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According to Prison Fellowship sources, America stands third, just behind the Soviet Union and South Africa, in the number of people it incarcerates. Tough sentences and new jails aren't solving the problem. In this issue honorary alumnus and Prison Fellowship founder Charles Colson challenges the church to Christian solutionism and introduces features about experimental programs, how to for the local church member, alumni serving with Prison Fellowship, and how Houghton people are involved in western New York prison ministries.

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As this last *Milieu* for fiscal 1986-87 goes to press, your support has us firmly in the black despite a record number of pages and color. Thanks for that and the promise of continued fiscal stability. Now we want you to share in the magazine's success and help us grow in other ways.

I regularly devour a renowned university magazine which publishes a section called "Perspectives"—short pieces by alumni or faculty on topics ranging from an essay on death (triggered by the author's having to explain a puppy's demise to his children), to recollections of and observations based on a summer in an Israeli kibbutz. Other contributors have discussed refugee problems in Latin America, and the discouragement of unemployment. They've reviewed books, defended literary preferences (science fiction), explored the grounds of ecclesiastical authority, and described zoo-bred augmentation of endangered species.

Over the past decade numerous *Milieu* stories have been triggered by unsolicited alumni or faculty submissions. Examples include Faith Winger Crown's "Re-thinking the Arab/Israeli Question," Richard Perkins's "What We Need is Less IS and More OUGHT," Robert Dingman's piece on the challenge of finding executives to head Christian organizations and Dean Curry's recent "Faith and Politics—Responsible Evangelical Social Action."

*Milieu* now invites your original submissions with the goal of publishing one or more per issue. Pieces chosen may be printed as submitted, or revised in consultation with the author. We're looking for essays that illuminate issues of the day, capsule personal experiences with broader implications, perhaps articulate opportunities for Christian endeavor.

If this appeals to you, have a go at your typewriter or word processor. Be personal and vivid. Substance is vital, but style and mechanics influence editors, too. Submissions should be typed, double-spaced and generally not exceed two pages. Illustrative black and white photos or line sketches may be attached. *Milieu* will acknowledge receipt of material and assess probability of use, but will not return manuscripts unless requested to do so.

If writing an article isn't your thing, submit news for Alumni in Action. We get good participation from alumni of the 70s and 80s, but relatively little from earlier classes. Use this easy means to keep in touch with old friends. Style and mechanics won't make or break you since most items are rewritten for space here, but please be legible and include all vital data—when, where, how and why.

—Dean Liddick

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# The Church on the Front Lines

by Charles W. Colson, hon. '83  
(edited)

**W**HAT IS THE ROLE of the church in the world today? This is the most crucial question Christians must answer. Misconceptions in our culture abound about who Christians are and how their faith affects their daily lives. An accurate and comprehensive answer is vital to all in the Houghton College community involved in preparing young people to live out their lives as Christian disciples, to alumni and friends living their faith beyond the campus.

One misconception is that the church is primarily a building where people go on Sunday morning for their weekly inspirational fix. On the contrary, the church is the people of God. Prison Fellowship volunteers demonstrate this in more than 500 prisons across the United States, taking the church—the Body of Christ—to needy people.

