stockin

"One shouldn't speak after hearing one's obituary," Houghton Academy Headmaster Philip G. Stockin '67, quipped (quoting his late father) upon hearing president Chamberlain's citation designating him Alumnus of the Year at the closing banquet of the July Summer Alumni Weekend.

Of a man whose parents were career-long Houghton faculty in art and classics, the president observed: "Phil didn't chafe at parental prominence nor at constrictions their careers may have imposed upon him." Rather, the president said, "Stockin saw 'a unique edge of credibility, if you don't violate your heritage.'"

Phil was among Houghton's early business majors, and Dr. Chamberlain cited three examples of his innovation and persistence as a student. As athletic association president Phil got athletic stars Cazzie Russell and Don Nelson to speak at college banquets. He was instrumental in bringing a folk music group to campus despite cultural trepidations and predictions of a financial bath for the Student Senate. Instead, a full-house concert netted a shower of profit. As a senior Phil solved a social awkwardness for three classmates, two of whom were dating the third—the homecoming queen. He escorted the queen that weekend.

Upon graduation, Phil was hired as business manager, teacher and assistant coach at Wesleyan Academy in Puerto Rico, largely upon the recommendation of his high school coach. There he built a reputation for competence and dedication still paying dividends. After giving a college chapel address while visiting Houghton, Phil met Donnalee Berry. Within a year they were married and together spent 1968-71 in San Juan.

As a Houghton Academy 10th grader Phil had first wondered if his future might lie there. In 1971 the academy hired Phil and Donnalee as women's dorm parents. Phil also taught, was athletic director, coach and business manager. In time he became assistant principal, then earned a master's degree in Christian school administration.

When he became headmaster in 1983, Phil was intent on winning the school accreditation by Middle States and ACSI. Fourteen years later, Dr. Chamberlain observed, "both have been achieved, and enrollment is at a record high." A \$2 million addition was erected in 1995. The president said the cooperation Stockin fosters between the academy and the college helped in building the addition's auditorium which serves both institutions and the greater community. He added that the academy continues to be "a prime conduit of quality students to Houghton College."

Dr. Chamberlain said Phil believes the academy's progress is the reasonable result of attention to academic credibility and continuing Christian commitment. He cited Stockin's 19-year participation in ACSI at the state level and present membership on the 13-member New York State Education Department Commissioner's Advisory Council for Non-public Schools.

Phil is a member of the college's Highlander Sports Associates and Houghton's Community Association. He has served his



Stockin is known at the academy for wearing outrageous ties. Along with the traditional plaque, he received a new cravat. It's motif? Big denomination currency, of course.

church as board member and trustee and is on the denomination's Western New York District Board of Administration. Thirteen years ago he accepted the challenge of serving in town government. Since 1986 he's been supervisor for the Town of Caneadea. In that post he's built bridges of understanding and cooperation among the town's diverse hamlets. Finally, the president cited Stockin as "a devoted father to his own three daughters, and a father-figure to 150 academy students."

In response, Stockin cited family, individuals and neighbors as vital in his upbringing and subsequent success. With a grin, he told the audience, including his classmates present for their 30th reunion, "This puts to rest the notion that recipients of this award have the capacity to give dollars to the college." ♦

Highlanders at 30, Winners on Court and Field, Achieving Eternal Goals

It's been three decades since a bright September afternoon when blue smoke curling from the starter pistol in Coach George Wells's upraised hand triggered the college's entry into intercollegiate sports—a cross country match between Houghton and Roberts.

Years of debate by trustees,

athletes had only the occasional "Playday." Houghton's on-the-field reputation was zero. Bedford Gym's inadequacies meant home court for basketball was at Wellsville High School. Later home court became Houghton Academy.

As its 31st season opens, the college fields 10 intercollegiate

teams. (The women's program gained rough parity with the men's before the Title IX mandates of 1976.) Staff includes the equivalent of 12 people. Since the P.E. center opened in 1980, all home games have been held in college facilities. For road trips rented buses and drivers replace cramped college vans driven by coaches. No athletic scholarships were awarded in 1967; today several are.

What of today's athletic reputation? Men's soccer is a perennial powerhouse, qualifying for the past three NAIA national tournaments. In 1995 the women's soccer team posted Houghton's first undefeated season, and today enjoys a 246-

33 win-loss record. Women's basketball has enjoyed 10 straight winning seasons with post-season play. It and volleyball are in the top four regionally. Cross country men and women are national regulars. Individual athletes are routinely on All-American lists, both athletic and

academic. Houghton is in the top 30 of the Sears-USA Today ranking of 362 NAIA teams.

In 1967 some were concerned that the glamour of intercollegiate competition would mean a decline of intramurals. Instead, intramurals today involve 75 percent of the students.

At the beginning Coach Wells said, "An important aspect [of intercollegiate] is the witness we can have." "A way to share our bottled-up faith," wrote *The Houghton Star*. In 1996-97 the women's soccer team played a 14-2-1 season without receiving a single yellow or red card, and received a national soccer coaches' association team ethics award. Other college presidents tell Dr. Chamberlain they appreciate Houghton athletes' on-court attitudes. Coaches lead in providing many discipleship, evangelism and service opportunities, nearby and afar. Many of the nearly 200 varsity athletes participate. ♦



Men's soccer team of 1975 were the first Highlanders to win district and area titles, then go on to the nationals. They repeated in 1976.

campus factions, and alumni preceded the program's launch, which fielded a physical education and coaching staff of four (plus volunteers), and a limited schedule in cross-country, soccer, basketball, track, baseball and golf against nine schools—men only. Women

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A Slice

of Frosh

— Five Years after Graduation

by Dr. R. L. Wing

The now slightly-curling graduation photos show happy young faces above baccalaureate gowns, eyes gleaming with excitement over successes achieved and opportunities lying ahead. Those faces belong to members of the class of 1992 who, clutching degree tubes and hugging loved ones, were excitedly straddling the timeline between student-hood at Houghton and life-hood in the great world "out there." Among them were 20 plus members of the freshman writing section (the first one I taught here) that was initially detailed in "A Slice of Frosh" (Milieu 1989), then followed up in "The 'Slice of Frosh' at Graduation" (1992).

It's been five years since those graduation snapshots were made, and half a decade of that future is now past. What dreams have been realized? What bumps have been hit? What's happened?

