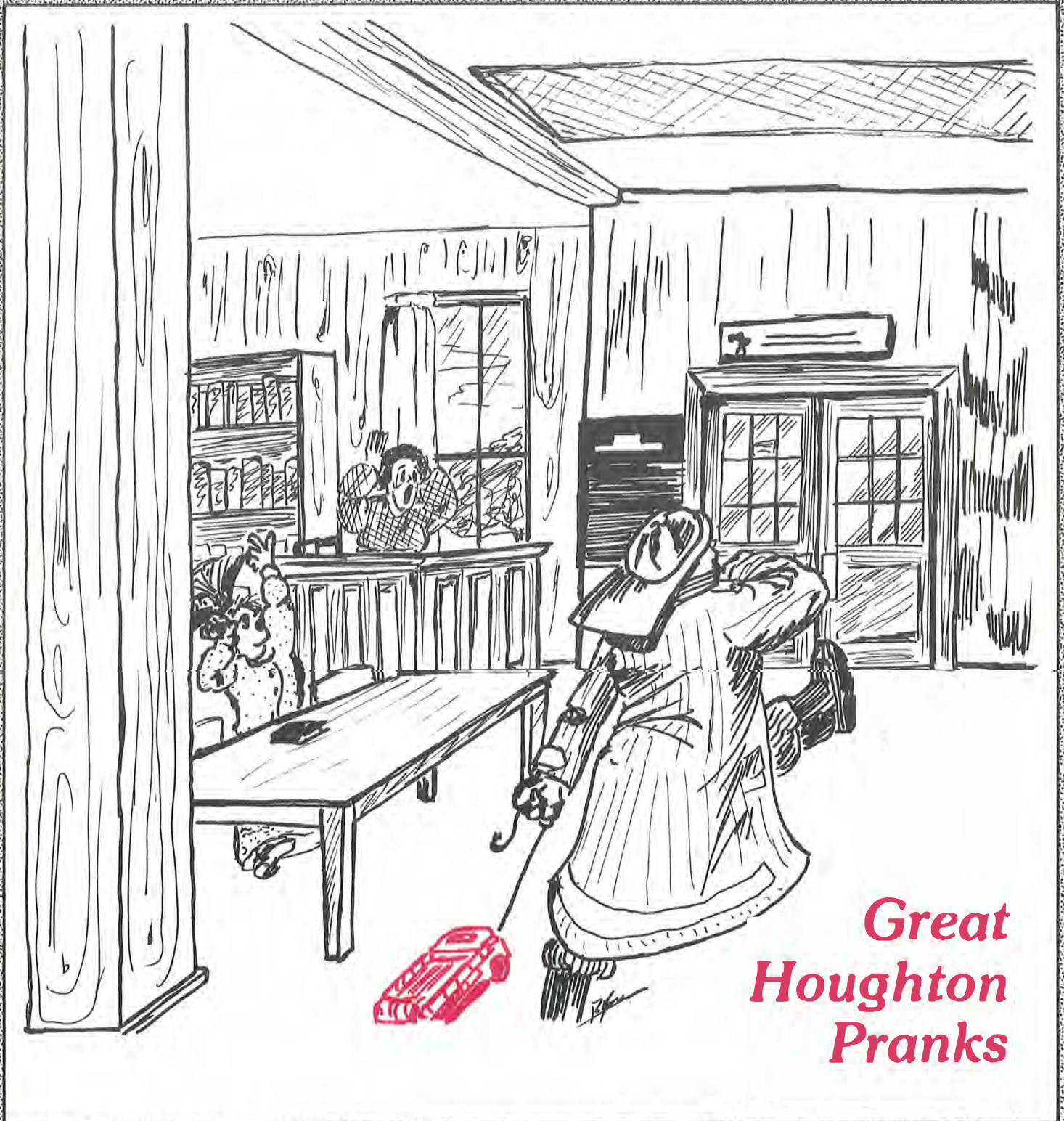


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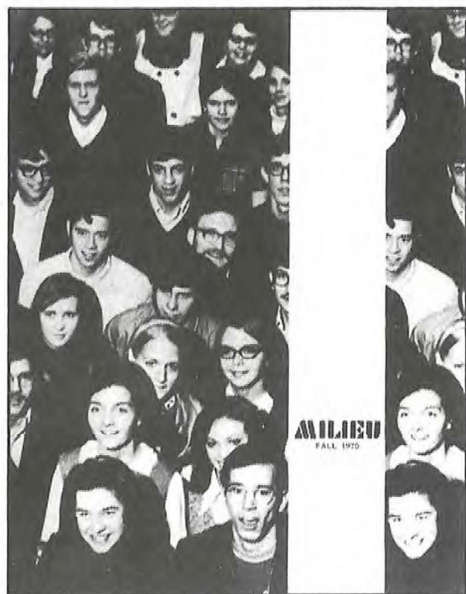
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*Great
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Pranks*

Still reaching beyond our grasp

Collegians pictured on the cover of the slim first *Milieu* (December 1970 below), are now at mid career. Their children will



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soon be college bound. Sometime in the '90s half of all Houghton alumni will have completed their college work since the ink dried on that black and yellow cover.

In a first editorial, "Reaching beyond our grasp," we proposed in 1970 to tell the Houghton story—in accordance with reader wishes—through people, de-emphasizing routine events, bricks and mortar. We said we'd seek to confirm the premise that the Christian liberal arts college is relevant, offers true focus for knowledge, and is indeed a tool for the redemption of man.

Ninety-five issues and 1,814 pages later, an oft-revised *Milieu* celebrates the onset of its 21st year. Through the intervening years your growing willingness to talk back in letters, as newsmakers, as occasional writers, and as volunteer subscribers suggests progress in reaching those founding goals. But we're still reaching beyond our grasp.

Houghton's distinctives place her in ever clearer contrast to her secular counterparts; issues and challenges confronting Christian higher education continue to mount. *Milieu* now reaches a third more people with double the editorial material of the first issue, although at quadrupled cost.

As it serves a new generation, Houghton College reinterprets the purposes that brought it through 11 decades, and *Milieu* seeks to evolve with it—stylistically and in content. Thanks for your part in these first 20 years. Special appreciation to the alumnus whose corporate gift underwrote paper costs for this issue.

What about this anniversary issue? We hope you'll smile in recollection of times, faces and events of your own days at Houghton as you read of past college pranks (Dean Bence inspired this story.) Give thanks for the breadth of Houghton's ministry as evidenced in "Pieces of His Mosaic." Pray for our collegiate Persian Gulf representatives, and for the college's ongoing efforts to further open its doors and become hospitable to an increasingly diverse population.

—Dean Liddick

Did you ever hear the one about?

"Here's a hoo-ray for all those pranksters who keep sanity in a student body, and for those tolerant administrators able to distinguish good fun from malice. A good prank reveals creativity, and livens the campus as long as no one is hurt. It enriches our memories, and perhaps reflects our God who must also have a sense of humor." —Robert Nuremberger

PRANK: A mischievous trick; practical joke [Origin unknown.],” says one dictionary. It could also be said of certain Houghton pranksters “originator unknown”—at least until now.

Houghton pranks fall into sometimes overlapping categories: a. capers which gain their impact by incongruity—cars, animals, people in unexpected places; b. elaborate schemes that dramatize the perpetrators’ organizational ability; c. practical jokes that relieve life’s dullness,

perhaps by sticking a pin into some pretension, real or perceived.

It was supertime. Students in the Luckey Building second floor library reading room had returned from first serving in old Gao dining hall, others were gathering up their books to head for second serving. (This was in the early '50s, before Willard J. Houghton Library was constructed.) The doors at the end of the reading room opened.

Helmuted, his black boots squeaking, a

dripping Houghton Volunteer Fire Department rubberized coat streaming behind him, classics professor F. Gordon Stockin stalked down the center aisle pulling a bright red toy fire truck behind him. “Where’s the fire?” he inquired. Librarian Esther Jane Carrier looked up from her corner charge desk, speechless. Dr. Stockin recalls some laughter, but there was no answer to his question as he continued through the room, out the far doors and downstairs. Another bit of Houghton lore had been created.

Once outside, he rejoined the other volunteer fireman—students, staff and faculty—busy flushing campus hydrants. Nearly 40 years later emeritus language division chairman Stockin recalls the incident’s genesis. “Some young man thought it would be fun to take a fire engine through the library, and had a toy truck with him for that purpose. But the question was, ‘Who should do this?’ It was thought that I could get away with it.”

Curiously, several immortal pranks involved the college library. A purely verbal one took place on a stifling hot spring night—this time in the “new” Willard J. Houghton Library. Suddenly, from among the stacks, an anguished cry punctuated the heavy air. “Give me liberty or give me death!”

Instantly alert, the librarian demanded, “Who said that?” From behind another stack, a bored third voice responded: “Patrick Henry!”

Dr. Robert Nuremberger '51, recalls background for his own library prank. “Viola Blake was head resident of Gaoyadeo Hall, Frank Wright was the awesome dean of students. . . It was the year before John Gililand won the goldfish swallowing contest . . . I had



“Where’s the fire?”

transferred in two weeks late from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. . . dean Wright gave me a crash course in sinless religion and what was expected of

cooperate. He took his crew on patrol to a distant part of the campus where they could not interfere. We stationed ourselves on all floors at both ends of the

their dilemma without further assistance from us.

Flushed with victory, we headed for dear, old Gaoyadeo Hall. I had made friends with Viola Blake and knew that she was on duty that night. I marched into the lobby creating more panic, and turning right, stumbled into her office. Some years later I met Viola at Nyack Missionary College, and she told me the rest of the story.

Remember those old telephones that stood on a post? You grasped the post in one hand, talking into the mouthpiece, and held the receiver to your ear, thereby fully occupying both hands. Well, it seemed that some man had phoned, and gotten Houghton quite by mistake. Considering the private company that owned the telephone system at the time, that wasn't entirely unusual. Miss Blake had just informed the stranger that he had reached the women's dorm at Houghton College when I walked into the room. Apparently she guessed who was in the grotesque wrappings, but taken back by my entrance, and momentarily forgetting her situation, she said loudly into the phone, "Oh! I know who you are! Get away from me! I'll scream. Get out of here! Go away. I'll yell for help!"

I left her shaking and laughing, but by the time she recovered herself, the man had hung up, no doubt wondering about the odd folk at Houghton.

Highly personal pranks known only to a few witnesses deserve mention. The



suspects from the outer world.

"Halloween dawned full of possibilities. Fresh from RPI, I yearned to share some secular enthusiasm with Houghton's sheltered students. . . In those days Houghton forbade the theater, but I had once seen 'The Mummy Returns' and gave the boys [at Markell House] a pep talk. We conjured up a perfect scheme, but since I initiated it, they elected me as star performer."

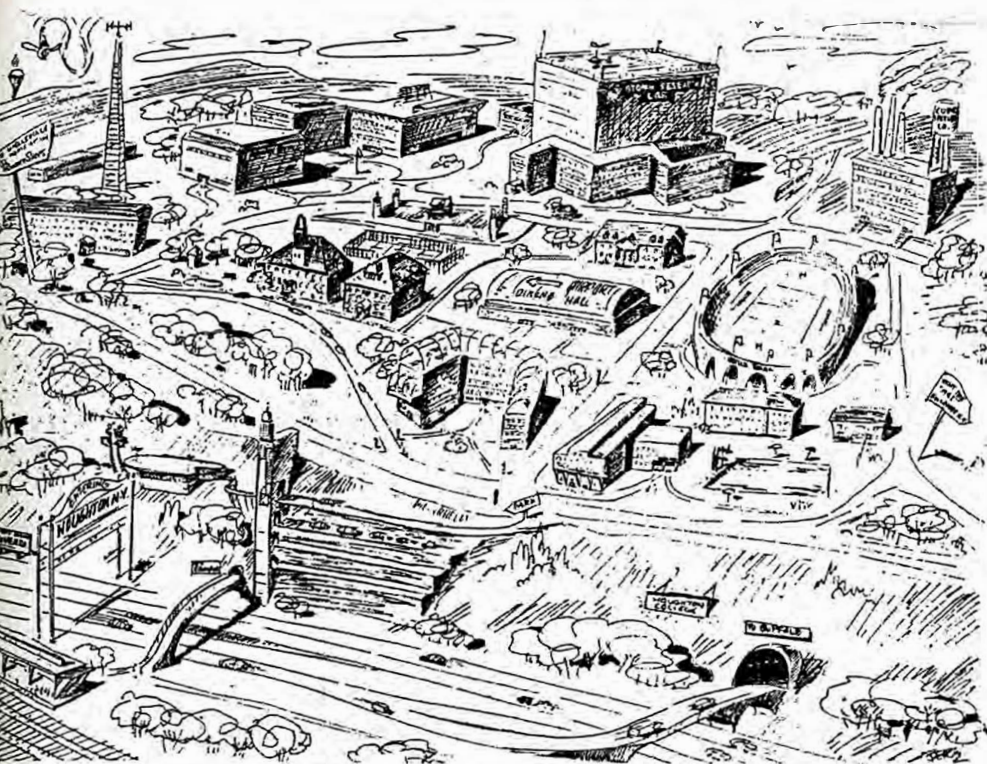
It was a cold, black night. I dressed in heavy trousers and a few wool sweaters. The lads tore up several old sheets, winding them around my body and smearing them with grey mud. My thick glasses glinted through the wrappings, my eyes unseen. I was that Mummy raised from an ancient tomb, slightly larger than life-size. With some assistance, I stalked the campus, delighted to see a few loving couples scrambling to avoid the monstrous apparition.

One of the boys was a good friend of the chief maintenance man, who had an understanding heart and agreed to

library building, with one man at the switch panel in the basement. Our original plan was simple: I was to walk through the library in the beams of several flashlights, escaping before anyone could react. But an impulsive act on my part almost created a disaster.