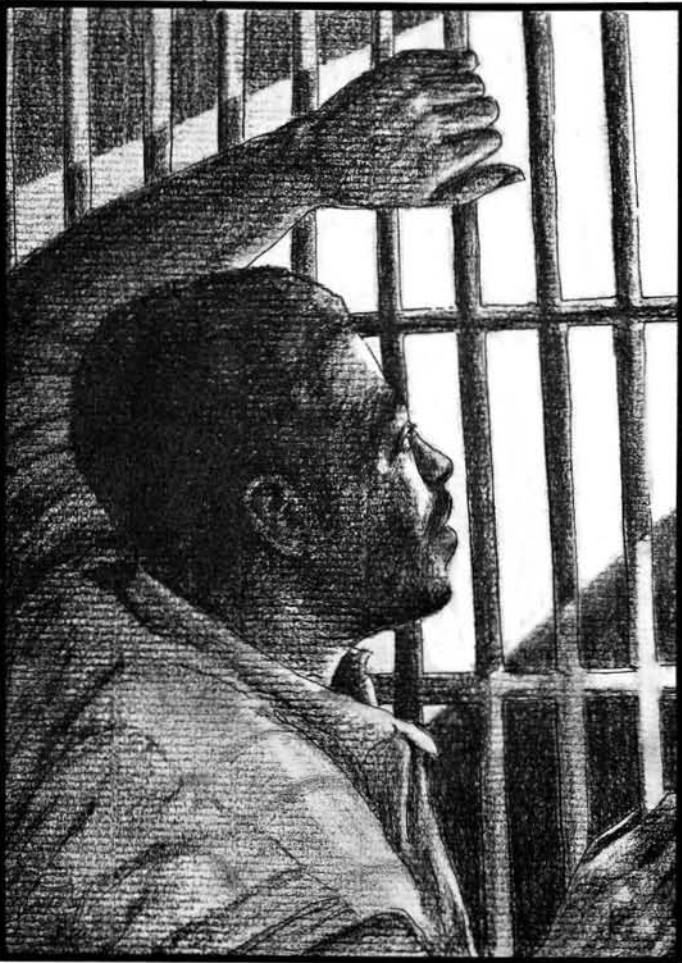
For example, in Elgin, Florida, Lewie Tidwell served time. Released in 1980, he returns to the prison Sunday after Sunday with his wife to conduct Sunday School for the visiting children of inmates . . . because God's people are bringing the church inside, children are coming to know Christ as saviour.

Another misconception is that church people are smugly self-righteous, seeking what God will do for them. Sadly, we Christians must admit we've given people reason to believe this. Much of the message preached today is "what's-in-it-for-me" prosperity gospel—a deadly formula which blends the world's values with "spiritual" means to achieve them. But the antidote is the witness of Christians who reach out selflessly to others.

In the very shadow of the United States Capitol a Prison Fellowship van pulls up along a crumbling curb by a ramshackle house where nine people live. During the next two weeks, five Christian prisoners, powerless in the sight of the world, but furloughed for a PF community service project, refloored the kitchen, insulated, cleaned and built a new porch. "Powerful" government programs designed to aid the needy, and headquartered just blocks away, were too bogged down to help. The family living in that renovated home knows that caring Christians make the difference, and they have seen the true church—God's people sharing God's love with those in need.

Through the Angel Tree project, Christian volunteers deliver Christmas gifts every year to the children of inmates. These gifts, donated by the community, express a tangible truth to thousands of children—that the birth of the Christ child is real, that his love reaches out. I experience the same kind of love when I preach in prison. As I look over the congregation I see bankers, embezzlers, drug dealers and housewives, black, white, rich and poor. Those labels, so divisive in the world, make no difference in prison. There is a sense of unity and joy I seldom experience elsewhere. For there is little basis for self-righteousness among inmates who have confronted the reality of their own sin, nor among volunteers who have stepped in faith beyond their own comfort zone to meet others' needs—and have known the special affinity with Christ that comes no other way.

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A third misconception is that religion and politics are inseparably related. (Although to a degree that's true, advocates too often go on to use God as a prop for their own political agenda, making the church handmaiden to the state.) I've seen Prison Fellowship staff and volunteers shatter this stereotype in state after state as Justice Fellowship, the reform arm of PF Ministries, challenges archaic sentencing practices and deplorable prison conditions. This ministry serves as a catalyst, bringing about urgently-needed changes in the system.

Four years ago the Florida state prison population was growing at the rate of 500 inmates per month—and hundreds of millions of dollars were planned for new prison construction. I accompanied a small group of business and political leaders speaking for reforms in nine cities. We advocated model legislation including restitution, sentencing guidelines, and community-based alternatives. Despite public apprehension and vocal opposition from prosecutors, a bipartisan coalition courageously pushed the legislation through. Today Florida has a stabilized prison population, dollars have been saved, and the crime rate is down.

A fourth misconception is that religion is a private affair and thus has no bearing on one's public or political life. Prison Fellowship volunteers across America, heeding Christ's command to care for "the least of these," give of themselves sacrificially in the stifling gray cellblocks of prisons. No "feel good" philosophy causes people to give their time and love to those considered the most unlovable; obedience to Christ does.