To provide some answers, a letter at the end of winter went to all for whom we had addresses. Of the 21 notes that apparently reached the intended, ten drew responses. And three of these responders were able to attend the class reunion in early August. (Other info items were lifted from the class of '92 re-

union newsletter; some 13 POW/D veterans had replied to the alumni office.)

Here's some of the news. Three (Mike Trexler at the University of Rochester, Lane Ulrich at Medical College of Georgia, and Jason Fancey at the University of South Carolina) earned MDs and are into medical specialty training — in internal medicine, ophthalmology, and pathology, respectively. Heather Coords Kuruvilla completed a PhD in biology at SUNY at Buffalo and as you read this is teaching her first classes at Cedarville College. Dawn Duncan endured a war year in Angola, then entered a five-year MDiv program; as she begins a two year internship with a church in Boston, she looks towards teaching in a seminary somewhere in the "two-thirds" world. Amy Quick Mahle, married five days after graduation, reports that jobs are limited for a two-psychology-major family and says "I am struggling with being the working mother of a 2-1/2 year old child." Karen Jones, who transferred to Eastern College to pursue social work, spent two years in the Mennonite Voluntary Service and is partway through a master's program. John Percy works for a Mas-

sachusetts company that makes mass computer storage systems and reports son number two just joined the family.

Carolyn Basham Blasko completed a master's in education and teaches third grade, and she and her husband operate a silk screening business. Andrew Camenga completed an MDiv at Eastern Mennonite and pastors a church in New York's North Country. Sonja Gurley Davis teaches at a Christian school in Ohio. Michele Ratliffe Durbin does social work part-time in Buffalo, where her husband is part of the Houghton at West Seneca staff. Elise Munyard completed a nursing degree and works as an intensive care unit RN in Victoria, Australia. Sarah Nusbickel Reiman, a homemaker in Rochester, is active in church music ministries. Matt Stewart managed a farm market near Arkport, N.Y., before electing graduate school. And Deborah Russell administers an adult care facility in Buffalo.

In addition to an update on their lives, members of that long-ago class were asked to comment on Houghton and its impact on their existence. Here are some of the observations:



Babies and fledgling career in tow, '92 class five-year reunion included several of Prof. Dick Wing's POW students, first surveyed eight years ago.

- "I appreciate the excellent academic program I received there, particularly in English and social science."

- "The academic challenge and the way I was forced to extend my intellectual horizons has changed the way I think today. I feel my education is a lot broader than that of my colleagues."

- "I remember one lesson you taught us: write about what you know. Well, I know a little about comic books, and I am writing a story in that area."

- "If I [a pre-med] had to do it over again, I would have minored in something non-science (my minor was chemistry) like music or literature or humanities."

- "Houghton laid the foundation of scientific knowledge that was built upon in medical school and is being further developed now. It also gave me a broad background to apply this knowledge with wise consideration of moral, ethical, and spiritual issues."

- "One thing that struck me at Houghton was the generosity of people and the financial miracles. Wayne MacBeth helped find money so I could stay; another time, intracampus mail brought \$400 from an anonymous giver."

- "The biggest complaint I receive about my writing is that it's too concise. I blame you completely for that."

- "Part of my advice to the younger generation is to choose majors which will enable you to financially support a family."

- "I don't think any one course was the key in preparing me for medical school. I think instead it was the work ethic one has to develop to do well at Houghton that really helped."

- "Some things I will always remember from POW are the writing exercises where we tried to decode pompous language that was designed to obfuscate. . . . This is especially pertinent in the federal setting, as you already know."

- "God really worked a lot on the inside of me at Houghton, and he spoke to me specifically through several classes. I became stronger in my faith as it became my own."

- "I loved my Houghton experience. I learned invaluable lessons, mostly about relationships."

In almost all the responses there's a tone of general high regard and warmth for the Houghton experience. Yes, real life with its

bumps, bruises, and blessings has supplanted the years in the relatively safe academic cocoon; perhaps the most common after graduation strands are marriage and family, paying off college debts, and pursuing advanced degrees. But the stressful context of "now" likely adds a special glow to the memories of college.

The tensions of encountering and serving in the real world and the pressures of finances, distance, and family events most likely kept many from attending 1992's five year reunion, a probability affirmed at the decadal reunion by members of the class of 1987 who said they weren't able to attend the five-year reunion but made a special effort for the 10th.

Are the paths taken by the "Slice of Frosh" crew vastly different from what they said in 1989? No—it appears that most are on a track close to what they had in mind way back then. But it's still early. ♦

Dr. Wing is professor of writing and administrative editor for special projects. Currently he is working on an analytical history of Houghton College from its founding until 1972.

37 Retired from the University of Kentucky faculty, **Wesley Thomas** continues to research and write. Since 1990, he has published 11 articles, most of these dealing with German literature, particularly works of the Middle Ages. He anticipates publication of a novel this summer.

42 **Stephen and Doris (Armstrong '44) Ortlip** are retiring from the Atlanta-based Young Singers of Callanwolde, the children's choir Stephen founded in 1975. They look forward to travel, time with family, and concert going.

47 Christian Publications (Camp Hill, Pa.) has published *The Pearl and the Dragon*, by **Winifred Jacobson**. This 200-page book describes the experiences of Winifred's parents, who were long-time missionaries to China, and is part of CP's Jaffrey Collection of missionary portraits. Winifred is retired after devoting 39 years to missionary service through the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Margaret (Fancher) Serley is a retired teacher and religious educator. She is founder and former director of the Merrimack Valley chapter of The Samaritans, an international suicide prevention organization, for which she continues to travel and speak. Margaret and her husband, Frederick, live in Haverhill, Mass.

Betty Jane Tutton is approaching her 30th year on the faculty of St. Petersburg Junior College. She holds a Ph.D. in English and teaches in the college's interdisciplinary humanities program; her courses take students through the art, music, religion, literature and philosophy of the eastern and western worlds. She notes "I am a most enthusiastic proponent of the life of the mind. Like Chaucer's clerk of Oxenford, I gladly lerne and gladly teche."

48 **Beulah (Smalley) Johnston** and her husband, Richard, retired in 1994 after 40 years in Thailand with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Since then, they have made two visits to Thailand and completed a 10-month interim pastorate in a Truro, Nova Scotia, church they first served back in the early 1950s. At the request of the denomination, the Johnstons will be returning to Thailand this fall for a one-year stint managing the Alliance Guest Home in Bangkok.