On cue the main switch was pulled and the library went black. At that instant I staggered stiff-legged through the reading room doors illuminated by the bright beams. Lloyd Slater fired his .22 blank pistol, and the whisper-quiet atmosphere exploded into pandemonium. Shocked students shouted, screamed, or broke into peals of laughter. In order to move through the room, I had to go around the card stacks. Some girl saw me coming and jumped up. Impulsively, I roared and reached for her. She screamed, and three or four men came to her rescue, grabbing me. But full of adrenalin and in my prime after two years of LaCrosse at RPI, I threw them off and made my escape. We decided that the best part of valor was to allow the students to resolve





Bob Bitner, editor of the "real" Houghton Star, quickly recovered from the shock of seeing the Print Shop Edition in his mailbox. The next day he posted a sign reading, "Now that the boys have had their play, the real Star is out today." It, too, was an April Fool issue. Bill Jersey's sketch of a future Houghton (above) is fun to compare with what's really changed over the intervening 42 years. Space doesn't permit facsimiles of other items, but among the print shop edition's articles were: a story claiming that Dr. Bert Hall had been named president of Columbia University; announcement of upcoming artist series concerts to feature Spike Jones, Gene Autry, Al Jolson and Judy Canova; a purported interview with the architect for the proposed new women's dorm, and a homework exchange designed to improve grade points. A news item that the college was installing an electron microscope really did come true—in 1975.

late Christine Tatem, a dwarf who attended Houghton in the early '70s, liked to astonish and amuse other students. Enlisting a confederate's help, she'd climb inside the kind of swing-top waste cans common in college halls. Then, as unknowing students passed by she would yell: "Help! Help!" or, "Don't throw that in here!"

One day, generations earlier, student F. Gordon Stockin finished up milking and came to campus. Glancing up at the roof of Fancher Hall he was startled to see, ghostly in the early morning fog, a silent uniformed soldier with rifle, solemnly patrolling back and forth along the building's ridge. It was the late Bruce Densmore '39.

Houghton Star print shop edition

Until a few years ago, Bob Bitner and I frequently ran into each other and the conversation would inevitably lead us to the Print Shop Edition of the *Houghton Star*.

Bob had the misfortune to walk in on us the Saturday evening in 1949 as we were printing the *Star* which would scoop the official college newspaper, of which

he was editor. When he surprised us at the back door of the shop, you can believe sheets of paper flew to cover up our newspaper. He commented on the fact that the print shop must be *really* busy since we were "working overtime" and he also cautioned us not to work beyond midnight into the Sabbath.

Now that I have worked in the printing industry for 40 years, I find there is often an adversarial feeling between customer and printer, and such was the case between the *Star* staff and us, the print shop boys. We felt that we received less than full cooperation in "putting the paper to bed," as the expression goes. And then along came a small controversy—in those days the heads and sub-heads were set by hand (how primitive!), and one of the employees, apparently, at the last minute, set a head and happened to pick the wrong letter out of the type case. The final setting was seldom proofread, and that incorrect letter caused a slightly different meaning to a word—not obscene, but not acceptable to Bob, who proceeded to correct *by hand*—with a fountain pen!—every one of the 800 copies of the newspaper printed that week.

The print shop boys used to joke that

we were the only fraternity on campus—we called ourselves *Pi Sigma Beta*. Soon after the above incident, we decided we could put together an edition of the *Star*, that we could write it, edit it, and produce it in time for April 1st.

We spent hours on our project: writing and setting the copy in between studying, going to class, and working our regular hours. We printed it on our own time that Saturday evening; and we stashed the printed copies in the Fancher House attic, where two of us lived at the time. We all cut chapel on April 1st, and stuffed the mailboxes so that the entire student body had their copies after chapel.

Of course, Bob Bitner had wanted his version of the *Star* to be in the mailboxes at the end of chapel. But guess what! We just did not have enough time—we were so busy—to complete folding of the official *Star*, it just had to wait until later in the day.

What happened to the perpetrators? Three of us went on to make our livelihoods in the publishing/printing industries; one is an educator; another became a minister-educator; and still another is a physician/educator.

Merle Baer '51

Milk and cookies

Those Houghtonites who attended college in the years 1929-1932 may remember the "McKinley Gang." The name came from the residence of Rev. O.G. McKinley which was built on the hill at the north end of the campus. The "gang" was six male students who roomed at McKinley house: Paul Vogan and Thomas Armstrong from Sandy Lake, PA, Howard Dietrich and Lawrence Benson from Chautauqua County, NY, George Wolfe and Warren Thurber from Albion, NY. All were in the Class of 1932 except Howard Dietrich, '33.

In those days laundry bags were an important part of college life. These canvas covered containers, about the size of a small suit case, were used to send laundry home for mother to wash and to return clean shirts and other clothing to the student. Warren Thurber's mother usually packed homemade cookies in with Warren's laundry and the gang enjoyed cookies before retiring once a week.

One evening Armstrong said, "I wish we had something to drink with these

cookies." Warren said, "Prof Stanley Wright (then college dean of men) has a cow in the barn down the road but I don't know how to milk a cow." Dietrich said, "I can milk a cow but I would need a pail for the milk and someone to hold it." One of the roommates found a pail and Howard, Tom, Paul and Warren took off for the barn. Paul stood at the barn door as the lookout, Warren held a flashlight, Tom held the pail and Howard milked. The fresh milk and the cookies were delicious.

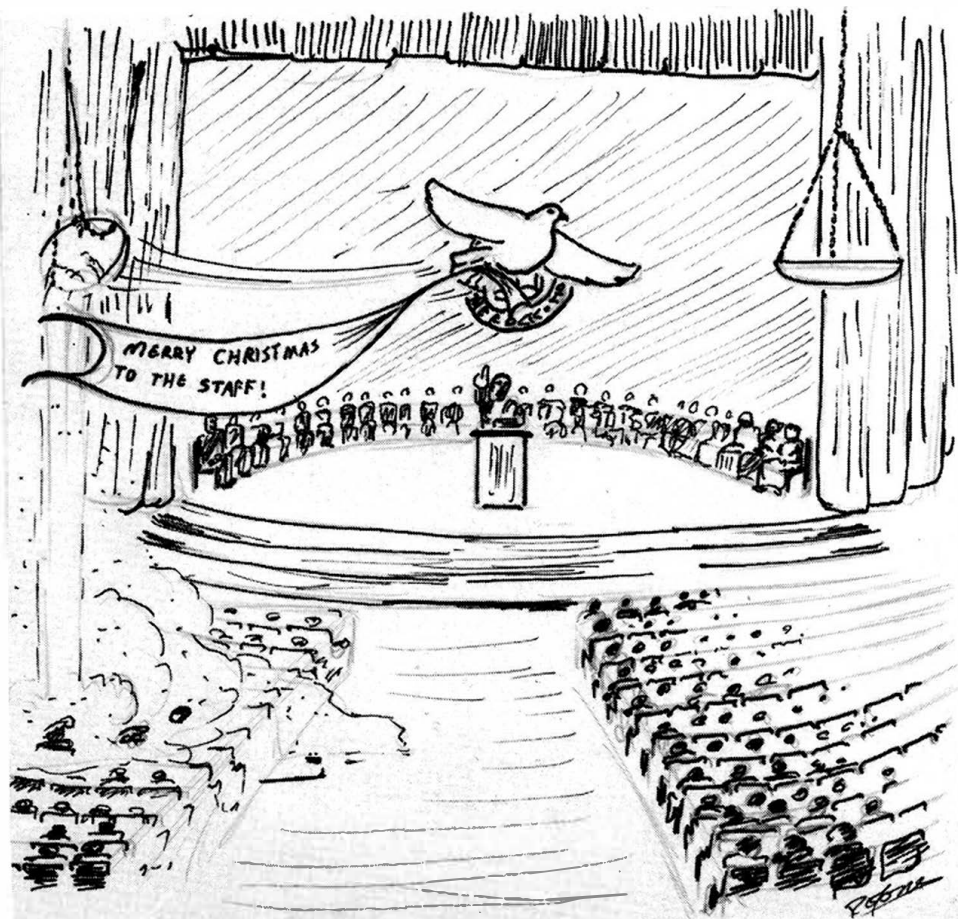
In fact, cookies and milk became the evening snack once a week—or whenever Warren's laundry bag came back. Weeks passed. Then one evening Vogan said, "Hey fellows, I got to tell you a good one. I was in the lower hall this afternoon and Prof Stanley met Prof Frank Wright (professor of theology) and he said, 'Professor Wright, have you had any trouble with your cow?' Prof Stanley replied, 'Well once a week or so when I milk my cow in the morning I get only half a pail of milk. Can't understand why I don't get a full pail every morning.' Prof Frank said he couldn't understand it either."

Fortunately for the McKinley Gang, the Houghton "Milk Thieves" were never apprehended. But the fresh milk and homemade cookies were a delicious bedtime snack.

Warren Thurber '32

When the old chapel atop Fancher Hall was named Woolsey Auditorium last summer, Dr. Stockin related two of the numerous pranks carried out there. Appropriately, Warren Woolsey '43—now New Testament and missions professor—had a part in the first. Several students used the coil of an old Ford to "wire" a dozen chapel seats. At an auspicious moment during an artist series concert, the perpetrators touched two wires together, thereby causing an entire row to simultaneously rise to attention.

Until the late '50s, faculty members sat on the platform during chapel. Consequently, Dr. Stockin explained, "A favorite student pastime was watching faculty faces for expressions of interest, boredom, or disapproval." Once, in chapel just before Christmas, someone released a pigeon from the balcony. Stockin continued, "Tied to his tail was a little banner reading 'Merry Christmas to the staff.' As a somewhat junior faculty member, I remember my uncontrollable



laughter as the bird settled in the bowl-shaped center chandelier, then fluttered away, causing a decade's accumulated dust to sift down on the audience." He added, "Dr. Paine didn't laugh."

Ex Libris—3,399 vols.

It was spring of 1966. Around the tables in the old Bent Cent (predecessor of the campus center) young men's thoughts were turning to more than love. The idea hatched after someone asked:

"How many books do you think I could check out of the library?"

"Better a group project," was the consensus.

"Why not pit Yorkwood against Gilmore House in a one-day competition?" (The two houses boasted an honored history of rivalry.)

All agreed on the concept, but felt it should be expanded to include all students campus-wide, helping their favorite team. A date was set and the planners fanned out to recruit accomplices.

When Willard J. Houghton Library opened at 7:45 a.m. on the appointed day, a long line already stretched down the sidewalk. Like shoppers on a sale day, students burst through the entrance, scattering into the stacks and snatching books with abandon. The mystified check-out staff wondered what faculty

rigor or student motivation had prompted this sudden thirst for learning.

By mid-morning the library was jammed as students regularly exited bearing 10-15 books a piece, deposited loads with the appropriately marked "team" at the Bent Cent, then headed back to the library for another load.

Academic Dean Arthur Lynip realized what was happening and closed the library at four o'clock. His emissaries alerted Yorkwood and Gilmore men that they were in deep trouble and all books were to be returned promptly. Right! But not before a final accounting. Car shuttles began ferrying the volumes from campus to cleared tables at a hang-out for miscreant students—the "Four Aces" diner in nearby Caneadea.

The award ceremony began at 10 p.m. with prizes to the person checking out the most volumes by one author (*The Collected Works of John Ruskin*—34 volumes), the largest folio (*Reproductions of Twenty-four Life Size Sculptures of Fertilization, Stages of Labor, Growth and Involution* by Robert L. Dickinson), and the most volumes removed by one individual (239). The grand prize went to the Yorkwood team—1,742 volumes—with Gilmore a close second at 1,657.

The next morning we stacked 3,399 books on the tables, counters and floor of the library. Head librarian Esther Jane Carrier fumed, Dr. Lynip remonstrated,

library staffer Phyllis Roth looked stern, but winked at curious students. The men of Gilmore and Yorkwood, oblivious to the hours of labor their escapade had created, returned to classes, having created a record that merits an asterisk and footnote whenever solemn academicians examine library use records.

—C.L. Bence '66

Cars, cement blocks, trays and tables

Members of each student generation have placed small cars atop a campus building's steps or porch, others have imported and released various animals indoors—cows, bats, pets. A variation occurred in the late '50s when P.R. staffer Ruth Davis owned a tiny German DKW, notable not only for its size, but for the popping sound of its two-cycle engine and the attendant oil smoke which trailed after it.

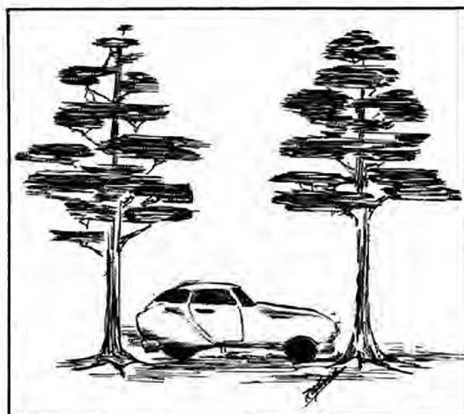
One evening Mrs. Davis came out of work to find her car no longer parked in the triangle in front of Fancher Hall, but snugly positioned between two stout adjacent evergreens. No way could it be driven free. Passersby laughed. But bewilderment and frustration played across Ruth's face until a half-dozen husky students enroute to dinner took pity and carried the car sideways. Only then could she drive home.

It sometimes seems as if the college is always constructing something—tailored opportunity for students to demonstrate ingenuity with materials at hand. One morning when a wing was being added to East Hall, a hapless upperclassman (only they had autos then), discovered that overnight pranksters had used a truckload of cement blocks to create an impromptu enclosure for his car—omitting any door.

In the early '60s, while Willard J. Houghton Library was being built, a security officer driving along Willard Avenue one night was surprised to find a concrete block wall across the road. The builders, hiding in nearby bushes, watched him radio for help, then leave to pick up his associate. Quickly, the builders tore down their wall, replaced the blocks in a stack and resumed position behind the bushes. Their payoff came when the officers returned, the first at a loss to explain the wall's absence, the

second incredulous at the whole story.

More piscine pun than prank was the helium filled, homemade plastic fish found floating above its teather on the quad one Homecoming morning in the late '80s. "Flounders' Day" proclaimed the lettering on its transparent sides. Passing through Wesley Chapel early on another Founders' Day morning, dean of students Bob Danner discovered more



than a dozen seats had been unbolted and removed. On a hunch he went to the balcony. Bingo! The pattern of the missing seats spelled out G-A-O.

Some pranks demand intricate logistical coordination. "Big Al" Rehn, Pioneer Food Service's beloved manager, recalls a time when Houghton and King's College students cooperated to switch perhaps 1,500 cafeteria trays between the two campuses. Most folk at Houghton thought the switch was imaginative, funny and harmless. Three hundred miles east, authorities at King's weren't so sure. On the day of the switch King's happened to be hosting a throng of prospective students from area high schools. When these students filed

through King's cafeteria lines, the trays that carried their lunches each bore a Houghton College seal!