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## “... And You Came to Visit Me

*It is in the realm of possibility for the Church of Jesus Christ to offer a complete package of care to the offender and his family that will make a significant impact in the direction of his life.*

by David Pollock '63

I FELT the same smothering trapped sensation I had felt at 19 when for the first time I heard the metal prison door slam shut and the bolt resolutely clang into place behind me. The maximum security section of that prison in Monterey, Mexico, flooded back to my mind as I walked toward the classroom in a New England State Prison 28 years later.

Throughout those years, interspersed through other endeavors, I have heard that same sound while ministering to delinquent teens in Schenectady, New York, offenders returning to family and community in New Jersey and Vermont, street people in trouble in New York City.

Now, new inmates, long-termers and near release people behind similar metal doors, listen to information and counsel about the life transitions they are experiencing. In response to the Life Transition Seminar a New England State Prison inmate writes to the Commissioner of Corrections, "Speaking from the heart, I can honestly say that the seminar is the finest, most productive and informative of any such gathering, throughout my entire seven-year period of incarceration." It is not that the content is so profound, but what has happened is that a human being, differing from me only in the color of his uniform and the limitations imposed by those metal doors, has been helped to understand what has been happening to him as he moved from the outside world to prison, from position to position in prison, and finally, what will happen to

him as he moves back to the outside world.

Questions are raised in his mind about anger, guilt, fear, depression, despair, and he asks them. The door is now open to share the answers to the basic problems of man's heart, and the only answers that really make sense are those that come from God. We, His people, have the opportunity to be the messengers of hope.

### surprising parallels

Several months ago, Lenni Spitale and Don Moberg of the Evangelical Association of New England and Don Carr of Prison Fellowship asked if I would participate in a program to train volunteers for prison ministry. Acting on an "educated hunch" that prisoners have experiences in transition similar to people moving from one culture to another, I addressed the issue of transitional experience and how to cope with it. The response from participating ex-offenders was so positive that Christian businessman John Bowen, founder and director of Freedom Industries, and the Commissioner of Corrections from a New England state asked if I would provide a similar seminar for prisoners. This seminar is now beyond the trial stage, and other state corrections departments and organizations are exploring the possibility of using it.

Is this all there is to fulfilling the responsibility of visiting the prisoner? The com-



mands and the compassion of Jesus Christ compel us to get inside the barriers constructed by hurts, disappointments, crimes inflicted that have produced more crime, to the person for whom He has died. Such a seminar on transition simply slips inside the barriers and prepares the way for a flow of care that intercepts a destructive life and redirects it to the abundant life offered by Christ.

A very angry 22-year-old offender in maximum security said, "No one has ever cared for me before, or while I was here [prison]. Why should I believe that people will care when I am back out on the street?" The chances are good that this man will not look for available help from Christians and may even reject it because of his anger and resentment. It is true that he has responsibility, but Jesus' words about visiting the prisoner makes the responsibility mine, too. The body of believers can visit the prisoner at a variety of points of intervention and thus share this responsibility in a very effective and efficient way.

There are five of us on the present "transition seminar" team. John Bowen resigned from a lucrative position at a company he founded to develop a series of businesses providing training and jobs for former offenders. Brent, Ray, and

Lenni are former offenders who have committed their lives to Christ and are successful in their careers. They understand both the chaos of transition and the basis for the transformation that allows an individual to be rehabilitated. They are investing their lives as mentors to others. This team needs to be larger to address the variety of needs for such a large number of law offenders.

We need people like Tom Kettelkamp of the Houghton College faculty, whose recreational program and "visiting" with college athletic teams serves the prisoner inside while raising the understanding of students to the issues of incarceration without treating the inmate as if he were a creature on display in a zoo.

Members of such a team in the local church can reach out to the spouse and children of offenders when the offender is incarcerated. Support and assistance to the innocent who are also being punished is key to reaching the one who is inside.

Who helps to care for property, watches his children, provides transportation for prison visits, and gives comfort when the rest of the world ridicules and inflicts suffering on the family? Should it not be those who have received the opposite of what they deserve from God? Many people find it frightening to open themselves

to an ex-offender, but commitment care for his family while he is in prison provides the opportunity to minister to who suffer.