49 Sociologist **Charles De Santo** retired from the faculty of Lock Haven (Pa.) University in 1990 but continues to teach part-time at colleges near his Fort Wayne, Ind., home. He recently served as a senior editor of a new sociology text, *The Sociological Orientation*. Charles and his wife, **Norma (Michener '48)**, have four children and seven grandchildren.



L. to r.: Frank Hames, Stanley and Hazel Clattenburg, Merle Baer, and Elmer Ritzman.

THE HOUGHTON COLLEGE QUARTET AT WILLOW VALLEY—*What's in a name?*

From the left, a design engineer, a transportation human resources administrator, a commercial printer-church musician and an educator-counselor; in retirement they're all living at Willow Valley total lifecare facility three miles south of Lancaster, Pa.

Following a light meal there late last New Year's Eve, Stanley Clattenburg and Merle Baer, both class of '51, and Frank Hames, a member of Houghton's President's Advisory Committee on Excellence and the father of three Houghton alumni, gathered round a piano to sing "while [our] wives cleaned up the kitchen." It was "round midnight," probably not what Thelonius Monk had in mind when he penned his song, but their sound was such that they began wondering if they could find a first tenor to make up a quartet.

Enter Elmer Ritzman '50, another Willow Valley resident and Clattenburg's Houghton housemate. Stanley's wife, Hazel (Seher) '47, a teacher and church musician, became their accompanist. Each man had sung in other quartets, but their first outing together was at the Houghton alumni meeting held at the Willow Valley Conference Center last January. And that's where external affairs VP Tim Fuller said it was okay to call themselves the Houghton College Willow Valley Quartet. That appearance led to opportunities to sing at Willow Valley Sunday vespers.

Over the summer the quartet has been expanding its repertoire beyond customary religious quartet music, adding some Gilbert and Sullivan and songs from "The Music Man," including some barbershop. Too, Hazel and Merle have worked up some four-hand piano duets. During October the group will perform a family night program at a Lancaster church.

50 Frances MacNeill, veteran Wycliffe missionary to Bolivia, now living in Willow Street, Pa., will spend the months before Christmas in Brazil aiding missionaries in a Bible translation project.

52 Bob and Betty (Bjorkgren) Denny are now retired, she from substitute teaching and both from the activities of White Oak Presbyterian Church, a congregation which Bob organized in 1966 and pastored until this year. During their 30 years of ministry, White Oak grew to 400 members and a three-building physical plant. The Dennys enjoy family activities and athletics; Betty is a recent Ohio Senior Olympics ping pong champion.

Marilyn (Funk) Greenwell lives in Middleport, N.Y., and serves as director of Middleport Free Library.

Auley "Earl" Parvin continues in his service as executive director of the Association of North American Missions. ANAM recently published his updated dissertation, North American Missions Handbook, a comprehensive database of missionary efforts being undertaken with Muslims and other non-Christian groups in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Recent trips to the Pacific northwest have allowed Earl to research Punjabi and Sikh enclaves. Earl can be reached at earlparv@cris.com

54 Robert Goode was honored this July for 47 years of pastoral ministry, split between the Methodist church and Elim Fellowship. Robert was also a founding advisor of the Women's Aglow Fellowship. Currently, he serves as co-pastor of Cornerstone Church in Olean, N.Y.

55 After 37 years of missionary service in Latin America, Dona (McCoy) Breneman and her husband, Mervin, are returning to the states to serve, for the '97-98 academic year, as missionaries-in-residence at Columbia (S.C.) Biblical Seminary.

56 Paula (Beechey) Davis lives in Cameron, Texas, where she devotes much of her time publishing a Christian newsletter called "Flock Talk." She enjoys keeping up with her four children and seven grandchildren.

57 Dorothy (Mills) Rhine presented "What a Difference a Grandparent Can Make" at the New York State LEAH convention in June. LEAH is a statewide, Christian homeschool organization founded by Dorothy's daughter Sharon. Dorothy has been active in the home-schooling of some of her 34 grandchildren.

58 Clarice L. Dietrich, RDH, moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., from Fayetteville, N.Y., in June, trading maple trees for ficus trees and cacti. She recently

took early retirement from Onondaga Community College, where she had coordinated the dental hygiene program for 23 years and taught freshman dental hygiene clinic. She also received her A.A. in art from the college. Clarice lives about three miles from her brother Ed, and his family. She attends Christ Church of the Ascension, Episcopal.



Richard Feeck

60 Carmen (VanderVeen) Liddick, who taught English at Houghton Academy for 15 years, retired in June of 1996 because of health problems. Presently she is seeking to surmount these and enjoying her four grandchildren who live nearby.

Since 1985, Stanley Sandler has served as a historian at the U.S. Army's Special Operations Command in Fort Bragg, N.C. He has researched and written in several areas, including military government, the Korean War, segregation in the military, and psychological operations. Dr. Sandler is slated to visit Houghton this October as an alumni lecturer, interacting with students through classroom visits, an evening lecture, and a chapel address.

61 A resident of Ann Arbor, Mich., Glenn Deckert teaches English as a second language (ESL) and the teaching of English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) at Eastern Michigan University. He previously taught ESL at universities in Iran, Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong.

62 Donald Housley is a professor of history at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa. He has a particular interest in American social and economic history and serves on the board of the Lutheran Historical Society. The society's winter 1996 newsletter featured Donald's article on Lutheran missionary Henry Ziegler.

Rolland Kidder is an investment advisor for P.B. Sullivan & Co. in Jamestown, N.Y. He is a former New York State assemblyman and officer of the N.Y. Power Authority and currently serves on the American Battle Monuments Commission. Rolland has authored *A Hometown Went to War*, an oral history of 29 World War II veterans. His e-mail address is Sandybtm@netsync.net

64 The University of California - Davis School of Veterinary Medicine has honored professor Thomas Farver with its 1997 faculty teaching award. In recognizing Thomas, the university pointed to his strong classroom work and the personal interest he takes in students. Thomas's wife, Phyllis (Fleming '65), volunteers for the Yolo County Literacy Service and Friends of UC Davis, a support group for the school's cultural activities organizers.

69 Jon Costello has been promoted to executive vice president and chief financial officer of Remley & Co., an Albion, N.Y., printing firm. His wife, Kathleen (Crossman '69), teaches in Albion Central School's gifted and talented program. The Costellos are involved in the Free Methodist Church; Jon serves as chairman of the Genesee Conference Board of Trustees.