A prank may establish a benchmark for ingenuity and technical finesse, even when it fails. It was spring in the early '70s, soon after Reinhold Campus Center opened. Former dean of students Charles Massey and one-time security man Mason Springstead recalled details. Massey suspected something was afoot after a security patrol stumbled upon a large assembly of college men in a Gaoyadeo basement classroom late one evening. It was "a prayer meeting," RA Bob Avery explained.

The real explanation arrived at five o'clock on a Sunday morning when Massey got a phone call from security. A patrol had come upon a large group of students in the campus center. When discovered, they'd nearly completed shifting tables and chairs from the third floor dining room to the main floor lounge. The setup mirrored the normal upstairs configuration down to salt and pepper shakers on each table and soup-of-the-day signs. Meanwhile, regular lounge furniture had been taken to the basement, and the perpetrators were in process of placing basement ping pong, foosball and baseball game tables in the dining room.

Admiring "the obvious leadership quality" of the minds behind such a coup, Massey went to Gao dorm, woke the RAs and gave them 15 minutes to assemble a crew to "put it all back." He concluded, "By the time most students arrived for breakfast, only the photos several people took could prove that the prank ever occurred." (Milieu would like to have one for the files—Edit.)



Could you meet me in 10 minutes to take down a wall?



HURRY LET'S GET THIS DOWN BEFORE SECURITY GETS BACK!



A WALL HUH?

Learning to embrace the future

by Sue Crider

IT WAS THE FIRST such workshop I remember that didn't make me feel like a wretch. It gave me hope that I could do things to enrich the lives of the minority students on campus [beginning second semester]."

So said vice president for student development Robert Danner after he, other administrators and division chairs had completed "Diversity Not Division: Cultural Unity in Christ," a series of retreat seminars on minority issues.

Leading the retreat was Peggy L. Jones, an African-American running her own consulting firm. Mrs. Jones, who has a master's degree from the University of Minnesota, has taught at North Central Bible College, been a family therapist, and conducted multi-cultural training sessions for such firms as AT & T, General Mills and several Christian College Coalition members. She and her husband also co-pastor an Assemblies of God church.

How much of a minority are minority students at Houghton? On the main campus this year, of the 1170 full- and part-time students, 19 are African-Americans, five Hispanic-Americans, seven Native Americans, and 11 Asian-Americans, for a total of 42 students. There are also 56 internationals, but, as we learned in the workshop, it seems that we do a rather good job making internationals (and missionary kids) feel at home.

But the American minorities? Well, aren't they "American"? Isn't *this* America? Why should they have any difficulties adjusting to life in Houghton,

New York? Rural. . . conservative. . . evangelical. . . Caucasian. . . Houghton, New York? Besides, if Houghton is such a homogenous community, then why should we even try to sensitize ourselves to minority issues?

Ponder this statistic: between now and the year 2000, 87 percent of all U.S. population growth will be among minorities. If Houghton enrollments are to remain healthy into the new century, it

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is clear that our minority component must grow. Too, whatever their background, students of Houghton College are going to enter that world, that work force, that field ripe for harvest. We need to be educated to understand and value cultural diversity, not to fear it.

The former Black Student Organization (BSO) recently became the African-

American Cultural Exchange (ACE). Its members wish to go beyond providing a support group for fellow African-Americans, to also exchange cultural experiences with those of other racial and ethnic backgrounds. For more than a decade, Houghton College has sponsored Black History Month, as ACE advisor, Dr. Mary Conklin, explains, "Not primarily for African-Americans to attend events by and for themselves, but for the majority on campus to learn to appreciate the contributions of African-Americans to the culture of the United States and the world."

Dr. Conklin's name came up frequently at the retreat as someone whose attitudes and actions on behalf of both internationals and American minority students should be exemplary for all. Her colleagues agreed that they should become more involved with these minority students. Mary Conklin *cares* and lives that care with a great deal of informed sensitivity to her students' needs.

What is Houghton College doing to address the needs of minorities? Having retreats like this one is itself a good sign says Dr. Charles Massey, himself instrumental in getting Houghton College



involved in projects like the restoration of Buffalo's St. Mary of Sorrows Church as the Martin Luther King Center.

Houghton is also committed in its admissions and retention efforts to seeking qualified minority students and providing the necessary funding to make their education here affordable. Admissions director Tim Fuller sites Hispanic and African-American contacts that may help in identifying minority candidates for admission.

The committee on women and minorities addresses concerns of faculty recruitment as well as student needs. Sharon Givler, director of the career development center and member of the committee, acknowledges that the bottom line of commitment is often money. Will Houghton College be willing and able to allocate funds to a concerted recruitment of minority faculty and students, via salaries and scholarships? There are no easy answers.

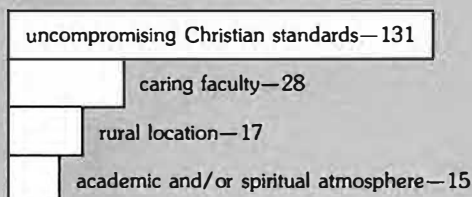
Reflecting on the retreat, coordinator Peggy Jones said she had never worked with a group more open to growth and personal soul-searching than the Houghton administrators and faculty. She suggested that focusing on the Cross will help us all deal with the difficult issues. She especially encouraged us to tap into the creativity and energy of the ACE group.

These are young men and women feeling uncomfortable in our worship services, which are so different from their own. Would we be willing to have them bring a little more of their "gospel" into ours? Could we get to know these students individually rather than through the lens of our stereotypes? The men are not all great athletes nor are they all underachievers. They, like the women on campus, may feel uncomfortable being called on in every class as "the" authority on racial issues, but they wouldn't mind being asked (after a relationship is built) what they're feeling and experiencing on this rural Allegany County campus.

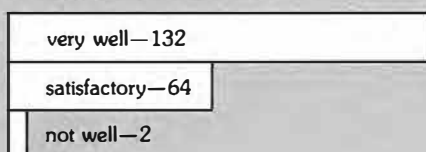
Yes, Houghton's WASPs have a lot to learn, but isn't that what education is all about?

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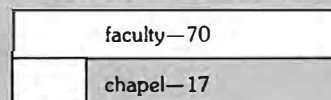
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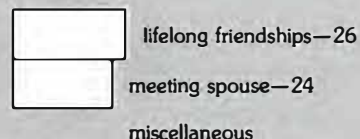
2. How well are you kept informed about Houghton?



3. What best symbolizes Houghton?



4. What is your fondest Houghton memory?



Not all respondents answered all questions.

What readers told the president

WHEN I RECEIVED the hefty stack of answered surveys to analyze and sift through late last October, I thought, "Oh Lord, give me patience."

The survey questions included in last summer's *Milieu* VSF letter at President Chamberlain's request, resembled the wide-ranging, no-answer-is-incorrect free-writing exercises one would find in any composition class: "What differentiates Houghton College from other colleges and universities?"; "What person, place, or thing most symbolizes Houghton for you, and why?"; and "What is your fondest memory of life at Houghton?"

I imagined that my duty as an intern would amount to nothing more than tallying up recurring responses and extracting a few strikingly-worded quotes. What this '91 rookie did not expect was to be plunged into some 50 years of Houghton history and be left wishing that she could have been an omniscient fly on its memorable walls.

Of some 1,000 VSF responses, fewer than 300 included filled out questionnaires, so the results are more interesting than statistically meaningful. A large number of those who replied to the survey hailed from the classes of the '40s. But what was clear to me was that in every perspective of Houghton, people—in the most communal and caring sense—remained foremost in alumni memories.

Let me explain: faculty, past and present, easily captured the "Best Symbol of Houghton" award and nearly claimed the "What differentiates Houghton?" category (uncompromisingly Christian standards took the cake here.) Emeritus President Stephen W. Paine's name cropped up time and time again as the man remembered for his "winsome character, intellectual attainments, and Christian leadership," as well as someone with whom students could go trout fishing. I'd cite the many other names I came across, but this space would never accommodate them all!

And the memories just poured out: from being served daily by waiters and waitresses in old Gaoyadeo's cafeteria to "making things right" in the revival of 1951 to when the (now-profound) Leonard Houghton house used to be a "Christian version of 'Animal House'." One reader intoned, "Too many to mention—I hope no alumnus answers this question!" My personal favorite came from a former Gao resident who was roused from deep sleep by the A Cappella Choir singing the Seven-fold Amen outside her window: "I thought I had momentarily gone to heaven."

Not all respondents were euphoric about the past. One female alumna of the '40s recalled "a provincial and proscriptive environment [particularly for women]." She observed that while her sons had attended Houghton in the '70s, she'd been glad they were young men, not women. She concluded: "I can hardly relate to the freedom Houghton students now enjoy, but I applaud the change."

True, the images I absorbed may have been as fleeting as commercials on a TV screen (I was intrigued by one '40's alum describing when thigh-high black stockings were a necessary part of women's basketball outfits), but they proved to me that—as one alumnus put it—"You can take yourself out of Houghton but you'll never get Houghton out of your system." —Kathy Hung, pub. info. intern

In Harm's Way

Houghton's Persian Gulf Contingent

THE HOLIDAYS weren't the same for Houghton student Luke Stevens. Instead of spending a quiet Christmas-New Year break with his wife of three years, he was (and is) in the Arabian desert serving his country with some 400,000 other American soldiers prepared to do what President Bush orders to get Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait.

On 12 hours' notice, Stevens, a religion major and sophomore transfer from closed United Wesleyan College (Allentown, PA), was expected to be in Fort Indiantown Gap, PA, for training. A Hornell, NY, native, Stevens specializes in engine mechanics repair. His wife, Tina, related that Luke had told her in a telephone conversation that sand reduces the life of machinery working in the desert by four fifths! Also a UWC transfer and Houghton sophomore, Tina hopes her husband will be home by the end of May, 1991. She said when Luke's gone, "so is a lot of support. But the [Houghton community] has been very supportive." She plans to complete her schooling this year. The couple has no children.

Little is known about UWC transfer Douglas Smith beyond that he is in the same unit as Stevens and will likely follow the same orders. A junior communication major from Jackson, MI, Smith specializes in radio mechanics.

Junior religion major Randal Thomas is a lance corporal in the Marines. According to Houghton's buildings and grounds supervisor John Garrison, a retired Air Force officer, Thomas left for Camp Lejune, NC, expecting to spend three weeks there before going to the Middle East. In an interview before he left campus, Thomas was asked if he was afraid. He replied, "No one can volunteer for this type of duty without fears and reservations. I am deathly afraid of chemical warfare, but I am confident my training will enable me to survive."

Army Reserves corporal Jon Jankovich, a Bible major from Franklin, PA, said, "I feel closer to God now more than ever, and whatever I do I know He will be with me."

"I am nervous and a little scared about being called to fight," admitted another Houghton student who is a private in the National Guard Reserves. He continued, "My main 'specialty' is infantry. I serve as the radio-telephone operator for my platoon as well as a rifleman. This is a dangerous position because the radio man is one of the enemy's main targets in a fire fight."

Besides those called for active duty at press time, Houghton enrolls 11 other reservists, some of whom are eligible for Persian Gulf duty. One is a woman. (Currently she is not eligible.) What are their feelings? Army Reserves corporal Eric Darling, an English major from Nicholson, PA, who would likely lead one of three cycles of privates into battle should war break out, observed, "I find this really scary because I would be responsible for the lives of 60 men."



Activated reservists Thomas and Stevens

Milieu knows of a dozen alumni who are serving in the Gulf. In a letter to Houghton students for the November 30 issue of the student newspaper, the *Houghton Star*, Royce (Anderson '85) Brand, an Army transportation officer serving as a company commander, writes that her unit provides "food, water, fuel, maintenance, medical and religious support to the fighting forces. We are up front in the armor, infantry and artillery. . . I am writing to ask for your prayers and support. . . A lot of my soldiers are young. I am lucky. My husband is here. I see him once in a while. I don't have to wonder how he is."

An Air Force pilot who transports daily living supplies into Saudi Arabia every week has flown loads ranging from chocolate chip cookies to toilet paper.

Thomas E. Merriam '83, a National Guard reservist, is stationed with the U.S. Army's 325th maintenance in Saudi Arabia. Merriam had been studying for the ministry at a Florida seminary when he was called up. He leaves behind his wife of two years, in Lake Wales, FL.

What about the possibility of retired servicemen being called for active duty? Garrison said that it is possible, but "they haven't called retirees for national emergency service since WWII." Garrison urges readers to write to servicemen, particularly Houghton reservists, if addresses are known. "They need encouragement. . . it's critical for their morale right now."

*Quotes were excerpted from an article in the September 28, 1990, issue of the student newspaper, the *Houghton Star*.

FOUNDING BODIES of many Christian institutions of higher education in the United States had as a major purpose training of clergy for the sponsoring church.