#### ***after the "debt" is paid***

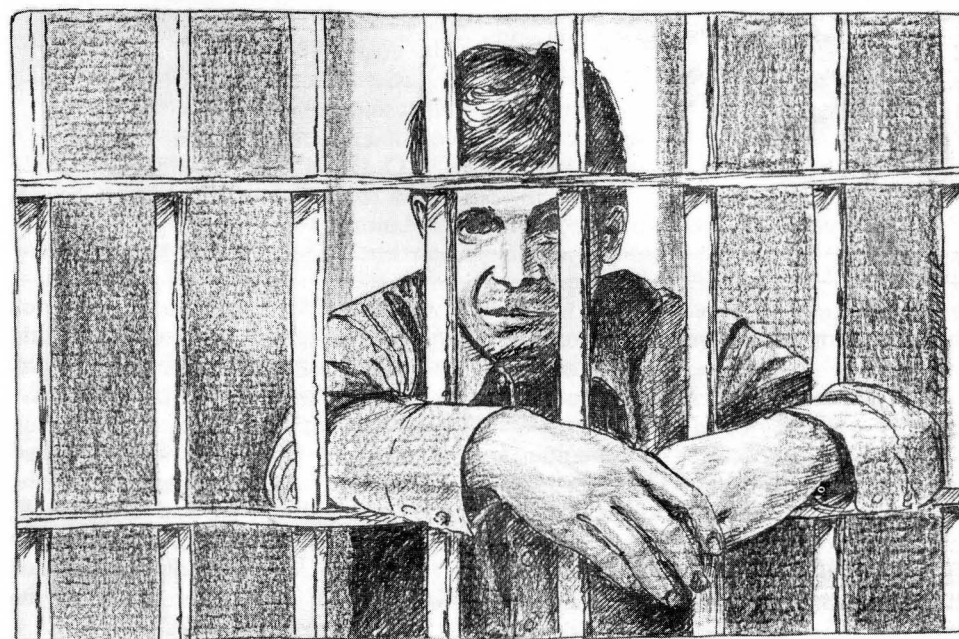
As the offender is released, the community must offer to be supportive of the fragile family unit. Mentors can come from out of the church body to be supportive to the offender and assist in finding training and employment for him. As the person moves through transition he will reach for someone to be that supportive mentor. If the healthy person is not available, those who will be destructive influences will fill the vacuum. Bible conference facilities could be used for family life conferences and couple retreats during the pre-release period immediately following release. Chris educator Jerry Hardis is developing stress camping experience that can be a tool contributing to the re-development of parent/child relationships. Christian businessmen can provide job opportunities for ex-offenders and support them in their adjustment.

Not long ago, a Commissioner of Corrections in a northeastern state told me he had never been the Commissioner of Correction. I am the Commissioner of Retribution. I would like to be the Commissioner of Correction." The Body of Christ has the potential to be the instrument to bring genuine correction and rehabilitation, but salt needs to get involved with the soup to be effective, involvement may cost in the process.

"And you visited me. . . . Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these, brethren, you have done it unto me (Matthew 25:40).

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*America's prison population exceeds 546,000. . . 74 percent of those released are re-arrested within four years.*

## Reaching Out to "The Least of These"

by Nancy Gravatt

*practical avenues of service for individuals and churches*

**A**MERICA'S PRISON POPULATION exceeds 546,000 and is rapidly expanding. It is clear that our crowded prisons neither deter crime nor rehabilitate offenders. In the face of FBI reports that 74 percent of those released from prison are re-arrested within four years, it becomes obvious that the only answer to the crime problem—and the fear and guilt that comes with incarceration—is Jesus Christ.

Whether trying to equip a prisoner for his crucial re-entry period after release; or offering the freeing message of Christ's love to an inmate seeking self-esteem, or sharing joy with children at Christmas to reinforce the reality of Jesus's love—for His little ones—Prison Fellowship Ministries volunteers throughout the country are involved Christians, stalking one of the darkest, most bleak mission fields in the world—our nation's prisons.

Through Prison Fellowship Ministries you can be part of Christ's message of hope and reconciliation. Here are some ways you can help in prisons:

1. Visit an inmate.
2. Attend or lead a prison Bible study.
3. Participate in an in-prison seminar.

Or you can serve in your community in these ways:

1. Write to an inmate.
2. Visit an inmate's family.
3. Help an ex-prisoner find a job, housing, or a church home.
4. Work on "Angel Tree", a Christmas project to help prisoners' children.