71 Charlene (Bongiorno) Stephens, her husband Bill, and two daughters live in Woodbury, Conn. Charlene teaches part-time, allowing her more time for her handicapped daughter. She designs and creates one-of-a-kind porcelain Santas and old fashioned Christmas vignettes for the Mayflower Inn of Washington, Conn., and also works as a calligrapher. She's taped a segment for Lifetime Cable TV which aired nationally this year. It featured her antique-style vignettes with porcelain dolls. Last fall she provided the decorations for a Victorian-style benefit tea at the governor's mansion in Hartford.

Alumni Author



Spiritual Moments With Great Hymns: Devotional Readings that Strengthen the Heart, by Evelyn Bence '74. Zondervan Publishing, 1997, 224 pages.

This book provides hymn history, personal testimony and devotional reading. The author contacted some 70 associates, friends and family, asking them to select a favorite hymn and explain its appeal and impact on their lives. A third of these individuals, some named, others anonymous, are Houghton College alumni or faculty/staff. In 10 divisions Ms. Bence outlines each hymn's history, salient portions of her selectee's comments and her own, then draws a devotional thought or conclusion ending with a prayer. This is her fourth book, one previous volume having won the *Christianity Today* critic's award.

72 Linda (Heinold) Evans and her husband, Michael, own and operate A.I.T. Laboratories, a forensic toxicology lab they established in 1990.

Diana (Belcher) Glasier and her husband, Douglas, own and operate The Dansbury Depot, a Stroudsburg, Pa., restaurant. They enjoy travel abroad, including visits with friends on the mission field.

Deborah Lewis is a systems analyst for Freddie Mac (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation). She has written a number of software standards, including issues for Year 2000 Compliance and Graphic User Interface. Deborah is involved in ministry to AIDS-afflicted children and is pursuing a master's degree in history.

Jeanne Meeder lives in Westbrook, Maine, and works as director of research and development for Barber Foods.

73 Gordon Bugbee is a substance abuse counselor for a cluster of seven Boston, Mass., area mental health community residences. He is charged with staff training, research, program development and counseling (group and individual). Gordon is a licensed social worker and has completed his doctor of ministry degree through Episcopal Divinity School. He and his spouse, Mary Zwirner, have two daughters and are active in their community and the Boston Quaker Meeting. He may be reached via e mail at gkbugbee@aol.com

Janet (Tschantz) Barkas notes that she has realized her dream of being a "semi" full-time homemaker. She now works part-time, volunteers at her daughters' elementary school, and is active in the ministries of Grace Bible Church.

After 10 years teaching in the United Arab Emirates, Gary Saylor has returned to Pennsylvania and now works with the consulting firm Interlink Management, Inc. He

shares his knowledge of Middle Eastern language, laws, culture, business and life with companies interested in establishing operations in that region. Gary's e-mail address is gary-b-saylor@junio.com

74 Charles Bongiorno, his wife and four children live in Moorestown, N.J. Chuck is chief of gastroenterology at Philadelphia Geriatric Center, on staff at Einstein Medical Center, and is a professor of medicine at Temple University Hospital.

77 Richard and Elaine (Jones) Brock have devoted the last six years to missions, serving in Aruba, Costa Rica and the Canary Islands. Elaine's ministries have included music and teaching (drama, music and ESL). Their family includes Mic, whom they adopted from El Salvador during a missions trip to that nation several years ago.

Richard Pointer has been honored as social science division Teacher of the Year by Westmont (Calif.) College. A historian, Richard has been a recent contributor to *The Blackwell Dictionary of Evangelical Biography: 1730-1860*, *World Book Encyclopedia*, and the *Dictionary of the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition in America*. He anticipates the 1998 completion of a second doctorate, this one in philosophy from the University of Wales.

79 Brian Scharf has been elected to the board of directors of Bertrand Chaffee Hospital in Springville, N.Y. Brian has maintained a chiropractic practice in Springville since 1983 and, since 1993, has pastored the Machias United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Susan, have three sons.

Karen (Schaefer) Linen (see *Down the Aisle*) serves as a hearing examiner in

Sullivan County (N.Y.) Family Court. She makes determinations on all child support, spousal support and uncontested paternity cases. She and her husband, John, live in Rock Hill, N.Y.

81 Lynda (Close) Diamond and her husband, Scott, rejoice in the birth of their daughter, Emily (see *Future Alumni*). Lynda is now on maternity leave from South Seneca Central School, where she teaches first grade, and has taken a hiatus from her many involvements at Interlaken Reformed Church.

Classmates Vic Saylor and Bruce Campbell coached the Orioles to a 13-2 record and the Fillmore Little League baseball championship. Bruce works in the Houghton College alumni office; Vic is a N.Y. State trooper.

82 Cathy (Christy) Reese earned her nursing degree after leaving Houghton and later completed a JD at George Washington University. She now works in corporate litigation for a Wilmington, Del., law firm. Cathy has written articles for several publications, including *Barron's*, and has appeared on CNBC commenting on corporate issues. She and her husband, Robert '80, also an attorney, live in Chester County, Pa., where both serve as elected county committee persons and are involved in the ministries of Brandywine Valley Baptist Church.

83 Denise Smith was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine at the organization's annual meeting in May. She also has co-authored her first book, an undergraduate text titled *Exercise Physiology: For Health, Fitness and Performance*. Denise earned her doctorate from the University of Illinois-Ur