Training of clergy for the denomination to which it is related is a clear Houghton priority, but the gospel, the liberal arts taught from a Christian perspective, and Houghton tradition have broader implications. Does the college have broader impact, whether in training of leaders for "the church at large" or in producing a priesthood of believers in positions that model or further Christian values in various social undertakings? The alumni

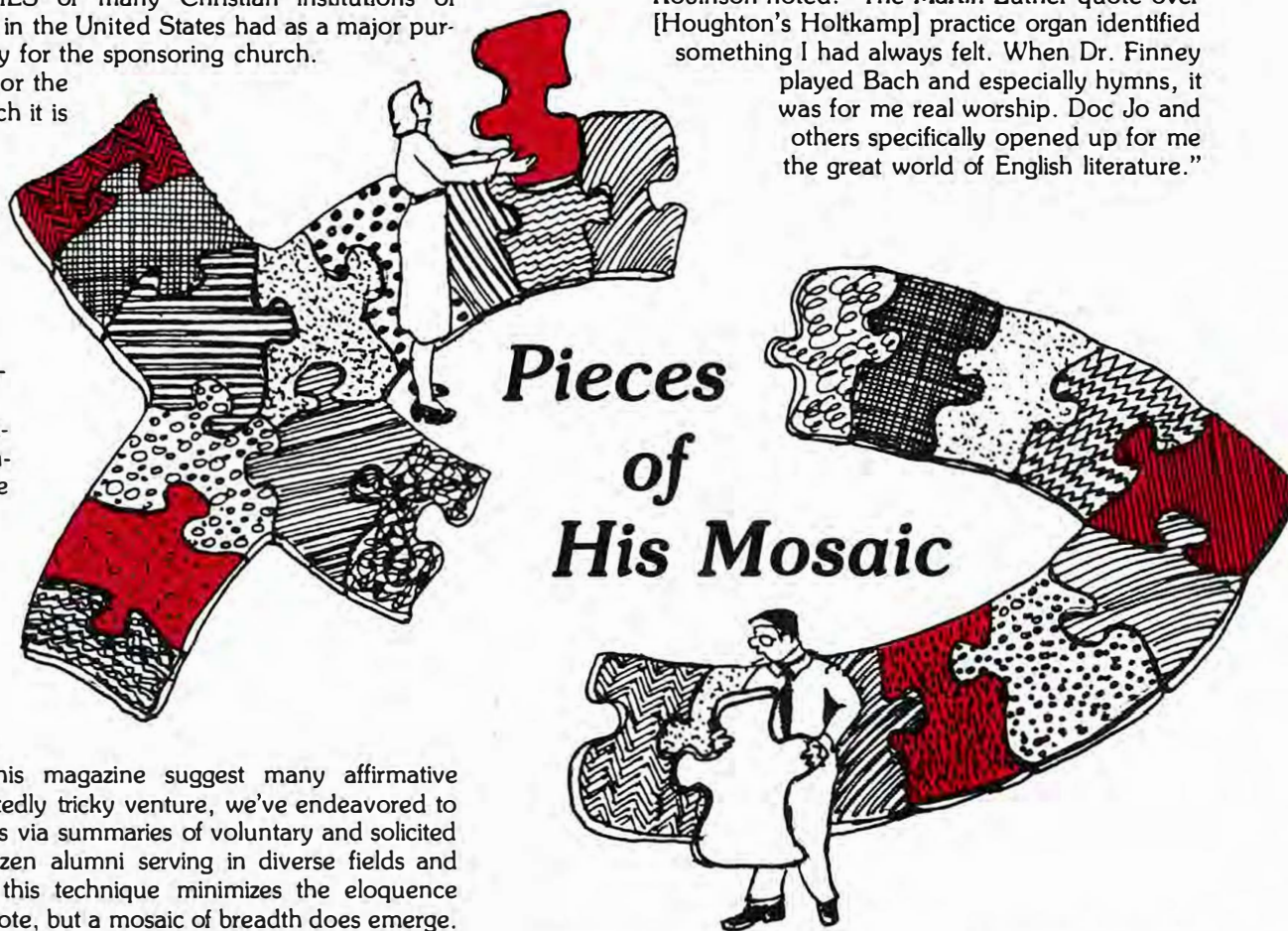
news columns of this magazine suggest many affirmative answers. In an admittedly tricky venture, we've endeavored to expand these glimpses via summaries of voluntary and solicited responses from a dozen alumni serving in diverse fields and traditions. Inevitably this technique minimizes the eloquence with which several wrote, but a mosaic of breadth does emerge.

Roman/Anglo-Catholic ministries

David Robinson '63 is rector of Grace Episcopal church in Manchester, NH. He observed: "Houghton was the perfect place for me in 1959. It began to widen the world for me. . . Before Houghton I knew only of my respect for the ordained Christian ministry and a certain drawing toward that. . . Through childhood and youth I had seen and respected my own father as a [Wesleyan] pastor and preacher. . . I learned from him some significant lessons about endurance and independence, about loyalty to the 'mainstream' of Wesleyanism and something of a progressive, 'liberal' thinking about faith in the modern world.

"At Houghton I saw that I had to redefine the definition of 'Christian.' There were more Christians than those who asserted their experience of being 'saved' and 'sanctified'. . . Ultimately, in looking for a home, I found a path back through Methodism to John and Charles Wesley to the church of England and the Episcopal Church. Traces of its worship and sacraments could still be seen in the Wesleyan *Discipline*. . . I needed a church that was both Reformed and Catholic, and which taught and teaches that what is of eternal import is God's love in Christ for us, far more than our apprehension and experience may know or feel at any given moment.

Robinson noted: "The Martin Luther quote over [Houghton's Holtkamp] practice organ identified something I had always felt. When Dr. Finney played Bach and especially hymns, it was for me real worship. Doc Jo and others specifically opened up for me the great world of English literature."



"What a serendipitous discovery it was for me to find in the Episcopal Church and its worship nothing other than the catholic and orthodox Christian faith that has been held by most of the church through the centuries. And there also to find, as an English major, so many points of contact with great literature and poetry. On top of that I found in the hymnal of the Episcopal Church for regular worship the great hymns of the church. . . from Charles Wesley back to plainsong."

At Houghton, Robinson had felt encouraged in his quest, but after he graduated and applied to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church, he was discouraged when several faculty references were negative, one specifically because of his choice of church.

Today he observes: "Houghton needs to remain identifiably Wesleyan. It should also be possible to do that while recognizing that there may be present those students for whom God may have something else in mind."

Beyond his several parishes, Robinson has been active in community and church affairs. In the '70s he worked on the committee to revise the Book of Common Prayer, and was present for the voting that made ordination of women possible. Currently he serves on the standing commission





on constitution and canons for the Episcopal Church.

Thanks to the change in Episcopal ordination regulations, Barbara Schmitz '80 is today rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Hazel Park, MI. She encountered Episcopalians at Houghton and joined the church during graduate studies. Several questionnaire respondents stressed the need for clergy to study as broadly as possible, not confine themselves to Bible and religion courses. Neither Robinson nor Schmitz was a religion major in college, but both indicated that Houghton courses in those areas had been excellent background for seminary.

They are just two of numerous Houghton graduates ministering in the Episcopal Church. Serving St. Peter's Anglican Church in Toronto, ON, is Gordon Finney '72. An English major at Houghton he also earned a master's degree in English before completing seminary. He and his wife, Adele (Durkee '71) were previously in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he taught at an Anglican seminary.

Lynn Failing '70, is a self-employed layman living in St. Albans, England. He is a training and media consultant for a British international development agency, Co-operation for Development, which specializes in working in political hot spots and in managing small scale credit systems. Though he's had experience from Africa to the Philippines, he's presently in charge of training programs in the Middle East, concentrated in Gaza and the West Bank, but now expanded to Jordan. He also produces training films and tv documentaries, and edits CD's journal. Lynn is also a marketing and management consultant in the UK, usually for charities.

Lynn notes: "This work just evolved. I worked as a mission partner in Nigeria for several years (where I learned about Third World development from the inside), then was a consultant for the World Association for Christian Communication." He and his wife attend the local Quaker meeting, though he adds: "the answer-formula credal format of any brand of fundamentalism worries me now."

Looking back he says: "Houghton helped me because I got my first break into broadcasting at WJSL where I was business manager my sophomore year. My B.A. degree from San Diego State was in telecommunications and film with an emphasis on production. I have always been fascinated by the technology and techniques of persuasion.

"I found the combination of academic rigor at Houghton and the academic freedom of San Diego State (last two years) a useful combination. . . . At any rate, I think we can overestimate the broader 'shaping' qualities of higher education, especially when we apply it to a particular tradition. . . . College experience is only one step along our personal journey."

David Zwifka '77 is assistant chancellor of the diocese of Buffalo, NY, one of the largest Roman Catholic dioceses in the United States. A former parish priest, he holds a licentiate degree in Canon Law from The Catholic University of America. In his present post Zwifka manages the diocesan regional system—26 regions of parish and institutional clusters in western New York. He is the bishop's personal representative to the 80 permanent deacons, 78 of whom are married. He is also the bishop's representative on the board of trustees to Buffalo Metropolitan Ministries. He's a part-time instructor in New Testament at Niagara University and an adjunct professor

of Canon Law at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, from which he also graduated. As priest-in-residence at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, Rev. Zwifka functions in parochial ministries.

He noted that he decided to answer a vocation to the priesthood at Houghton where he began as a pre-med major, then changed majors to prepare for law school. He observes: "As a truly liberal arts college with a thoroughly integrated sense of the gospel, [Houghton helped me see] how the gospel could be a powerful force in the world. . . influential in every area of human endeavor." As a professional credential, his Houghton degree has been a "neutral factor," except in the area of ecumenism, where he cites "the need to integrate Christian traditions other than the one of my youth," and the "instant understanding" he receives from others who "know I speak from personal experience in this area."

David said many of his Houghton classmates were misinformed or ignorant about the teachings and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church and some cut off relationships with him when they learned that he aspired to the priesthood. On the other hand, he found faculty and administration "most supportive," and he cited a teacher as the strongest factor in his completing his degree at Houghton.

He says, "The deepest misconception concerns the nature of the relationship of the individual with Christ. Many [evangelical protestants] feel that the Roman Catholic tradition discounts this important aspect of discipleship." David says that is erroneous though it may be lacking in expression, adding: "So it is in every Christian church." Zwifka also felt that personal conversations in college also revealed lack of doctrinal understanding: as in the relationship between faith and works, the place of

A tool not to be ignored

HAS THE WORLD GONE MAD over sports? Americans spend huge chunks of time watching their heroes on the field or on TV, or devouring "news stories" about their off-field activities and mind boggling salaries. Reports from overseas describe fans crushed to death in surging crowds or the collapse of overloaded bleachers. Uglier aspects are the class, ethnic or racially motivated brawls that have also taken lives during sporting events abroad. Is it possible that within such scenes are major opportunities for the gospel?

Traveling Christian sports teams are nothing new, but over the past decade, a growing number of consecrated Christians are making ministry through sport a life work. Many former Houghton athletes have involved themselves in such ministries; a direct result—former Houghton soccer captain Jon Ortlip believes—of Houghton's NAIA Hall of Fame soccer coach, E. Douglas Burke, and his endorsement of the idea that what was happening in sports ministry was crucial. Two products of his teams profiled their activities in response to *Milieu's* questions.

Jonathan Ortlip '81, began playing soccer as a missionary kid growing up in Haiti. He traces new direction in his Christian walk—and realization of how God could use his testimony through sports—to a summer sports trip he took while in college when he shared his faith in Creole before 3000 people in a Hai-



Jennifer Gilbert with George Mgoda, a Malawian national with his own ministry to the disabled in Africa.

other outreaches

Jennifer Gilbert '86, who graduated with a degree in psychology, worked as a hospital secretary, then became a social worker with foster children, foster families and natural parents in New York City. But in 1989, she was offered a position with Christian Overcomers, a ministry to physically disabled youth and adults headquartered in Westwood, NJ, with outreach groups as far west as Arizona. In high school and college she'd worked with Christian Overcomers on a volunteer basis and is now assistant program director.

Her early experience changed her life, she says, and her present work represents a calling of God as surely as any other. Because disability ministry is unique and new, Jennifer finds its "cutting edge" aspect exciting. Of her Houghton preparation she observes: "I learned that God is not so concerned with the work I do as in the person I become. This lesson has helped me at Overcomers because many disabled people I contact struggle with their self-image in a world that values them for what they can 'do' and not for who they are." She continued, "I believe that we are all called to ministry as a lifestyle, whether it be in the formal sense or not."

Jennifer rejects any notion that her work requires "special gifts." This often stems, she feels, from misconceptions about the disabled and from fear of "not knowing what to say." As to recommending Houghton to others, she commented: "It was just as difficult to live a Christian life there. I had to work out what my own relationship with Christ was going to be and thus make choices about my lifestyle. Houghton helped me figure this out [via] friends and professors, [although] I saw many people who professed to be Christians but didn't follow the

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Mary and the nature of the priesthood. Urging readers to familiarize themselves with Catholic church history, he concluded; "It is rich with attempts to make the gospel heard, not simply a history of gospel abuses." As to whether he recommends Houghton to Roman Catholic young people, he said that he does, but with caution, for the reasons he cited.

Following graduation from Houghton, Harriett (Kit) Kline '59 continued her studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, then taught phonemics for the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma. In 1972, as the next step in her spiritual quest, she became a Roman Catholic and is now Sister Philip Kline, OSB, a contemplative nun at The Abbey of Regina Laudis, Bethlehem, Connecticut. Mother Philip declined to detail her story or communicate "the values or mission of our work at the Abbey" in print, but said she is currently studying/practicing archaeology, and that friends or other interested parties are welcome to write or arrange to visit the abbey. Another Houghton alumnus who serves in a Roman Catholic order is Kenneth Parker of St. Andrew's Priory, Valyemo, CA.

tian stadium. After earning a degree in physical education, Jon joined Sports Life Ministries of Tacoma, WA. Evangelism based on international soccer tours became part of his work—in Europe, Africa, and Latin America. After his marriage in 1987 he felt God's leading to consider full-time mission work in Europe through soccer. Believing that "God had given us a tool that couldn't be ignored," Jon and his wife, the former Ruth Rothenbuhler '83, shared their vision with the board of directors of Missionary Athletes International, and were taken on staff to develop a project. Jon was named foreign services director and began to work with Christians in Sport of England, while also making trips to the continent, Africa and Bangladesh.

Today the Ortlips live in the Bolton-Manchester area of England where soccer is very popular and Americans are accepted. Four other couples and two singles have also been recruited. Jon explains, "Sports in general allow you to get close to people, build contacts and ties through competition. [Sports] offer common ground or language to build upon. . . the setting of competition reveals the true person and a Christian appears drastically different from a non-Christian. In 90 minutes of [soccer] play you can demonstrate your faith in unique ways—real life intensity shows, as in [situations calling for] revenge or retaliation." While staff is primarily American, the organization is building toward ultimate English ownership and operation.

Kevin Austin '81, was an All-American soccer goalie at Houghton. After graduating as a Bible and PE major, he—like

other Houghton alumni before him—joined Sports Life in Tacoma, WA, where Kevin served as soccer goalie, program director and overseas tour leader. His wife, Cindy (Prentice '82), who had majored in therapeutic recreation and studied sports medicine at Houghton, was team trainer. In 1987, the Austins moved to Penfield Wesleyan Church, outside of Rochester, NY, where he became assistant pastor. Last summer they agreed to staff the sports ministry aspect of the Wesleyans' "Isaiah 6 Project," an effort to place 2,000 teenagers and young adults in short-term missions experiences in the next year—street evangelism, Bible Clubs, music, drama, construction and sports.

Austins are recruiting and training eight teams and coaches, some 125 people. Through the fall Kevin visited upwards of 14 countries in Europe and Latin America to set up details of the projected tours. Currently the couple is living in Seattle engaged in youth projects related to the upcoming team ministries. Next fall, they expect to become missionaries in Germany. Meanwhile, Kevin is completing his ordination requirements and Cindy is studying German. (The pressures of this assignment were compounded last November 17 by the sudden death of their youngest son.)