5. Host a furloughed prisoner during a PF community service project.

6. Serve as a church representative, informing your church of needs and opportunities.

7. Participate in Prison Fellowship's nationwide prayer chain.

8. Join others in working toward criminal justice reform. (Find out how you can become a member of Justice Fellowship and receive its newsletter, "The Justice Report.")

9. Give financially to help Prison Fellowship help others.

If you would like to become a PFM volunteer, you can write to: Prison Fellowship Ministries, Attention PF/U.S.A., P.O. Box 17500, Washington, DC 20041-0500. In addition, check with your pastor to see if your church might like to get involved in prison ministry as a congregation.

### **The Church on the Front Lines. . .**

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Consider the Florida mother who sought out and befriended the man who killed her son—and saw him come to Christ through her example of forgiveness; or the Washington state pharmacist whose drug store was robbed. He faithfully visited his offender in prison and saw him grow to become a leader in the Christian fellowship there. And there is the business man on our PF board

who, after his conversion to Christ, ordered pornographic magazines removed from the 1,700 stores in his chain.

The role of the church in American life is not to be defined by the national press corps, only eight percent of whom attend church. Nor is it to be defined by politicians, many of whom seek to use the church for their own political gains; nor by a secular culture which is happy to tuck Christians safely away in their sanctuaries where they won't bother anyone.

If we fail to challenge these counterfeit stereotypes, we will be allowing the world to shape our agenda, which can only dull the cutting edge of the gospel and render the church impotent.

The role of the church must be defined by Christian action in obedience to the holy commandments of a sovereign God; being, in the words of Archbishop William Temple, "the only cooperative society in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members."



## Alumni with PF warn:

### **"Lock 'em up and throw away the key" Isn't Christian Attitude**

**J**UST HOW MANY Houghton alumni serve with Prison Fellowship or other jail ministries professionally, or as volunteers, is unknown, but two graduates have vital roles at PF.

As vice president for public ministry, Whitney Kuniholm '76 is responsible for raising an annual revenue budget which now stands at \$12 million. Robert Wollenweber '50 is PF director for Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Kuniholm grew up in Bowie, MD, just outside of Washington. As a high school senior he checked out several college business administration majors, and decided to apply—one at a time—to those ranking highest. Houghton accepted him and he looked no further. But once on campus he became a Bible major with a business minor, a choice he now sees as God's hand "because I believe biblical study is the best starting point for anyone in parachurch work, and especially Christian fund raising."

Kuniholm says his chief college influences were the sports teams he played on, friends, the rural western New York environment, improved work habits, the conscious decision not to let his spiritual life slide, and "development of basic writing, speaking and interpersonal skills." Kuniholm

also met his wife, the former Carol Capra '77, here. Today she teaches English at George Mason University and they have a young daughter and son.

After college, "Whitey" spent seven years working for Scripture Union before applying at Prison Fellowship, where he began working in 1983. He concludes: "I believe churches should take on one program that involves hands-on ministry between the congregation and one of the groups of people Jesus called 'the least of these,' not only for the benefit of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed or the imprisoned, but also for the spiritual renewal of the congregation . . . The church has to stop thinking that the 'lock 'em up and throw away the key' attitude is the answer to the crime problem."

Reared in Michigan, Robert Wollenweber was a marine who came to Houghton after WWII, initially because another school was full. Then, as a sophomore, he met and married Wilma (Lange '51). Bob majored in social science, served with the Torchbearers outreach group, and considered the late Dr. Claude A. Ries his spiritual mentor. Bob treasures a Ries saying which particularly illuminates his present work—"A discouraged man is wrong in all his decisions."

Following seminary, Wollenweber

pastored in Massachusetts for nine years, then spent eight years with World Radio Missionary Fellowship at HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, and in Miami. For a year he was executive director for the Chapel of the Air broadcast in Wheaton, then was assistant pastor of the college church for five years. He'd pastored for four years in Rhode Island when he joined Prison Fellowship in 1982, attracted to that ministry through Colson's books and a friendship with the former PF director for New England.