Future Alumni

Peter & Heidi (Woertendyke '94) Armao	Keaton John	3-16-94	David '77 & Connie (Seeley '77) Penne	Brooke Noelle	2-12-97
Mark '92 & Jessica (Sheffield '91) Bjornsen	Michal Paige	7-29-96	Carl & Marypat (Callanan '87) Peterson	Leah Grace	2-15-96
Brian '87 & Lori (Snell '85) Chilton	Elizabeth Sarah	6-22-97	John & Cathlynn (Wojack '87) Ponsetti	Matilynne Anne	6-26-96
Scott & Lynda (Close '81) Diamond	Lindsay Regan	2-18-97	Jim & Gloria (Mosher '87) Poorman	Collin Scott	9-22-96
Jeff '93 & Amy (Brown '94) Falke	Emily Grace	4-5-97	Todd & Betsy (Fisk '94) Russell '95	Zachary Todd	7-25-97
Irv '82 & Margaret (Heil '82) Gibbs	Jessi Ellen	5-23-97	Gary & Pearlette (Brathwaite '87) Scott	Phylicia	8-25-96
John & Cathy (Kauper '87) Graham	Levi	5-7-97	Alexander & Robin (Cluff '82) Shafer	Elizabeth Thi	2-29-96
Hugh & Laura (Gleason '92) Hanley III	Eliza Crosby	5-11-97	Lyndon & Bette-Anne (Smith '88) Smith	Mitchell Lyndon Barclay	12-8-94
William & Nicole (Leporati '92) Harrington	Hannah Marie	10-16-96		Curtis Matthew	11-7-96
Jeffrey & Christina (Galusha) Hice	Lindsey Rachel	10-1-96		Michaela Kathleen	4-20-97
	Andrew Neale August	7-6-96		Ian Elliott	5-24-96
Tod & Janet (Russell '87) Horton	Benjamin	5-28-96		Keturah Joy	3-27-96
Anthony & Lori (Taube '92) Mandile	Anthony	9-11-95		A.J.	4-11-96
	Caleb Taube	5-1-97		Matthew Ryan	4-9-96
Robert & Trudy (Holzmacher '87) Mitchell	Zachary Almon	9-7-96		Paige Elizabeth	3-7-96
Emanuel & Lynn (Jordan '87) Ninos	Emily Rondinella	3-17-97		Maya Francis Moore	4-29-97
Steve & Ellen (Whitney '87) Lantz	Rodger Joseph	10-14-96		Jason Philip	6-22-96
David & Susan (Stehling '87) Mistretta	Joseph Phillip	8-19-96		Anna Rachel	2-18-97
David '91 and Brenda '93 Neudeck	Benjamin David	9-6-96			
Brian & Pam (Lewis '88) Osterhus '89	Nathan James	7-31-97			
	Noah Brian	7-31-97			

Out of Africa—

With Laptops, Carry-on Bags, and the Clothes on Their Backs



French Equatorial Africa, Belgian Congo, Congo, Zaire, The Democratic Republic of Congo—all those names roughly describe the same real estate. Depending on your age and interest in world events, each is vaguely familiar, whether as the locus of Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, of great mineral wealth, of one of the world's last great rain forests, of endemic governmental mal-administration, of Ebola's home turf, or of Christian missions.

Sylvia Doane '65 has spent 25 years in northeastern Zaire working with Africa Inland Mission (AIM) as an educator in Bunia; since 1992 introducing college level work. Last November when Mobutu commandos raided the area, she stayed behind when schools were told to stay in session. National Christians kept her presence hidden until she was evacuated in December—toting her laptop computer and a handbag—via a series of daring missionary flights.

She was part of an AIM damage survey team back to Zaire last April. They found most homes had been looted and destroyed, but the school and its equipment were operational. Now in the states, Sylvia will return in October for a three-or four-year term. She is guardedly optimistic that the new Kabila government, having said it welcomes mission efforts, can and will maintain stability.

Working under Global Outreach Missions, medical doctor Joseph Harvey '88, his nurse wife, Rebecca (Jones '88), and their three children, ages 6 to 1, journeyed to Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, in January of 1996. This past June they were completing language study in preparation for a posting with oil company mobile clinics in the interior, when civil war broke out. One group of drunken marauders trying to breach Harvey's perimeter fence left when challenged "In the name of Jesus!" Others were attempting a break-in, when the U.S. Embassy phoned to say a bullet-proof car was on its way. Grabbing a suitcase, laptop computer and a favorite teddy bear, the family fled; taken to a crowded, nearby SIL compound. Next they flew across the river to (relatively) peaceful Kinshasa in Zaire. On Friday June 13 they got standby passage out of the country—two children sitting in one seat on an overcrowded plane.

Today, restocked with clothes and other necessities, the Harveys have been speaking in churches. Soon Joe will begin practice in a western New York hospital, but further missionary service is still a goal.

bana and has been on the faculty of Skidmore College since 1990.

84 Tom Fuoco and his wife, Cece, recently moved to Angelica, N.Y., from southern New Jersey. An attorney, Tom is now associated with the law firm of Richardson and Pullen in Fillmore. Cece works in the Houghton College financial aid office.

David Hursh has completed master's degrees in music and library science. He works as manager of technical services at Hunt Memorial Library on the campus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. David also serves Daytona Beach Community College as an adjunct voice instructor and adjudicates and performs frequently. He recently sang as tenor soloist with the Bach Festival of Central Florida.

Glenn McKnight is relocating to Des Moines, Iowa where he'll join the history faculty of Drake University. Glenn has a particular interest and expertise in African history.

Carol Moore-Whitney (see *Down the Aisle* and *Future Alumni* listings) works as a staff nurse in a St Johnsbury, Vt., birth center. She holds degrees in nursing and teaching and previously taught nursing. She can be reached via whitmore@plainsfield.bypass.com.

85 Jonathan Gates, associate professor of English at Nyack College, N.Y., has completed his Ph.D. at Drew University. He has been named department head at Nyack.

Down the Aisle



Peter & Heidi (Woertendyke '94) Armao	9-7-93
Alan '96 & Debbie (Brown '97) Armes	5-31-97
Rick & Kristin (Marolf '92) Beach	7-5-97
Peter & Leah (Kipp '96) Bertram	7-26-97
David & Angela (Bence '97) Bailey	5-24-97
Michael '96 & Rhoda (Antolick '96) Burgett	8-2-96
Randall & Jennifer (Knox '96) DeJong	7-12-97
Seth & Malinda (Mattison '95) Frazer	5-24-97
Phil & Kathy (Hibbard '96) Halberg '96	12-21-96
Eric & Stacia (Dagwell '92) Hamsho	5-27-95
Hugh & Laura (Gleason '92) Hanley III	12-30-95
Jonathan '98 & Kimberly	
(Alexander '97) LeRoy	8-1-97
Brandon '95 & Beth (Gibbel '94) MacCartney	7-12-97
Michael & Kim (Weaver '96) Maxwell '96	4-26-97
Gregory & Renee (Kessler '91) Milby	8-2-97
Marc & Kathleen (Cornelius '94) Morehouse	6-14-97
Mark & Lisa (Kamerson '93) Rounds	8-17-96
Kevin & JoAnn (Schoolcraft '87) Schempf	4-15-95
John & Karen (Schaefer '79) Linen	6-21-97
Nick & Joni (Statis '94) Vukin	6-7-97
Michael & Christina (Cortright '92) Weisenberger	5-17-97
Peter & Carol (Moore '84) Whitney	7-30-94
Brad '92 & Beverly Zarges	7-12-97

86 Deb Siegrist has written and recorded *Illuminations*, a "folk-pop" album/CD. Her sister, Karen (Siegrist) Beitzel '89 contributed on background vocals and the flute. Deb continues in her work as a project manager for Harrisburg (Pa.) Community College and performs at area coffeehouses and special events. Deb can be reached via e-mail at drsiegrist@hacc01b.hacc.edu.