Writing since then, the Austins say: "We are people who like trying new ideas. We can think of no other career that would be as rewarding."

ways of Christ."

Sherry (Kingdon '80) Johnson has been director of Bethany Christian Services of Tennessee, Inc. in Chattanooga for the past seven years. Her job includes administration, public relations, fund raising, supervision and counseling. Working in 28 states, Bethany is the largest adoption agency in the nation, and began in Grand Rapids, MI. Early in college Sherry pictured herself counseling persons facing personal difficulty and ministering to them. At Houghton she majored in psychology with minors in Bible, education and music. She earned an M.A. in counseling psychology at Wheaton, then worked at Tyndale House Publishing and at Malone College before undertaking her present work, beginning as a counselor.

Sherry says her work has a balance of professional and ministry focus. "Organizations often have only one or the other as an emphasis." She elaborates: "Bethany Christian Services

ministers to those facing an unplanned pregnancy with free confidential counseling, clothing, housing, medical referral, interim infant care and a Christian adoptive family if the birth parent chooses. This practical assistance allows women to choose to carry their babies to term rather than aborting."

Notable among many other ministries appropriate for this discussion are city rescue missions. Several Houghton graduates are mission directors, among them James Little '55, Washington City Mission, south of Pittsburgh, PA, and Darwin Overholt '69, in Buffalo, NY. Both men earlier served in denominational pastorates.



All things to all people

by Carl Schultz

HOUGHTON WILL ENDEAVOR to be responsive to the needs of The Wesleyan Church, the church at large, and the global community and share its resources, facilities, and programs with the surrounding region."

This excerpt from the college mission statement is demonstrated in the preceding responses of alumni who serve in the Roman and Anglo-Catholic churches and those who fill unusual church or para-church assignments.

The mission statement recognizes that the task of the Great Commission is not limited to the more traditional ministries in the Wesleyan branch of the church, but is executed in a multiplicity of ways and by churches not normally included in the Wesleyan tradition.

We who teach and advise prospective clergy and church workers at Houghton are sensitive to, and conscientious about, our pedagogical responsibilities, exposing our students to the best academic and practical dimensions of our disciplines, but recognizing and emphasizing that ecclesiastical directions must be sought from appropriate church authorities. Obviously, matters of ordination and certification are the prerogatives of the church or the para-church organization. Further, we encourage our students to pursue that particular nuance of ministry to which they feel called. There are no efforts to proselytize or to conform to a particular career pattern.

Even as Moses defended the prophesying of Eldad an Medad (not included among the 70 elite - Numbers 11:26-30) and Jesus authorized the unnamed exorcist not associated with the twelve (Whoever is not against us is for us - Mark 9:38-41), so we choose not to limit the churches or ministries through which God is pleased to usher in his kingdom. We are delighted that God sees fit to use us—a

small liberal arts college in the Wesleyan tradition—to further the various ministries of churches larger and more historic than ours. In serving we are twice blessed for we not only contribute, but also receive.

The mission statement also encompasses those Christian service careers which are somewhat unusual and non-traditional.

"Houghton's graduates should be prepared to enter their chosen vocations. . . They should also be able to think critically, as well as creatively, and to apply Christian principles to life experiences from a global perspective, transcending provincial and sectarian attitudes."

The Association of Theological Schools recently noted that while seminary enrollment is up for the first time in five years, fewer students are pursuing ordination and more are preparing for highly specialized ministries.

Given the liberal arts context of learning at Houghton, students preparing for specialized ministries have a large number of courses and disciplines from which to draw as they prepare. In many instances, however, the movement into some of these unusual fields of Christian service is a change of careers and is not necessarily predicated on undergraduate majors.

These less-than-traditional service careers reflect the Great Commission for, it seems to me, that going "into all the world" is not simply a matter of geography, but also one of methodology; is not simply a matter of breadth, but also of depth. The "making of disciples" requires the Pauline willingness "to become all things to all people," thereby, winning some.

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ALUMNI IN ACTION



ELEANOR (JAMES) VAN GILDER and her husband, **Harvey**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary (October 11, 1990) three times in three different places. First they traveled from their Tempe, AZ, home to Cuba, NY, where their four children hosted a celebration at the First Baptist Church. This coincided with Eleanor's 60th class reunion at Houghton High School. Next, on the actual day (photo above), they celebrated with friends at a senior citizens gathering at Grace Community Church in Tempe. Some 250 people shared their anniversary cake. Last, they provided punch and cake for a celebration at their place for friends from another nearby Baptist church. Recalls Eleanor, "Sixty years is something. . . three servances cannot be too many."

1930s

'38 **JOHN HOPKINS** and his wife, **JOSEPHINE (REES '41)**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 29, 1990, in East Aurora, NY. **HOWARD ANDRUS '38** was John's best man and was present for the celebration.

'38 **WILLIAM** and his wife, **VERA (VAN SKIVER '39) MUIR**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 31, 1990, with a party given by their three daughters. They live in Canandaigua, NY.

1940s

January through March **ALDA (ANDERSON '48) FLETCHER** and her husband, George, will be in the Philippines serving at the Summer Institute of Linguistics. George will be helping out in the flight program. Alda is a secretary in the aviation department of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Also, she teaches piano. Last August the Fletchers were in Maine visiting their fathers who are both in their 90s.

On November 6, 1990, **DEAN GILLILAND '48** was installed as professor of contextualized theology and African studies at Fuller Theological Seminary (CA), School of World Mission. The title of his inaugural address was "Mission and Theology: The New Opportunity." **RICHARD MOUW '61**, (see photo above) provost, delivered the charge. Gilliland joined Fuller faculty as assistant professor of contextualized theology in 1977.



He has had three books published and was a missionary to Nigeria from 1955-76.

'48 **WINIFRED (RHEBERGEN) LEWELLEN** retired from teaching Latin and English in Bemus Point, NY, in 1989. She still teaches part-time at Jamestown Community College. Last semester she taught English to Chinese English teachers in Chengdu, China, under English Language Institute of China.

1950s

'50 **ROBERT DINGMAN**, writes that his executive recruiting firm has again been selected as one of 50 leading search firms in the nation. The California Recruiters Association presented Dingman the first career achievement award on November 7, 1990.

'50 **SOPHIA (ANDRYCHUK) PEASE** was nominated to appear in the 1990 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She teaches sixth grade at Hudson School in Tempe, AZ, and previously taught for some 25 years in New York, Pennsylvania and New Mexico schools. Sophia and her husband, **DOUG '52**, are active at Southside Baptist Church in Tempe and in the Gideons International. She is president of the Gideons auxiliary.

Last fall **VIRGINIA (GIBB '51) KEITH** and her husband, John, were reassigned to Eastern Europe to coordinate growing ministries by the Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission board. The Keiths served in Angola and later Zaire, from 1957-1969, when John was appointed general secretary. Virginia is a French teacher.

'56 **VIRGINIA (GREGG) POLANSKI** has been named to the advisory council of the Massachusetts faculty development consortium for colleges and universities. An associate professor at Stonehill College, Mrs. Polanski directs the writing across the curriculum program and edits an in-house WAC publication, *Stonehill Writes*.

'57 **ROBERT DRISCOLL** is a certified social worker in New York in private practice as a psychotherapist. June 1990 he graduated from a four-year psychoanalytic training program at Postgraduate Center for Mental Health and is now board certified in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy. Besides his private practice, Driscoll works in a private out-patient clinic where he treats alcoholism and other chemical dependencies.

'57 **JOHN and CAROLYN (PAINE '60) MILLER** are leaving Sabah for a new Wycliffe assignment in Thailand. Beginning in February they will work with several teams on a computer assisted dialect adaptation project involving languages related to Bru, the language they studied in Vietnam. They write: "It will be hard to adjust to a new cultural and political system, and hard to start again with yet another national language, but we take courage in God's promise to go with us and give enablement." Millers expect to return to Sabah several times to complete their

Future Alumni

Ken & Mary (Beekley '87) Peacock '87
Richard & Carol (Dixon '79) Bierwas
Donald & Linda (Canfield '77) Bitterman
Brian & Trine Brown '87
Kurt & Brenda (Hartman '89) Brown '89
Jim & Carolann (Stehling '82) Darling '79
Greg & Debra (Jaekley '82) Davis
W. David & Martha (Manikas '82) Foster '80
Larry & Cindy (Royston '82) Fraser
Lewis & Marilyn (Colwell '75) Galloway
Jonathan & Nancy (James '88) Gates '85
John & Debbie (Sloat '83) Gordon
Michel & Mary (Maxwell '88) Hache
Bruce & Mary (Hostetler '83) Harrison
Shane & Kelly (Cole '85) Hodges '83
Bruce & Katharine Johnson '80
Jeff & Kathy (Readyoff '84) Jones '84
Arthur & Sally (Paine '77) Lee, Jr.
Troy & Susan (Gurney '84) Martin '84
Alan & Colleen (Wood '85) Moore
Thomas & Cheryl (Bush '72) Purcell
Bruce & Linda (Luckey '73) Reed
Mark & R. Ruby (Doller '80) Romanko
Doug & Laurie (Braaten '81) Roorbach '81
Douglas & Karen (Pangel '78) Smith '78
Mark & Heidi (Pollock '82) Versland '81
Tim & Laurie (Palmer '84) Virkus
Michael & Lois (McAleer '81) Watts

Ezra Lee 11- 7-90
Richard Josiah 8-29-90
Sandi Lynn 8-16-88
Douglas Foster 10-20-90
Micah Daniel 12- 9-90
Amanda Marie 5-13-90
Jennifer Marie 11-16-90
Peter Wesley 10-12-90
Jason Michael 6- 3-90
Ryan Matthew 8- 4-90
Ian James 8-20-90
Matthew John 5-20-90
Monique France 10- 4-90
Justin Lane 10- 4-90
Caleb Shane 7- 7-90
Nicholas Charles 5-29-90
Joshua Hunsche 10- 3-90
Camden Douglas 10-31-89
Devon Thomas 11- 2-90
Elizabeth Lauren 5-22-90
Jonathan David 6-29-90
Jennifer Ruth 8-27-90
Christine Dolores 1-24-89
Andrew James 12-11-90
Amelia Grace 6-12-90
Luke 3-12-90
Aidan Scott 7-12-90
Benjamin Clay 6- 9-90

Robert Sabean '58—Reaching out to the alienated

dictionary project and are hoping that a meaningful Bible translation for the Kadazan people will result. During November they both visited the United States, caring for business and seeing family members.

'58 DONALD BARBER and his wife, Marjorie, have completed 29 years on the Brazilian mission field. They continue to serve, planting churches, evangelizing in the home base area, supervising churches in the Belo Horizonte area and auditing church treasury.

'59 CARLTON TALBOT, JR. has accepted the pastorate of the Groveland (MA) Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. He was pastoring in Arcade, NY.

1960s

'60 ANDY NELSON is interim director of Hi-BA (high school born againers). For the past 30 years he has been a club leader in the Brooklyn, Queens and Catskill, NY, areas, as well as in New Jersey and Ohio. For the past two years he has been involved in administration and club leader supervision. Nine other alumni serve through Hi-BA.

'63 MANFRED BRAUCH became the 10th president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (PA) on October 5, 1990.

'63 VICTOR HAMILTON is in his 20th year teaching at Asbury College (KY). Last spring he was a recipient of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. Also, volume one of his commentary on *Genesis* was recently published by Eerdmans as part of the *New International Commentary on the Old Testament* series. Volume two is projected for 1992.

'63 PENNY (HOLLOWAY) HOWE, Phoenix parks and recreation board chairman, has been elected to the National Recreation and Park Association board of trustees as the citizen trustee for the Pacific south region comprised of Arizona, California, Nevada, Idaho and Utah. As an NRPA trustee, Howe will share the responsibility for the formulation of policies that control and direct the affairs of the association.

'66 PAUL LOVETRAN was elected Longwood City (FL) commissioner, district 5, in a landslide victory against the incumbent mayor on November 6. He won by a margin of 2:1.

'69 ED HUNTLEY is associate pastor of the Federated Church and is coordinator of the Trinity Seminary Extension, both in Erie, PA. He's working on establishing a ministry to the poor in west Erie County, called Love Inc (Love In the Name of Christ).

Rochester, NY, 20-year-veteran educator PETER KNAPP '69 received the New York State Bar Association's Law, Youth and Citizenship distinguished service award in November 1990. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated "exceptional leadership, meritorious service and outstanding contributions to the field of law-related education." Director of humanities at Brighton Schools in Rochester, Knapp was instrumental in developing the first

"IT'S A SUPERMARKET WORLD where Christianity is simply one choice among many options," is how alumnus Bob Sabean reacted to the Lausanne II Conference in an article for a 1989 *Journal of Christian Camping*. Bob and his wife of 29 years have spent a quarter-century making sure that faith in Christ maintains and enlarges its place in that world marketplace. As missionaries with Latin American Mission, now seconded to Christian Camping International, Latin America, (CCI) they have gained *entre* for the gospel through camping, youth evangelism and her medical work with young mothers and children.

Last December 13, President Dr. Daniel Chamberlain presented Bob with a Distinguished Alumnus Award in Costa Rica. Before an audience of family, friends and professional associates, Chamberlain said that when Bob first came to Houghton from Waltham, Massachusetts, in 1954, he'd already sensed God's call to missions via summer Bible camp. He enrolled at Houghton through the influence of former religion division chairman and professor Dr. Bert Hall, for whom Bob had been a counselor when Hall coordinated summer staff at Camp Pineridge in New Hampshire.

At Houghton Dr. Hall continued in the role of counselor and professor, encouraging Bob to find focus and formation for his leanings via Foreign Mission Fellowship. Bob became South America prayer group leader and, in his junior year, vice president. He also gained experience and insight as a class chaplain.

Chamberlain said Sabean majored in general science and chemistry, minored in Bible, was a member of the pre-med club, was active in sports and as a swimming instructor, and earned his B.A. as a member of Houghton's 75th anniversary graduating class. Bob completed his M.Div. at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, became director of his old camp and served as a youth pastor. Meanwhile he'd married Nancy Westmoreland, a registered nurse. They pastored a Congregational Church in Limerick, Maine, from 1963 until 1965 when they joined Latin American Mission. Almost immediately Bob was named manager and program director for Camp Roblealto near San Jose in Costa Rica.