Wollenweber says the U.S. has the world's third highest incarceration rate despite stiffer sentences and observes: "Christians, who are commanded to be light and salt in society, are commonly reacting to all this with a hatred and vindictiveness that only makes a bad problem worse." He believes that God's love demonstrated to prisoners by believers, Christian influence for reform of the justice system, and willingness to "do the hard and painful tasks that such ministry requires," would reveal Christ's power to transform individuals and society.

Wilma Wollenweber is a volunteer in prison seminars and for four years has taught Bible at Rhode Island women's prison. The couple have three married children.

## **On being light and salt: Houghton people involved**

**H**OUGHTON students and faculty of both campuses are active in prison ministries. Recreation professor Tom Kettelkamp's students visit facilities on an academic basis, while a number of athletes are playing prison sports teams and beginning pen-pal correspondence.

Observed Houghton's audio visual coordinator Dan Moore, "Jail is a prime place for ministry because the prisoners are shielded from the influences of the outside world. They are isolated and have time to think." Moore, and main campus students, Rod McIntyre and Brent Thompson, are locked behind bars Thursday evenings as they bring friendship and God's word to the prisoners in the Allegany County jail at nearby Belmont.

Nearly half of the inmates attend their

Bible study. "They come for three major reasons," said Moore: "One, to get out of their cells; two, for refreshments or for a movie we may show; and three, for the Bible study. Some think they'll get 'brownie' points by being religious although it really doesn't get them out [of jail] any sooner."

The Bible study runs 45 minutes to an hour or more, depending on the amount of discussion. Topics, often chosen by the inmates, range from "What the Bible says about Divorce and Remarriage" to "Genocide in the Old Testament." After the informal study, they spend time visiting with the inmates. "This time is important because that's when inmates will approach us with personal problems, questions, or requests for advice. It is a time to build friendships—as much a

ministry as the Bible study. We go as friends, not preachers," Thompson emphasized.

Some inmates need psychological help, assistance the three do not feel qualified or obligated to render; however, Moore feels the Bible offers them needed counsel. He cited an example of an inmate who had killed a friend during a drunken brawl. After he became a Christian, the inmate still had a burden of grief and guilt over his sin. "His greatest griefs," said Moore, "are that his friend did not know God at the time of his death, and the realization that he sent his friend to eternity. He's had to learn the truth of Philippians 3:13, 'forgetting what is behind, and straining on toward what is ahead . . .'"

"We may see a change in the lives of

about five percent of the men," Moore admitted. "My greatest joy," said McIntyre, "is seeing non-believers clearly make individual acceptance of the gospel and seeing the impact of the gospel on others even if they don't make a definite acceptance." All three agree that watching inmates make commitments is most rewarding. "They are more willing to be taught and to let God work in their lives than Houghton students," Thompson mused.

Moore noted that inmates can be "masters of deception," so discernment is

for him when there is nothing he can do.

In varying degrees, all three men keep some contact with inmates after their release. Moore continues to contact one man the warden had deemed a hopeless case. The man had an alcohol problem and had been imprisoned dozens of times. When the warden said they should not expect any kind of major change in him, Moore said, "I prayed, 'God, you heard what that man said—he says You can't change a man. Show your power by changing this inmate.'" The referred-to prisoner not only became a Christian, but

moved to Houghton, Dan joined the Student Ministry Outreach's jail ministry, a group led by former Houghton Chaplain Richard Bareese. When Bareese left, the outreach group dissolved and Moore took up the responsibility of the prison ministry. His vision includes finding opportunities for the released inmates to share their testimonies.