88 Susan (Lamont) Dutton has been appointed teacher of Houghton Academy's recently established 6th grade class.

The western New York edition of the physician's magazine *M.D. News* devoted its June '97 cover story to Dr. Myron Glick. The article, entitled "A Man... His Profession... His Faith," describes Myron's background, which includes Amish and Mennonite roots, and the impact that life as a missionary child in Central America had upon him. Myron is cited for his commitment to a holistic view of health and to caring for the poor and underserved of Buffalo's west side. He hopes to bring together a variety of community resources to bring "healing and health" to this community. Currently, Myron is studying the health care needs of Buffalo's Native American community. He and his family are very involved in the ministries of Westside Church of The Living Word.

Terry Gordon plays the flugelhorn and trumpet for the jazz band which bears his name, the Terry Gordon Quintet. The group, which has been together since 1992 and is based in the Albany, N.Y., area, recently released *Wake Up Call*, its first CD. Information on the quintet is available via <http://www.capital.net/~com/amc/tgq.html>.

89 Bill and Kristin (Roth'90) Allen have completed their master's degrees at Asbury Theological Seminary. They have been appointed to serve to-

gether the Arkport and Bishopville (N.Y.) United Methodist Churches.

John Cerniglia continues to serve as executive director of Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity. This HFH affiliate has built 111 homes, 28 in Cincinnati and 95 in Kenya, and has plans to complete ten more homes in Cincinnati by the end of 1997.

After several years of part-time work at Houghton College, and working as a freelance computer consultant and desktop publisher, Nathan Danner became technology coordinator at Arkport (N.Y.) Central School in March of 1996. He is in charge of 300 computers (mostly Macintosh), the school-wide computer network, training sessions, a video distance learning classroom, internet and file servers. His wife, Casda (Liddick '88), has resigned her position at Valley Nursery School in Houghton where she worked for eight years, the past six years as director. She will pursue her other life-long desire—being a full-time mother to Clayton (4), Courtney (16 months), and a baby they are expecting in October. They live in Houghton.

Bill McLeod is a program assistant for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center in Washington, D.C. His responsibilities include editing and managing the Great American Main Street Awards. This project recognizes outstanding accomplishment in downtown revitalization.

Deborah (Bogdon) Norton is a full-time Americorps volunteer, one of four Division for Youth workers in greater Buffalo, N.Y. Deb has been placed at Parents Anonymous and

School 44. She is involved in counseling, mentoring, advocacy, tutoring, home visitation, and leading a support group for pregnant teens. Deb notes "it has been the toughest and most rewarding work I have ever done."

Michelle Robinson is assistant dean of students at the College of Aeronautics in Flushing, N.Y. She is nearing completion of her doctorate in the higher education/adult education at Teacher's College of Columbia University.

90 Scott Fogle will relocate to Portland, Ore., this fall to attend the National College of Naturopathic Medicine. Scott can be reached via SBrianF@aol.com.

Jeffrey and Christina (Galusha) Hice are "enjoying the challenges" of the Neff Haus, an historic home (circa 1808) they recently purchased in Harmony, Pa. Christina is enjoying being an at-home mom while Jeffrey works in counterdrug operations for the Pennsylvania National Guard.

91 David Neudeck teaches math and computer science at Manchester (Va.) High School. He also coaches boys varsity soccer. His wife, Brenda '93, works for a law firm out of their home in Midlothian. (See *Future Alumni*).

Christopher Siebert has joined the United States Marshals' Service and is assigned to the Federal Court House in New York City.

Kristin (Marolf) Beach is involved with her husband, Rick (see *Down The Aisle*), in Blood and Fire, a Kansas City, Mo., urban ministry. They work primarily with residents of housing projects near their home. Kristin notes "God is opening



Bill McLeod

In Memoriam

'42 Marian (Cline) Burke died on May 5 in Olean, N.Y. She was 75. A native of Belmont, N.Y., Marian studied Latin and French at Houghton and after graduation commenced a teaching career which crossed three decades, including 25 years at Belmont Central School. She was a member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, Chapter 192 Order of the Eastern Star, and the auxiliaries of Jones Memorial Hospital and Post 808 of the American Legion. Marian is survived by her son and two granddaughters. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Amity Rescue Squad, Belmont Fire Department, or Belmont and Scio town libraries.

'38 Audrey (Anderson) Garverick, of

Bemus Point, N.Y., died June 1 of heart and kidney failure.

Holly (Willett '77) Gillett died at her home in Hadley, N.Y., on June 1 following a 20-year struggle against MS. After leaving college she was a receptionist in Dr. Prinsell's Houghton offices. Later, Holly was a strong participant in the ministry of her husband, John R. Gillette Jr. '76, as they served Wesleyan Churches in Redfield and Meadows, then helped found Oswego Wesleyan Church. They'd ministered at Hadley-Luzerne since 1989. As her illness became more incapacitating she moved from roles as Sunday school teacher and musician to prayer warrior and silent example of faith. Survivors include her

widower, two daughters, sister Christine Greenwald '73, brother Thomas '68, and parents, Edward and Ruth (Shea) '41 Willett '39, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. Her older brother, Daniel '64, pre-deceased her. A memorial service was held in Corinth, N.Y. Burial was in the Fayetteville (N.Y.) Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the Hadley-Luzerne Wesleyan Church.

'38 Emily Myers died on July 4 in Wellsville, N.Y. after a long illness. Miss Myers was a lifelong Allegany County (N.Y.) resident, living in the historic family home in Caneadea. She graduated from Belfast High School and completed a major in social studies at Houghton. She worked

tremendous doors for us in the city!"

93 **Linde Crittenden** has resigned her teaching job and relocated to Denver, Colo. She will be applying this fall to the Denver City Police Academy.

Lisa (Kamerson) Rounds lives in Jamestown, N.Y., with her husband, Mark. She works at a local Wal-Mart and is very with her church's youth group. Lisa's e-mail address is markr@netsync.net.

Matthew and Carmen (Weimer) Pickering live in Forksville, Pa., with their daughter Elyssa. Matthew pastors the Millview and Lincoln Falls Wesleyan churches.