During the next 15 years God used Bob's talents and experience to build Roblealto into a mission and influence reaching far beyond the camp's year-round program. (*Milieu*, winter 1972.) He chaired and hosted the first Central American Camping Convention there in 1972, and became coordinator for Christian Camping International for Central America. He co-founded the association of Christian camp leaders in Latin America and, concurrently, co-directed a para-church ministry to high school students now known as New Youth Christian Movement.

In 1974 Bob completed a master of science degree in community recreation and outdoor education at Springfield College (MS), and became a technical consultant to Campamento Kikoten in Mexico. By 1977 Bob was serving quarter-time as professor of recreation at Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica. He began alone as department head and gradually built a staff of four associates, offering the first Costa Rican university level work in that field. Concurrently he led the first national congress on leisure and recreation and served as an occasional guest lecturer for government agencies. In 1984 he was named president of the Costa Rican National Recreation Association. Bob left regular university teaching after nine years to devote full time to CCI for Latin America.

Today, Bob is a regular conference participant, lecturing from Japan to Spain. He's in demand as a consultant and writer and holds numerous certifications. He's still a member of Camp Roblealto's board. As director of CCI, Latin America, he edits eight yearly CCI publications, and is working with the world executive committee of CCI organizing a forum to be held in Mexico City next year. His honors range from a permanent plaque at Camp Roblealto to recognition by the School of Sports Sciences at the National University of Costa Rica.

Mrs. Sabean is recognized for introducing the LaLeche League into Costa Rica, for her childbirth teaching and a Spanish manual on the subject. The couple maintains contact with four grown daughters—a missionary among them—and twin grandsons. Bob also edits a genealogical newsletter for the Sabin/Sabine/Sabean families, and traces his ancestry to William Sabine, who in 1664 was a next door neighbor to a man whose descendant became Houghton's president Stephen W. Paine.

Dr. Chamberlain concluded: "As the century ends and the world's teen population approaches one billion, your pioneering leadership in international Christian camping reaches out to alienated multitudes with a gospel message whose claims combine creativity, community, commitment and celebration."



Sabean daughters, spouses joined Bob and Nancy's celebration.



Kathleen Walker
David Lalka
Harriet Olson

county-wide mock trial programs in Monroe County. He also organized the Institute on Law and Social Studies, a county-wide law-related education consortium, in 1976. This award came for Knapp's efforts in "continuing to explore and develop innovative means to help institutionalize law-related education."

'69 **KATHLEEN WALKER** has begun a three-year assignment with Mennonite Central Committee in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. She will work in community health development with Mennonite Ventures program.

1970s

'71 **STEPHEN CUMMINGS** is a commander of the 27th tactical intelligence squadron at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. Lt. Col. Cummings and his wife, **KAY (HOUCK '71)**, have two children.

After serving as a missionary in Venezuela for 13 years and as a pastor for 10 years, **GLEN FELTY '71** has assumed responsibilities as church relations director for the Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) headquarters in Wheaton, IL.

Since January 1990 **KAREN WALTZ '71** has been director of student services and registrar at SUNY, Buffalo School of Law. Also, she is a board member of Christian Counseling Services of Greater Buffalo and is a volunteer with Prison Fellowship Ministries.

'72 **DAVID LALKA** became vice president for institutional development at Asbury College in August, 1990. He was vice president for development at Summit Christian College (IN) for the past four years.

'72 **MARY (REED) NELSON** has held a variety of jobs in the music field: piano teacher, accompanist, church pianist and organist; and others like store clerk, bookkeeper and credit reporter. She and her husband, Carroll's, first son, Joseph Daniel, was born in May 1990.

'73 **DOUGLAS SHERMAN** is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Randolph, MA. He had served pastorates in Philadelphia, PA, Scarborough and Kennebunkport, ME. Rev. Sherman is past president of the Ministers' Council of the American Baptist Churches of Maine. He and his wife, **SARAH (THOMAS '73)**, have four children and are expecting their first grandchild.

'74 **VICKIE (NULL) GOEKING** and her husband, Gordon, have moved to Raleigh, NC, where he is planning manager for IBM's National Telecommunications System Support Center. Vicki is busy at home with Jennifer, age 10, Janet, age six and Jacquelyn, age one.

'75 **DOUG BURLEIGH** became the first chaplain of The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown, NY, in October 1990.

'77 **ROBERT ETHER** has become pastor of Riverview Alliance Church, a new congregation in Amsterdam, NY. He had been manager at Noevir Inc., a Japanese cosmetics company.

'77 **ANNE LIVINGSTON** recently joined the medical staff at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, NY. She is in practice at the

allergy and asthma diagnostic offices in Liverpool and East Syracuse, specializing in the allergy and asthma care of children and adults. After receiving her doctor of medicine degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center, and completing a residency in pediatrics there, Dr. Livingston finished a board certified fellowship in allergy and immunology at the State University of Buffalo through Buffalo Children's Hospital and Buffalo General Hospital. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology. Livingston has been certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is eligible for certification in allergy and immunology.

Having returned from the Persian Gulf last spring, Richard and **CAROL (DIXON '79) BIERWAS** are now living in Holland, MI.

'79 **JIM DARLING** completed his family practice residency in December 1990 at St. Joseph Hospital (PA) and has accepted a position with JMA Emergency Services in Mocksville, NC.

1980s

'80 **JANICE DEMPSTER** has been promoted to assistant vice president at Norstar Bank of Upstate New York. She began her career with Norstar in 1977 as a teller. In 1980 she was assigned to the consumer credit area at the branch office. She was selected for the bank's management program in 1984. Other positions since have included loan coordinator, and most recently, community lender in consumer banking administration. In her new capacity, Dempster will be responsible for developing and servicing commercial and business related loans in the nine offices of Utica's (NY) valley district.

'80 **WILLIAM F. MILLS** is a pediatrician in Elmer, NJ, and said, "My practice is doing well." He has a son in kindergarten and the triplets are two-and-a-half years old.

'80 **HARRIETT JANE OLSON** is one of four women associates who have been selected for partnership status at Pitney, Hardin, Kipp and Szuch, a law firm based in Morristown, NJ. Olson specializes in the Environment Clean-up Responsibility Act (ECRA). A 1983 Harvard Law School

graduate, she is recognized as one of the leading experts on counseling corporate clients concerning ECRA.

'80 **ROB REESE** is an attorney specializing in litigation with the firm Cherry, Ferrara, Mutzel, Bellefonte and Wessner in Media, PA. His wife, **CATHY (CHRISTY '82)**, is an attorney with the firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom in Wilmington, DE. The Reeses are active in Brandywine Valley Baptist Church, working with youth and nursery.

'81 **KEVIN and CINDY (PRENTICE '82) AUSTIN** lost their youngest son, Craig, on November 17, 1990. The seven-month-old boy had a mild case of the flu, which developed into a rare and severe intestinal infection. It spread quickly, with no detectable symptoms. The Austins, formerly with Missionary Athletes International, are now with The Wesleyan Church where Kevin is setting up a sports program for international outreach.

'81 **RON LANGDON** is residential life instructor for the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center in Erie, PA. Also, he is active in Greenfield Baptist Church of North East, and has been teaching the senior high Sunday school class.

'82 **DIANE CORNELL-McCOY** has transferred to Sterling Optical in Warren, PA. She had worked for that company in Olean previously. She and her husband, Michael, live in Kane, PA, where he is field superintendent of Kane Gas, Heating and Lighting Company.

'83 **MARY BETH (FULLER) BOWLING** is working on a teaching certificate in secondary education at the University of Tennessee. She and her husband took a five-month trip to Asia last year. She said the highlight was trekking in the Himalayas.

'83 **CEDRIC and DEBRA (NEWTON '83) CARTER** lost their eight-month-old daughter, Nichelle Rae, on October 29, 1990, when a pickup truck ran over her stroller at an intersection where they live in Northampton, Massachusetts. Besides Cedric, who was pushing the stroller, Debra and their other children, Vanessa and Cedric II, were present. They were injured, but not seriously. In a eulogy Mrs. Carter wrote, she said: "Though we shall miss Baby 'Chelle, our hope is that her death will touch the lives of those who loved her, and that people would be drawn to Jesus Christ. [She's] with Jesus in Heaven." Cedric is a recreation assistant at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center and Debra is a homemaker.

'83 **DOUGLAS GEEZE** is the pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Auburn, MA. He is also secretary of the Conservative Baptist Association of Massachusetts. His wife, **JOANNE (FAGERSTROM '83)**, when she's not caring for their two children, Matthew (two years old), and Jonathan (9 months), is music coordinator and pianist for the church's new contemporary worship service. She also teaches music lessons in an afterschool music program in Worcester. The Geezes enjoy producing and recording songs Joanne has written.

SPRING CHAPTERS

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'84 **JEFF JONES** completed a Ph.D. in social ethics at Northwestern University, June 1990. He is teaching part-time at College of Lake County in Grayslake, IL, and at DuPaul University in Chicago.

'84 **ERIC GEORGE** is assistant pastor of the Henrietta (NY) Wesleyan Church. Prior to his appointment he was lay minister and young adult and youth sponsor at Gates (NY) Wesleyan Church. Eric and Diana's son, Bryan, is one.

'84 **MAURICE SUTIONO** produces the "Jesse and Gene" afternoon drive show at All Hits 680 CFTR radio in Toronto, Canada. Also, he freelances through his own audio-visual company, Sound Vision Productions. He produces voice demos, photographic portfolios, gives seminars, and deejays for special occasions. He attends Unionville Alliance Church where the assistant pastor is **TIM MOORE '81**. Last summer while he was vacationing in Los Angeles, CA, Sutiono was a guest on "Rick Dee's Weekly Top 40" syndicated radio show. At Kingdom Bound 1990 Music Festival at Darien Lake, NY, Maurice was

stage manager.

'85 **EVA GARROUTTE**, a Ph.D. candidate at Princeton University (NJ), is writing her dissertation in sociology. Recently she received a scholarship from the Association for Women in Science, and a fellowship from the Ford Foundation. An article she wrote which will comprise one chapter of the book, *Vocabularies of Public Life*, is slated to appear this year. Last summer she traveled in Europe.

'85 **DAVID JONES** (formerly Riether) was ordained October 16, 1990, and immediately began serving as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (PA).

'85 **PETE STEINER** has been pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Brethren Church in North Tonawanda, NY, since April, 1989. He had been a staff member of International Students, Inc., a mission to college students who are studying outside their home countries.

'85 **RICH STRUM** is program assistant in the education department of Shelburne Museum,

Vermont's largest museum. He coordinates school programs both on-site and in schools, organizes children's workshops and assists with special events. "Railroads in Vermont" has become Strum's specialty.

'86 **BILL GREENWAY** is working toward his doctorate in theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. He holds an M.Div. from there, earned in 1989. His wife, Cindy, is also a Ph.D. candidate in theology at Princeton.

'86 **EDWARD ROSS** is pastor of Bruce Mines (Ontario, Canada) Wesleyan Church. He holds a master of divinity degree from Asbury Seminary.

'87 **MARY BEEKLEY-PEACOCK** has been working toward a master's degree in religion at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, but is taking some time off to care for her infant son. Her husband, **KEN '87**, is a case worker for a private foster care agency in Philadelphia.

'87 **AMEL SWEIS** earned a master's degree in community-school psychology from the College of New Rochelle in May, 1990, where she had received an Empire State Challenger fellowship

Alumni Authors

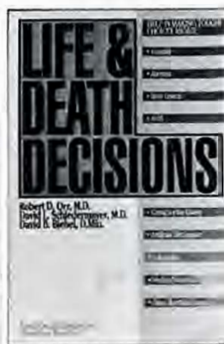
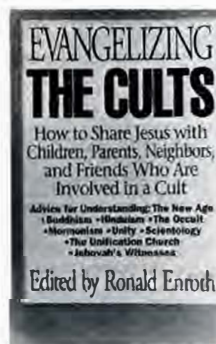
Evangelizing the cults: How to share Jesus with children, parents, neighbors, and friends who are involved in a cult. Servant Publications, Ann Arbor, MI. Ronald Enroth, ed. (1990)

Dr. Enroth has assembled 10 essays by nine different authors in this condensed survey of religious groups which "are all currently active throughout North America" (p. 10). In his introductory essay, Enroth emphasizes that this book is not an exhaustive handbook of the cults, and that it is not directed at experienced Christian cult-watchers, for whom most of the content is common knowledge.

Rather, these essays introduce the cults by presenting a brief history of each, followed by a description of its doctrinal or theological distinctives and the contrast between these distinctives and biblical faith. All essay authors are evangelical Christians, qualified to write on their topics by study or experience. Most will be recognized by their previous publications in this field.

The summary of key information about the cults is certainly welcome, especially to those of us who have difficulty remembering whether a group believes God is God, All is God, or a particular person is God. . . or not. The larger contribution, however, is the emphasis on *evangelizing the people* in the cults. Most of the essays adopt the model of friendship evangelism, pointing out that God does not call us to win arguments, but to present the gospel faithfully and in love. Enroth puts it this way: ". . . we are not cult-busters; we are agents of reconciliation, bearers of good news to those who do not know Jesus our Lord" (p. 15). Thus, these essays call us to balance critical thinking and loving outreach. The call to critical thinking shows up in at least two emphases: We must understand the errors in the truth-claims of the cults (arguably the focus of most of the essays); and we must present the gospel clearly and ac-

curately. Several essays suggest that too many Christians understand cults as simply other Christian denominations or as beliefs which, while different, must be respected and therefore accepted.



Enroth and the essayists insist that pointing out areas of disagreement with cult doctrine, and offering negative evaluations of the logic of those doctrines, do not constitute intolerance or attacks on religious freedom. They also observe that a large proportion of people involved in cults come from a Christian background, but one in which they had not really understood the gospel. This necessitates the clear and accurate presentation of the truth.

In their call to loving outreach, the essayists underline the importance of respect for others and their beliefs, even while disagreeing. They advise us not to ridicule or demean beliefs or people; to search for the positive motives for a person's cult involvement and validate them; to overcome our desire to win arguments or coerce conversions; to be intellectually honest; and to use the Golden Rule Apologetic: Witness unto others as you would have them witness unto you.