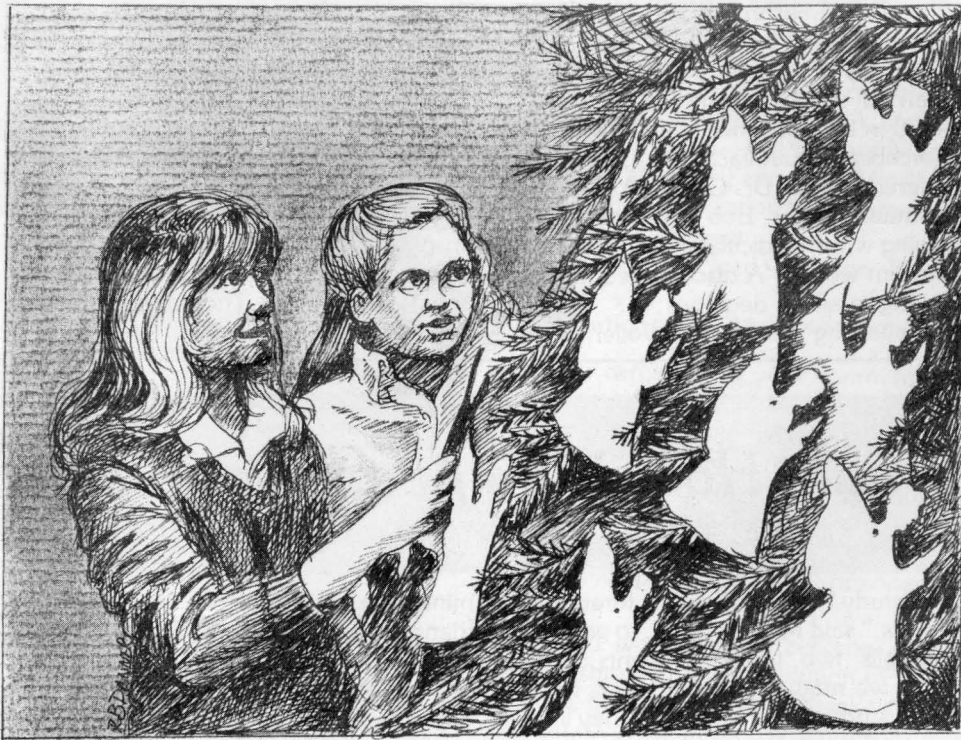
Brent Thompson, a junior and proctor at Houghton Academy's boys' dormitory, has been visiting the prison for two years. Together with his fiancée—they will marry in August—he also works with YFC.

Rod McIntyre became involved in the prison ministry a year ago, carrying on alone throughout the summer when Moore and Thompson were away. Of a non-Christian background, and having done some of the things the men at Belmont are in jail for, McIntyre believes he relates to inmates well. "These men are the rejects of society; they're lonely and need attention. The world values success, looks, education, money, jobs—all the things they don't have," he said. McIntyre graduated *Summa Cum Laude* in May. He is married with one child.

#### **Buffalo Campus projects**

Norman Benjamin, Bible student and food service coordinator at the Buffalo campus, initiated involvement there with Prison Fellowship. He had been writing to a prisoner for a year, and learned of the ministry through Rev. Shirley Carozza, administrator for New Covenant Tabernacle in metro Buffalo. He began work with PF last fall, attending seminar at Orleans (County) Correction Facility taking four students along to participate in Bible study and sharing with some prisoners. Norm continues to write to prisoner at Attica and visits him twice a month, taking students to visit other prisoners as well.

Two of these are Janell Leathersic and Lori Bush, both BSC resident students. During their first visit Jane learned how much prisoners appreciate visits; which offer them hope that someone cares, and brief respite from a unrelenting atmosphere of hate. Lori, working on a sometimes difficult friendship with a prisoner we'll call Joe



important. "How important the Bible has become to them indicates whether or not a real change has occurred. Those who have a genuine experience with God read the Bible daily while others state excuses for not reading." One inmate asked if he could lead the Bible study one week. "He did a good job; he related to the other prisoners in a way we couldn't," Thompson explained.

Dryness, inability to assist, helplessness to change situations: these are the main frustrations of the ministry. McIntyre said the sin and coldness of some is hardest

also quit drinking, became a deacon in his church, and became active with the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship. Moore said his ability to continue a Christian life is significant because often even the men who do accept the Lord in jail have the same friends, the same lifestyle, and the same temptations when they are released.

Dan Moore became interested in jail ministry in Texas. A friend had invited him to participate. He enjoyed the experience and felt God was using him to share Christ with the inmates. After he



Through letters and visits she is helping him work through his bitterness toward God for tragedy in his family. She empathizes with Jon because of her own experience with a brother in prison. As Lori helps Jon make it through the frustrations of prison life, he helps her persist in her studies and personal growth.

Last December Lori and Janell were among BSC students who participated in Project Angel Tree. Sociology professor Wayne Cox donated a large Christmas tree, and students decorated it with paper angels representing the children of prisoners in the Buffalo area. On each angel was written a child's name, age and the type of gift desired. Students, faculty and staff then chose a child to sponsor, bought a gift and gave it to Norm and his staff. Members of the West Seneca Wesleyan Church joined with the students to help decorate and deliver the gifts to the children's homes. Norm said the project was deeply appreciated by the families.