Christ Otto recently received his master's of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. He is assistant pastor of the (Episcopal) Church of the Apostles in Lexington, Ky.

Since graduating from the college, **Alan Shea** has been a part of Houghton's technical services staff. He'll soon be taking this experience to the mission field with SIM. After several months of French language study, Alan will live in Bouake, Cote d'Ivoire, and serve on the staff of International Christian Academy (formerly Ivory Coast Academy). He'll be charged with keeping the school's computers, telephones, electronics and AV equipment operational.

94 **Stephanie Bohm** recently moved to South Portland, Maine. She is working in the financial aid office of Southern Maine Technical College. Friends may reach Stephanie at Steph56612@aol.com.

Jennifer Scammell lives in Lexington, Ky., where she works as a legal secretary. She anticipates entering the University of Kentucky next January to complete a master's degree in counseling. Jennifer's e-mail address is JScammell@worldnet.att.net.

Bill and Heather (Morris '94) Garrett have entered the Salvation Army's School for Officer's Training in Suffern, N.Y., where

in the purchasing department of Worthington Corp. in Wellsville for 17 years, then, switching to education, becoming the first teacher in the county to teach mentally retarded students at BOCES. From 1978 through her retirement in 1994, she served Belfast Central School as a library aid. Miss Myers was a member and trustee of Oramel United Methodist Church and secretary of the East Canadea Cemetery Association. She is survived by several cousins.

'72 **Dorcas (Christie) Nussey** died on July 4 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She was the widow of former Houghton College registrar and one-time trustee Rev. Wesley Nussey. Mrs. Nussey, who attended college along with her children, is survived by two

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they are preparing for ordination.

After three years of teaching high school biology, **Steve Lausch** has left the classroom to serve as director of camping for Camp Pinnacle near Albany, N.Y. Friends may reach Steve at Steve@retreat.org.

Recently married, **Joni (Statis) Vukin** lives in Plano, Texas, with her husband, Nick, and works for Citizens Communications. She is currently involved in the introduction of a corporation-wide purchasing card program. Joni can be reached via jvukin@czn.com (See *Down the Aisle*).

95 Sisters **Kristin and Hollie See '96** are preparing for ministry in The Salvation Army at the Army's School for Officer's Training in Suffern, N.Y.

Steve Johnson has been accepted into the computer art program at the Savannah (Ga.) College of Art and Design.

96 **Crista Force** is a graduate student in chemistry at Miami University of Ohio.

Elizabeth Iddings is working as a revenue field auditor for the sales and use tax department of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania. She resides in Brookhaven, Pa.

Lenny Luchetti, who pastored Bellville Wesleyan Church his senior year, continued there for 1996-97 adding duties as youth pastor at Houghton Wesleyan Church. Lennie has now resigned from Bellville to become an assistant pastor at Houghton with major responsibilities for campus ministry. Ordained over the summer, he is now engaged to Amy Pulis '98. They plan a June '98 wedding.

James Riesdorff, Jr. has completed officer's training and been ordained a minister with The Salvation Army. The Olean native has been assigned to the Army's Sanford, Maine, citadel.

97 **Eric Engert** has accepted a position with Computer Task Group in Buffalo, N.Y. Once training is completed, Eric will consult with CTG clients on a variety of computer programming issues, particularly year 2000 compliance.

First Presbyterian Church of Batavia has hired **Nicole Page** as interim assistant pastor. The Wyoming, N.Y., native will be giving special attention to developing a ministry to middle school and senior high youth.

sons, **Lowell '68** and **Kent '76**, and a daughter, **Suzanne '74**, plus four grandchildren

'39 **Loran Taylor** passed away on July 18 at the age of 81. Loran came to Houghton from Eden, N.Y., high school and after completing his college studies went on to the Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathy and Surgery for medical training. He opened a general practice in Bloomington, Ind., then moved to South Bend in 1951, residing there until his death. Dr. Taylor's professional activities included certification in proctology and involvement in several medical organizations. He served as president of the Central States Osteopathic Society of Proctology and was chief of staff

of South Bend Osteopathic Hospital. Dr. Taylor contributed his energies to several community groups, including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Shrine Club and Marlin Swim Club. He attended People's Church and maintained a lifelong interest in music. He is survived by his wife, Florence, a son, John Wesley, and two sisters, **Doris Robinson '39** and **Marion Mayer '42**. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Hospice of St. Joseph County, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, or Houghton College.



Myline ...

First things first: Thanks to the alumni attorneys who took precious time to offer detailed responses to our survey which was intentionally worded to reflect popular notions about the law. We received more than enough material for the available space, and our editing was ruthless. Still, we hope you find the resultant features illuminating and the attorneys will feel their time was well spent.

On a college campus, September, more than January, marks beginnings. A look at the *Milieu* masthead shows names of several new people who contribute to the magazine along with their primary duties. Bruce Campbell succeeds Alicia McGeorge as prime compiler of alumni news. Jason Mucher [pronounced Muke-er] succeeds Holly Lawton, both as media specialist/contributing editor and as sports information director. The *Milieu* advisory board gains the services of author-editor-publisher Judith (Erik '63) Markham of Grand Rapids, Mich. As a team we hope to present to you a full-orbed view of Houghton and its people—on campus and world-wide.

Beginnings presuppose endings, and we wish well those who've served faithfully in several capacities. After graduating from Houghton, David Mee '86 worked for The Salvation Army and Southwestern College. He became a Houghton admission counselor in 1988, adding sports information director to his portfolio in 1991. To telephone and print news dissemination he added the depth, accuracy and speed of computer and fax releases. Dave instituted the sports hotline 18 months ago, and a spot on Houghton's internet site

is in process. He's pleased with the added recognition Sears Roebuck Cup ratings and *USA TODAY* coverage afford the sports program, and believes a successor can "take exposure to the next level." Dave is still an avid sportsman and probable volunteer, but marriage and his appointment as director of admission make for a full plate.

In her two years as media specialist, Holly Lawton '87 increased and broadened media coverage of the college. In one symposium, area newspeople stated that her work was a model of how college media relations should work. Now she's pursuing other opportunities in media relations.

Author/editor Evelyn Bence of Arlington, Va., and Canandaigua, N.Y., newspaper editor Bob Matson have each served three years on *Milieu's* advisory board, providing counsel, correction, comfort and story ideas. Deepest thanks to both. Alicia McGeorge has added "mother" to her titles as well as new duties, so passes responsibility for alumni news to Bruce Campbell.