I recommend this book. It is clearly organized, balanced, and thoughtful. The essays are readable and coherent. They offer us both challenge and help to be ready, always, to give reason for the hope that lies within us, doing so with gentleness and respect.

—Paul D. Young

Life and Death Decisions, 208 pgs., is a 1990 publication of NavPress, co-authored by Robert D. Orr '62 and two others, Dr. David Schiedermayer and Dr. David Biebel, who are active in the Christian Medical and Dental Society. Dr. Orr, who has practiced family medicine for 18 years, was named Vermont Family Doctor of the Year in 1989. He served on the ethics committee of the Vermont State Medical Society and most recently became director of clinical ethics and associate professor of family medicine at Loma Linda University Medical Center in California.

The purpose of the work is to help Christian laypersons make tough decisions about bioethical issues. This is in line with the philosophy of NavPress whose publications are said to be tools to help Christians grow. In order to facilitate this, the book is filled with frank, heart-wrenching case studies, both real and simulated, helpful outlines of positions taken and carefully defined distinctions, a brief glossary and suggestions for further reading, but above all an extensive and *appropo* use of Biblical stories and quoted passages. Each chapter ends with a section "For Discussion" in which provocative questions are asked and difficult cases are presented. This provides for small group discussions in churches, home meetings, or the Christian college classroom.

Have the authors succeeded in their purpose? My assessment is that they have done very well. They have managed to include many of the important bioethical concepts and at a level which can be understood by most people. The book is



Julie Peabody

for her two years of full-time study. Currently she works in Yonkers, NY, as a school psychologist.

'87 **TIM VALDEZ** is a club leader for Hi-BA in Queens, NY. Last summer he served at Hi-BA camps in Japan as a staff member and speaker. His wife, **MEDEA (HOFFMAN '88)**, completed the Long Island University/Brooklyn Hospital Physician Assistant Program as valedictorian in August, 1990. She is a physician's assistant at Manhattan's Beth Israel Medical Center in their medicine/chemical dependency department.

'88 **SANDRA LEE (FARRA) CHRISTMAN** is a sales associate for the American Educational Society and is working with other church members to establish a child care center at New Life Presbyterian Church in Glenside, PA. She is enrolled in the church's leadership training course in association with World Harvest Mission; her husband, Brett, leads a small group for the course. The Christmans are involved in the singles ministry and lead a discipleship group. In 1989 they began a France missions support group and

designed to get persons thinking but not to lead everyone to the same answer. Unfortunately, that is not what some people want—they want others to tell them exactly what to do about the problem they face. However, each case and each person is different and must be approached with prayer, information about the options available and an understanding of the ethical concepts involved. In the various cleverly named chapters they inform us and take us through emotion-packed dilemmas such as infertility, abortion, birth defects, euthanasia, AIDS, care for the elderly, use of medical technology, and other contemporary problems. While the opening chapter deals with bioethical principles, the book ends with a critical section on decision-making and even gives a checklist to that end. I found the sections on AIDS and care of the elderly particularly informative. For certain options such as abortion, surrogate motherhood and mercy killing, the authors take strong negative stands based on Biblical understanding, but they urge us to exercise compassion and love rather than strident condemnation toward those fellow Christians who make decisions that differ from ours.

Who should read this book? I believe that every Christian who desires to integrate faith and learning on these issues should read it in order to better face the unanticipated, sudden decisions that one may have to make with relatives, friends or at the personal level. This book will definitely help you do just that. I trust that the authors will continue with future editions of this text, take up additional bioethical issues, expand the glossary, and add relevant information as it becomes available. I strongly commend Dr. Orr and his colleagues for this fine work and I will enjoy using this book in my bioethics class for liberal arts students.

—Donald W. Munro

hope to be on the mission field within the next five years.

'88 **JACKI COREY** is a residence director at Georgetown (KY) College. On May 25 she plans to marry **PETE HISE '89**. He is a full-time master of divinity graduate student at Asbury Seminary (KY).

On May 6, 1990, **MEGAN (GOVE '88) ONG** completed a master's degree in library science at Syracuse University (NY). She is reference librarian with the Osceola County (FL) library system. The Ongs live in West Melbourne, where Richard is an in-house consultant for Harris Corporation.

'88 **GWEN WEAVER** is a missionary on Operation Mobilization's ministry ship, *Doulos*, where she is pantry (dining room) shift leader. She supervises more than 12 employees. She wrote, "More than seeing a task accomplished efficiently, [I desire] to inspire, by God's grace, these women and the ship family to a closer walk with Jesus. A big prayer request!" Miss Weaver is also a conference speaker at various ports. During December 1990 Gwen flew from Thailand to be maid of honor in her sister's Houghton wedding.

'88 **NAOMI WOODMANSEE** has been teaching high school English at Quisqueya Christian School in Haiti since August, 1990. She was a volunteer the past two years at the Bronx (NY) Household of Faith, an inner city church.

'89 **KELLY KNOTT** is a second grade teacher at Fredericksburg Christian School in Virginia. She's originally from Jamestown, NY, and said, "I'm thoroughly enjoying my new job and location."

1990s

'90 **SARAH JANE (CLARK) HAM** received her master's degree in education from the Graduate School of Education, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, in May, 1990. She is teaching at Central Christian Academy in St. Johnsbury, VT.

'90 **STEPHANIE LANGFORD** is working at the Lockport, NY, radio station, WLVL, and has done some reporting. Mostly she covers the county legislative meetings.

'90 **BECKY LUTZ** is assistant to the director of Houghton's Buffalo campus, promoting that campus through public relations, coordinating conferences and special events, producing brochures and newsletters, and co-producing Houghton programming on a local radio station.

'90 **JULIE PEABODY** is in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as an international partner of Habitat for Humanity. She was commissioned November 15, 1990, then took 11 weeks of intensive training for overseas work. According to Peabody, this project is the first of its kind in Ethiopia.

CORRECTIONS: In the October issue of *Milieu*, **DEBORAH LEWIS** graduated in 1972, not 1968 (page 18). Also, a second generation freshman's parents were misidentified. Parents of David Francis are **JAMES** and **JANICE (MAROLF '66) FRANCIS '66** (page 26).



Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Lusk

Former faculty, staff members succumb

JUDITH FINCH (F), of West Falls, NY, in declining health for some months, died December 19, 1990, in Buffalo General Hospital, while undergoing tests. Until she retired last spring, Mrs. Finch had been assistant professor of English at Houghton's Buffalo Suburban Campus since the 1969 merger with Buffalo Bible Institute.

A native of North Chili, NY, she attended public schools there and completed a B.A. degree at Roberts Wesleyan College in 1955, where she also became a Christian. After graduating she worked in the town clerk's office before being hired in 1956 to work at B.B.I. After a year of general work, Mrs. Finch became secretary for public relations director Ralph Mucher, continuing in that capacity until his retirement in the early '60s. She was responsible for arranging student internships and for placing extension teams. She met and married her husband, Richard there in 1957. During the early '60s Mrs. Finch taught in Buffalo area schools, then returned to BBI where she taught English, world literature and history until the merger with Houghton.

Mrs. Finch earned M.Ed. and M.S. degrees from Canisius College. For many years she and her husband were active with Child Evangelism Fellowship, serving on its board. As a teacher she was not easily discouraged and displayed an unexpected sense of humor. Buffalo students dedicated the 1978 edition of their yearbook, *The Light*, to her. She particularly enjoyed working with students who'd not made firm Christian commitments. Long-time colleague Ruth Butler remembers her as a very cooperative person, willing to do whatever was needed. She and her husband also raised pure bred dachshund show dogs.

Services were held in West Falls Bible Church and interment followed at North Chili. Memorial gifts may be made to the church or to Houghton College. Widower Richard Finch survives.

PAULINE SHEA LUSK (HS '21), died in the Houghton Nursing Care Center on January 3, 1991. Born in Winchester, ON, she was valedictorian of the 1921 seminary class. She completed normal school and taught in rural Canada before moving to Syracuse where she lived and worked until 1964 when she married the Rev. Earl Lusk,

brother of Mrs. J. Whitney Shea. Until Rev. Lusk's death less than two years later, they pastored the Nazarene Church in Hampton Roads, VA. Pauline then moved to Houghton and worked with Horace Emmons in the college's East Hall food service, retiring in 1972. Through this time she exhibited rapport with students and co-workers and went the extra step of supplying floral decorations for each table. At the age of 70 Pauline moved to Kissimmee, FL, where she spent the next 16 years among friends and relatives. Then, after two years in her sister Lois's Syracuse home, she moved to the Houghton facility.

Survivors include three brothers, **WHITNEY '33**, **GEORGE BEVERLY '32**, **ALTON '36**, and four sisters; **MARY (ROBINSON '23)**, **LOIS (WRIGHT '38)**, Grace Baker and **RUTH (WILLETT '41)**, together with nieces and nephews, many of whom attended the college. Houghton pastor J. Michael Walters officiated at the funeral with interment following at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Houghton. Memorials may be made to Houghton Academy.

In Memoriam

'47 ETHELMAE (DAWSON) BRILL died August 19, 1990. She and her husband, **EDGAR BRILL '51**, who survives her, pastored United Methodist churches in New York and Pennsylvania for many years.

'17 WALLACE HANFORD died October 18, 1990, of a massive stroke in Sun City, FL. He was 94. Mr. Hanford was predeceased by his wife, Sarah, in 1987. Two daughters survive him.

'41 MARION HATCH died September 28, 1990, in St. Petersburg, FL. Miss Hatch was a dental hygiene teacher in the Ossining (NY) school system until her retirement in 1973, when she moved to the south. She was a graduate of the Dental Hygiene College of Rochester, NY. Hatch traveled to the western states, Mexico, Europe and Canada during retirement. Survivors include a sister, **LUCELE WILSON '31**; and several cousins.

'40 EVELYN (SCHEIMER) LOEFFLER died September 26, 1989. She had lived in Tom's River, NJ.

'34 CHESTER OSGOOD, retired pastor of the Pierrepont Manor (NY) Union Free Church (1952-1981), died November 22, 1990, at the House of the Good Samaritan in Watertown, NY, where he had been a patient since October of that year. He was 77. Rev. Osgood pastored at Wesleyan churches in Herrickville and Westfield, PA, and in Heuvelton, Bath, Sandy Creek and Taylor, NY, churches. Ten years after marrying Myrtle Burlingame in 1942, the couple moved to their present home in Pierrepont Manor, which he built. After retirement in 1981, Osgood served as Ellisburg town justice from 1983-1989. He was also employed in the northern New York construction business, beginning his carpentry career, eventually becoming a supervising engineer. He

was a member of the Pierrepont Manor Improvement Club, Black River Valley Writers' Club, and a member and former president of the Carpentry and Joiners Union. Besides his widow, Osgood is survived by two sons, **C. STERLING '68** and **RODERIC '69**; a daughter, **ALICE (OSGOOD '73) NICHOLS**; nine grandchildren; a brother, **GEORGE '33**; and several nieces and nephews.

'30 LAURA (AMES) PORTER, a retired elementary school teacher, died November 18, 1990, at the age of 82 at House of Good Samaritan in Watertown, NY. Mrs. Porter taught for many years at schools in Orwell, Redfield and Stillwater, NY. She was a member of the Sandy Creek, NY, Wesleyan Church, where she was a former board member and taught Sunday school. Also, she was a member of the New York State Retired Teachers' Association. Surviving are three stepdaughters, **ELSIE (PORTER '43) MUNIZ**, Lila and Iva; a stepson; a sister; a brother; and several stepgrandchildren.

'NORMA (GAGE '34) STEWART died June 3, 1990, at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital in Bath, NY. A 1925 Binghamton Central School graduate, Norma received a registered nurse certificate from Binghamton City Hospital, where she was valedictorian of her class, in 1929. Mrs. Stewart was active in the Steuben County Home Bureau, the Farm Bureau Kitchen Conference, as a member of the Buena Vista Wesleyan Church for more than 40 years, and was a gold star member of the Towlesville Grange. Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, **CHARLENE STEWART '55** and **KATHLEEN (STEWART '67) PERRINE**; a son; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, **BLANCHE (GAGE '33) MOON** and Muriel Warner.

'29 CHARLES THOMPSON, a retired Methodist minister, died September 15, 1990, at Rivermede Manor Nursing Home in Binghamton, NY. He had suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for at least 10 years. Besides his Houghton degree, Rev. Thompson earned a bachelor's degree in divinity from St. Lawrence Theological Seminary, Canton, in 1948. He was a graduate of Harvard Chaplain School. Before World War II, Thompson was a Lisle Free Academy principal in the early '30s and served as pastor of Methodist churches in New York for 10 years. After serving with the Army Air Corps during the war, he pastored Methodist churches in Colton, South Colton, Hannawa Falls, Barneveld and South Trenton. During the Korean conflict Rev. Thompson was recalled to active duty, serving for a year in Korea and two years in Germany. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel. Again, he pastored until his retirement in 1974, concluding at Associated Church of Lisle. Altogether he had pastored for some 36 years. Thompson was a member of many religious, military and civic clubs. Besides his widow, survivors include a son; a daughter; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a nephew; and a cousin. Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Research, 70 East Lake St., Chicago, IL 60601.

'45 CORNELIA (FRENCH) WRIGHT died in November (1990) at her Canistota, NY, home after a long illness. She was a nurse.

'68 EDITH (LOCKLIN) BERRY died October 5, 1990, of a sudden coronary thrombosis in Kenya where she was serving as a missionary with World Concern. She was born and raised in Ontario, Canada. From 1971-82 she had served with African Inland Mission. Before missionary service, Edith was a research chemist for Avon. In 1990 she earned a master's degree in Christian ministries from Kenya's Daystar University, and had recently begun teaching Old Testament Introduction there. World Concern has established an "Edith Berry Memorial Fund" for a project they determine out of her particular concerns. Besides her husband, Howard, survivors include a daughter; two sons; her parents; two sisters, **HAZEL (LOCKLIN '69) MORGAN**, and Shelley Sunden; two brothers, Howard's parents and his sister, **DONNALEE (BERRY '68) STOCKIN**. Memorials may be made to World Concern.

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Houghton's NAIA Hall of Fame Coach Douglas Burke is flanked by former soccer players who attended the November 19 induction ceremony banquet in Boca Raton, FL. From left they are: midfielder Ron Barnett '79, now a guidance counselor and coach; goalie Joel Prinsell '77, an attorney; Burke's son Steve '80, once a forward, now athletic director and soccer coach at Judson College, IL; and forward Dan Irwin '80, now a real estate broker. All live in Florida except Steve.