Finally, you can provide us instant research in two areas. First: Among planned topics for future magazines are—Why college costs so much, and paying for an education; Houghton and the arts. Tell us your interest level and offer other theme suggestions. Second: Houghton's last *known* centenarian, Ray Calhoon '16, left for celestial assignments last January at age 104. In a day of increasing life spans we expect other alumni are closing in on or have achieved 100 years. If you have, or know an alumnus who has, drop us a line or call.

Jean Pridelick

In Memory Gifts as of August 13, 1997



Wilfred Bain by Mrs. Magdalene Dempsey;
 Marian Cline Burke by Mrs. Janice M. Weitz;
 Barbara Danks by Mr. and Mrs. William D. Kerchoff;
 Gordon T. Ferm, Sr. by M. Karlene Clendenning; Lutheran Church Home of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. David Potzler; Ms. Ruth E. McFalls; St. Mary's Elementary Faculty;
 Daniel Heinz by Mr. Donald Heinz;
 Bertha Kingdon by anonymous;
 Bruce G. Merritt, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs.

Kevin C. Knowlton;
 Stephen Paine by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brenneman; Mrs. Helen Paine;
 S. Hugh and Wilfreda Paine by Rev. and Mrs. Carl M. Vander Burg;
 Norman Pusey by Mrs. Grace Pusey;
 David Rees by Mrs. Shirley Rees;
 Josephine Rickard by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence K. Stanley;
 Laurie Braaten Roorbach by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Daniel;
 Dr. and Mrs. J. Whitney Shea by Mr. and Mrs. James Fleming;
 Lela Smith by Mr. Harold I. Smith;

F. Gordon Stockin by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brenneman; Mr. and Mrs. George E. Forsyth;
 Loran L. Taylor by Mrs. Doris R. Robinson;
 Carol Van Grouw by anonymous;
 Andrea Zubricky by Southgate Plaza Inc; West Seneca Chamber of Commerce; West Seneca Rotary Club; Carol Dill; David Bailey; Ralph Montaldi.

OCTOBER...

- 2 Art Exhibit: Ann Boyer LePere '67, paintings
- 3 Founders' Day Convocation 10 am, LePere Gallery talk-reception 6:30 pm,
*Artist Series: Janacek Chamber Orchestra 8 pm
- 3-5 Homecoming Weekend: Coronation, Fireworks, Parade, Sports Events
- 8 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 9 Lecture Series: James Sims, "Shakespeare and the Christian Reader" 7 pm
- 10-12 Upperclassman Parents' Weekend
- 12 The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra,
Houghton College choral ensembles, organ:
Mahler's Eighth Symphony (Earlier presenta-
tions at Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo)
- **Encounter Day
- 13 Young Performers' Series, 8:15 pm
- 18-20 October Break
- 24 Freshman Parents' Weekend
- 25 Wind Ensemble Concert, 8 pm
- 27-31 New Vision Week—Speaker: Dr. Thomas
Headland—anthropology consultant to SIL,
adjunct professor at the U. of Texas, plus rep-
resentatives of 20-some mission boards



Janacek Chamber Orchestra

NOVEMBER...

- 1 *Artist Series: Netherlands Wind Ensemble, 8 pm
- 5 General Faculty Recital, 8:15 pm
- 6-8 Drama: "Harold and Maude," 8 pm and Saturday
Matinee at 2 pm, Academy Tysinger Auditorium
- 11 **Encounter Day
- 13 Lecture Series: James Sims, "The Legacy of John Milton," 7 pm
- 14 CIVA (Christians in the Visual Arts): Gallery talk/reception
Artist Series: Salvation Army Staff Band, 8 pm
- 15 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 pm
- 22 Philharmonia Concert, 8 pm
- 26-30 Thanksgiving Break



Netherlands Wind Ensemble

DECEMBER...

- 2 Art Exhibit: Three Ceramists: Dick Lang, Peter Midgley and Ed Rothfus
- 3 Young Performers Series, 8:15 pm
- 4-6 Madrigal Dinners, 6:30 pm
- 12 Wind Ensemble Concert, 8 pm
- 13 Gallery talk/reception: Three Ceramists
- 14 School of Music presentation of Handel's "Messiah," 6:30 pm
- 19-Jan. 6 Christmas Break

*Tickets required. ** Encounter Days are special admission days set aside for high-school juniors and seniors to visit Houghton College. If you know Christian young people who would benefit from seeing the campus, please tell them about these dates or have them call the college at 800-777-2556. Unless otherwise noted, programs are in Wesley Chapel at 8:00 pm.

Megan Pryor

How does a small-town girl come to be checking contracts to develop a fish farm and marketing plans for hand-made jewelry in Cambodia, helping lay groundwork to rebuild infrastructure in South Africa, creating and administering policies for a church community center in England, and working with youth? For Hornell, N.Y., native Megan (Pryor '92) Tasdeler, it began in childhood with "a prophecy... that I would spend a lot of time overseas."



*"Pryor" commitments:
Megan melds legal know-
how, "A heart for unity,"
and "tough love."*

At 14, Megan visited Houghton and "knew" it was where she wanted to attend college. Here she "discovered a love of history" and gained an interest in politics and sociology. Before and during college she visited England, France, and Ireland for study and vacation. Megan's first year out of college included co-founding the Allegany County chapter of the Christian Coalition, doing relief work for the tiny nation of Togo, and working for Jubilee Campaign (a Christian version of Amnesty International). In 1993 she earned a master's in international criminal law at the University of Sussex, near Brighton, England.

Next, Megan began working for City Gate Church in Brighton. She met, then married Aydin Tasdeler, a senior technical computer system engineer. The church motto, "Together for God, each other, and the nations," is expressed from the church community center to the ends of the earth. Megan's grant proposals have garnered 25,000 pounds sterling for that work. She is responsible for ministry among Christians and other community youth, helps The Salvation Army to staff some of their youth work, and is organizing an eight-team youth soccer league.

Her legal background makes Megan a researcher-writer of choice for newspaper pieces and briefs to government representatives on faith implications of government proposals and actions. She notes: "It's tough to make your point without sounding harsh. . . to demonstrate that Christianity

is about freedom, love and acceptance... [but that] sometimes love needs to be tough and firm stands must be taken."

Megan Pryor Tasdeler. Christian activist in an a-typical law career. Committed to making a difference in the world.

Houghton College commends her and its many alumni serving Christ and the nations.

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