BASKETBALL—Even though both men's and women's teams have losing records so far, coaches Brooks and Lord are looking at improved play and a good chance of season-ending playoffs.

Both teams opened the season at the Mansfield Tournament, where each lost in the championship game. Lori Wynn, Darren Berkeley, and David Binkowski made the All-Tournament Teams. The men's team went to an Indiana invitational where they lost two, one on a buzzer-shot. But Binkowski was named MVP with outbursts of 30 and 31 points. Binkowski leads all scorers with a 21.5 average, including 35 in a win over Roberts. Berkeley follows with a 16.3 average. Stacie Dagwell leads the women with a 15.1 average followed by Tricia Atkinson's 13.4 and Lori Wynn's 10.

Present records are 4-5 for the women and 3-7 for the men.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Bob Smalley's thin clads had a super season. The women were able to compete as a full team for the first time in seven years. Coach is hoping that the success the team has had this year will encourage other runners to come out as well as tempt some new recruits to Houghton.

Houghton took the District 18 Championship with a fine effort, winning by 16 points. This meant that the entire team qualified for NAIA Nationals in Wisconsin. The team finished 40th out of 42. Senior Jon Cole finished 169th out of 358. Marion Austin, our finest woman runner, did even better, finishing 86th out of 370! An added bonus was that Coach Smalley was named District Coach of the Year.

FIELD HOCKEY

Coach Connie Finney did a lot with a team of eight first-year players, only

two seniors, and a tough schedule. They did "put it all together" to finish with a fine 9-5 record, upsetting such good teams as Oswego, Juniata, Slippery Rock, and the University of Rochester.

One of the best upsets was at the NCCAA Tournament where Finney's charges knocked off top-ranked Philadelphia College of the Bible 2-1 in a game that went into three overtimes and a stroke-off. Similarly, they finally lost to Eastern, but it took triple overtimes and another stroke-off to put the Highlanders down. Houghton placed Jennifer Barrett, Janet Kirschner, and Lori Scheetz on the NCCAA District Invitational All Tournament Team.



Coach Smalley

VOLLEYBALL

Coach Lord's team improved and also went to NAIA District Playoffs. They finished the season with a 16-8 mark with exciting matches a guarantee.

Stacie Dagwell and Julie Claypool were nothing short of sensational at the District Tournament as well as during the year. Stacy had 31 kills and Julie 25 digs during the tournament alone. Stacie was named to the All-District Second Team for her outstanding efforts. Houghton lost to District Champion Seton Hill in three games. The Seton Hill team was top ranked, 18-0 in District play, and 29-3 overall and just too tough for even a good Houghton team. Coach Lord felt that finishing in the top four this first year in the District demonstrated success.

SOCCER

The men's soccer program had a complete turn-around from last year. The final record was 10-7-2. This not only included an important win over a Roberts' team with a 10-4 record but the NAIA District crown as well.

Burke's squad entered the first round of the NAIA Area 8 Soccer Championship with a game against West Virginia Wesleyan, the number 1 ranked team in the country. Houghton played a tough game but lost 1-3. A further interesting note is that West Virginia Wesleyan played in the national championship game and beat the number 2 team in the country 3-1!

Individual honors in the form of the NAIA District 18 All District Team went to the following players: back Peter Amos, forward Dan Dominguez and goalkeeper Chad Groff. Leading scorers were Randy Levack with ten goals and Dan Dominguez with nine.

The women's team finished on the losing side with a 2-14-1 record. Tricia Atkinson provided most of the fireworks with a 10-goal season, including three against Wells College. Becky Keene most often lit the fuse with five assists. Becky, even though not the top scorer, was the leading shooter with most shots for the season and most shots in a game.

CHAPEL CHOIR 1991 TOUR

Wed., Mar. 27, evening—Open*
 Thurs., Mar. 28—Open*
 Good Friday, 1:30 pm—Calvary Presbyterian
 Church, 4th St. & Lippincott Ave., Riverton, NJ
 Good Friday, evening—Open*
 Easter morning—Open*
 Easter evening—Open*

*Contact Dr. Bruce Brown if interested.

CAMPUS NEWS



Service awardees present for picture: Front: Rev. Mullen, Mrs. Bunt, Mrs. Roederer, Dr. Howard, Miss Foss, Mrs. Nielsen, Mr. Nielsen. Rear: Dr. Munro, Mr. Jacobson, Dr. Parker, Mr. Norton, Dr. King and Dr. Piersma, Mr. Lennox



Retirees pictured: The Fletchers, Mrs. Osgood, Dr. Allen, Mr. Fancher, Mr. Alderman, Mr. Miller, Rev. Seamans.

At the college's annual January service recognition banquet, president Chamberlain cited 38 individuals for an aggregate 751 years' service to Houghton College. Twenty-nine faculty and staff received gifts for terms of employment from 10-35 years.

Honored for 10 years were: Wendell Ackerman, carpenter; Robert Danner, dean of students; Linda Doezeema, reference librarian; Janet Findlay, health center; Ben King, fine arts division chair, Daniel Klotzbach, controller; Ray Parlett, security director; Sandy Roederer, records office, Gail Smith, health center, and Irene Young, science division secretary. Fifteen year recipients were president Chamberlain, Wayne MacBeth, external affairs director, Charles Massey, education and academic affairs at Buffalo; Fred Parker, mathematics, Brian Sayers, philosophy and Ian Lennox, trustee. Kenneth Boon, biology, Betty Bunt, library cataloger; Irma Howard, chemistry; Floyd Merriam, custodian; Doris Nielsen, physical education, and Bernie Piersma, chemistry, got 20-year awards. Marking a quarter-century at Houghton were Richard Jacobson, mathematics; Larry Mullen, religion and philosophy and Donald Munro, biology. Vice president for finance Kenneth Nielsen was recognized for 30 years at the college; Alma Foss, food service secretary, and Ted Norton, music, for 35 years each.

Retirees were Richard Alderman, alumni affairs director; William Allen, music and composer in residence; Eva Ellis, dining hall; Lowell Fancher, college press and senior employee at 42 years; Rolland and Alice Fletcher, carpenter and personnel director, respectively; Robert Miller, electrician; Phyllis Osgood, dining hall, and Edwin Seaman, trustee. A citation was also presented to the husband of the late Judith Finch, who had just concluded service as English faculty at the time of her death. (See story on page 19.)

Trustees hike costs 5.8 %, approve \$15 million budget

At their January meeting Houghton's trustees approved a modest 5.8 percent aggregate increase in student costs for 1991-92. Tuition will increase 6.8 percent, fees will rise 7.1 percent, rooms will be up just 2.9 percent and board will rise three percent for a comprehensive liberal arts cost of \$11,810.

The \$15,000,000 budget is built upon a projected two-semester enrollment average of 1,050. Endowment and other ancillary income account for the balance. In keeping with a three-year plan to make faculty salaries more competitive with similar schools, full and associate professors will receive a 7 percent salary increase, instructors and assistant professors and equivalent administrative personnel will get 4.5 percent raises, staff will receive an additional 4 percent, senior administrators 6 percent.

President Chamberlain said that income generated by enrollment above the budget projections will be used to fund such academic needs as instructional equipment and faculty development.

Faculty promotions approved included: to full professor—Dr. Charles Bressler, English, and Dr. John Tyson, theology; to associate professor—Mr. Kenneth Bates, business, and Mr. Theodore Murphy, art. Promoted to assistant professor was Mr. Jose Velazquez, Spanish.

In other actions the board renewed a contract with Pioneer Food Service, and deferred groundbreaking on the proposed fine arts center to review options for construction and underwriting costs.

Year-end gift report

Overall giving to Houghton College in 1990 exceeded \$1 million again, but was sharply down from 1989. That's because there were no truly large capital gifts last year. On the other hand, individual current fund giving, such as most of us are capable of, actually rose by \$31,100. Giving for faculty salaries in 1989-90 brought gifts from 327 persons. In 1990, the figure passed 450. Year-end

donor numbers are up a third from 1989, although overall donor numbers for the year aren't yet available.

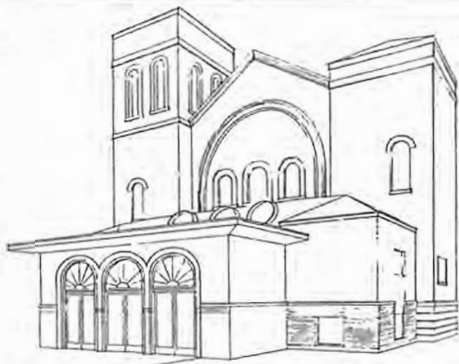
During 1990, development officers made more contacts than ever before, according to vice president for development, G. Blair Dowden. He feels that recession doesn't factor in small or truly large gifts, but has affected giving in the \$10,000-\$50,000 range. A significant implication of drastically reduced capital giving will be a delay in beginning the proposed fine arts center. Dowden expects the trustees to consider various options into the spring, from approving a fall start if large prospective gifts accrue this spring, to exploring modular construction as funds become available.

The project needs \$4.8 million. In any case, Dowden foresees concerted administrative and trustee effort, intensive constituent prayers and giving, and perhaps two seven-figure gifts, as necessary if the fine arts center is to become reality.

FACULTY NEWS

Just as most Houghtonites were digging into their Christmas leftovers, psychology professor **Richard Stegen** '69, headed south to Louisville, KY, to begin a semester-long sabbatical leave at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His plans there include studying philosophy, theology, and psychology of religion; revising for publication a paper he presented at a "Values Education" conference at Houghton last summer; and researching the psychological dynamics of caring.

Stegen, who holds a doctorate in psychology, would like to pursue graduate-level training in theology and philosophy in order to "undergird" his handling of the psychology of religion course he currently teaches. He also hopes to attend a few classes taught by professor Wayne Oates, the author of the textbook Stegen uses in his psychology of religion course. "He's one of the primary attractions for me," said Stegen. "Oates is one of the most important people in pastoral counseling to originate training programs for seminary students."



Renovating for handicapped access—

Houghton Wesleyan Church will launch a major renovation project in the spring that will satisfy a determination to provide appropriate handicapped access, provide adequate rest rooms, and two new Sunday School rooms. It will also replace crumbling entry stairs and enclose them and afford expanded foyer space for informal fellowship and improved traffic flow.

The project will occupy the spring and summer months and is expected to cost \$150,000. Cash and pledges for the project have passed the \$48,000 mark, with a capital campaign expected to fund nearly half the cost in advance of construction.

Theological Institute set

Communicating the Gospel will be the theme for Houghton College's annual Institute of Theology, March 11-13, 1991. Guest speaker will be Dr. Keith Drury, general secretary of the department of local church education for the Wesleyan Church.

Augmenting the plenary sessions will be nine seminars led by Houghton religion division faculty, several district superintendents and pastors. Topics will range from: What is the gospel? and Analyzing the great commission to How to communicate more effectively, and Building an Inter-racial church.

Designation of the Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award will also be a program feature. Pastors with questions not covered in a detailed brochure to be mailed in January may call Joy Caldwell at the college (716) 567-9334.

For Stegen and his wife, Janet, visiting the South will also be a homecoming of sorts since both have childhood roots there. During the summer, they will travel with their two children to neighboring states, visit friends, and "maybe go to the Kentucky Derby."

Dr. **Wilson Greatbatch**, inventor of the cardiac pacemaker, sponsor of pacemaker research at Houghton and adjunct professor of physical science for 22 years, received the National Medal of Technology from President Bush in a



White House ceremony on November 13, 1990. He was one of 11 to receive the medals, which honor researchers and high-technology companies.

"Literary in Historical England" is the title of a new, three-credit hour course professors **Cameron Airhart** (history) and **Charles Bressler** (literature) will team teach, taking 23 Houghton juniors and seniors from London and Oxford to Bath and Stratford at Avon during spring break, March 23- April 1. It's thought to be the first regular semester, campus-based course to incorporate travel abroad. The group with the professors and their wives as tour guides, will be based in London. Highlights include being at Canterbury on Easter Sunday morning, visiting Westminster Abbey, and walking on the same path Lord Byron took from Oxford to Grassmere. In preparation for the trip, students will study the literature, history and geography of the country, in part by reading works by Chaucer and Dickens, and Thomas Moore's *The Utopia* and Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*.



Fa la la la la, Madrigals celebrate 25 years

December 6, 7, and 8, 1990, Houghton's Yuletide Madrigal Dinners celebrated a 25th anniversary. It was 1966 when the nine members of the college chamber singers first donned rented 16th century English costumes to perform a concert of madrigals, carols and an excerpt from "Amahl and the Night Visitors" for some 250 guests jammed into East Hall's basement dining room.

Before that Christmas season ended, the singers had done repeat performances in chapel, for a club dinner, and at the

Wellsville high school. Then vice president for development Dr. Robert Luckey saw that he had a hit on his hands. As years passed, the number of singers grew to the present average of 14-16. Programs generally contain madrigals and a variety of Christmas music, but recent years have seen productions of Menotti's "Amahl," and the play, "Christmas in the Marketplace."

Today's musical performances are augmented by occasional jugglers, mimes and strolling soloists. Rented costumes have given way to clothes designed and

made for the singers by Dr. and Mrs. Donald Bailey (he was the group's longest tenured director). The singers have had just three directors with professor Jean Reigles in that role since 1983.

Nowadays there are three performances at Houghton, two at Buffalo, sold out within days of announcement. Script for the silver anniversary performances was written by Houghton composer-in-residence Dr. William T. Allen and for the first time, the menu substituted roast pork for roast beef. Some 1,394 attended.

The theme, "Giving From the Heart," best describes the Houghton College Phonathon. Each year nearly 400 students receive phonathon assistance. These need-based grants are "given from the hearts" of alumni and other friends who faithfully respond to an annual phonathon call.

February is phonathon month! Volunteer faculty, staff, students, and local alumni will again be calling nearly 8,000 homes.

Consider the following typical recipient of phonathon assistance.

He took an active part in financing his education. Throughout his college tenure this 1990 Houghton graduate held on-campus jobs and worked in a factory during the summers. His father worked in construction, and his mom was a beautician. They helped their son pay for his education, but their income wasn't sufficient to meet the need. Hence, that student received \$1,500 per year from phonathon funds. Availability of this assistance helped to make graduation from Houghton a reality for that student. Indeed, "giving from the heart" best describes the Houghton College Phonathon.



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