Now associate professor of Christian education at the Buffalo campus, Jack Norton and his wife headed a church-sponsored prison ministry in Michigan

some 15 years ago. After they came to Buffalo, Jack became acquainted with Charles Cowart, Prison Fellowship's western New York director. Cowart explained the shortage of local speakers and leaders to direct seminars in the 11 regional prisons and has recruited Norton to become involved.

Dr. Norton is augmenting his pastoral and teaching experience with PF training during June. This fall he will train other volunteers to lead prison seminars under PF's curriculum. And he plans to integrate his personal involvement with his teaching of Human Services in the Church by initiating a "laboratory" experience where students from both campuses will participate in prison seminars.

The BSC sponsored Project Easter Basket, to provide food to prisoners' family in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area. And recently the campus provided facilities, catering and waiters for a Prison Fellowship recognition dinner. Students Dan Hess, Mark Schuster and Jackie Rivers received certificates of honor for their work, while Norm Benjamin was named Prison Fellowship Councilman for western New York.

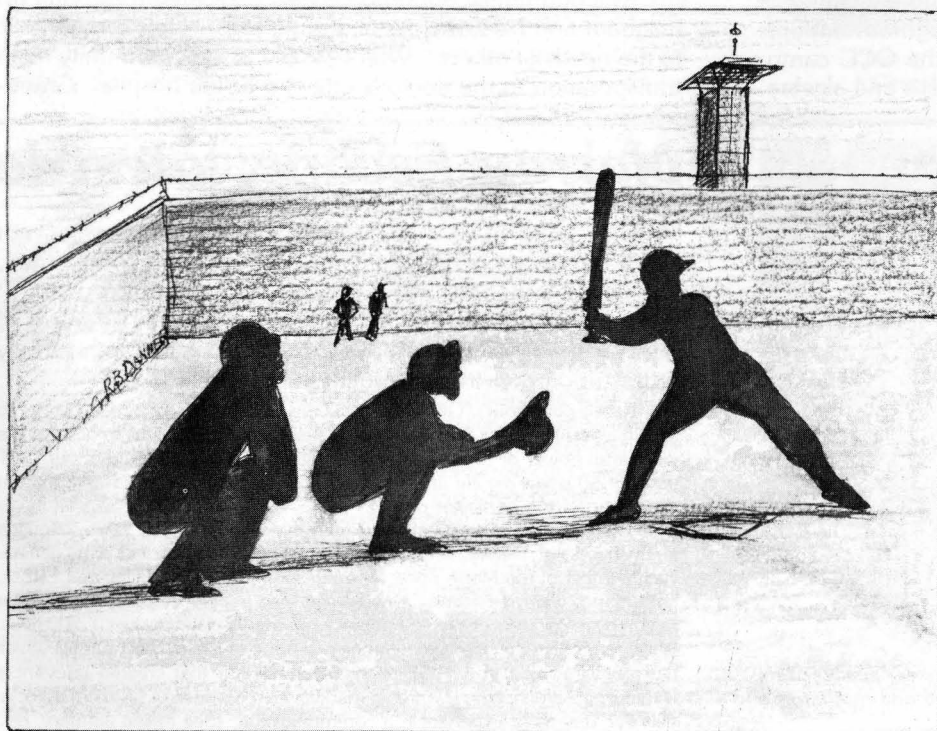
Future projects may include an extended pen-pal ministry, a July picnic for PF members, prison chaplains and prisoner families. Project Angel Tree will be repeated and there may be a party for prisoners' children at the Buffalo campus.

#### **home court advantage**

Athletics is becoming another facet of Houghton involvement with prisoners. During the late '70s, recreation department head Tom Kettelkamp used his contacts with a prison recreational therapist to take an intramural basketball team to Attica. The inmates won, bragging about their "home court advantage," but several Houghton players began corresponding with prisoners. That relationship lapsed while Kettelkamp was away in a doctoral program, but an academic and athletic involvement with prisons and prisoners resumed this spring when he presented "Treatment Invention: Effects of Recreational Therapy," for 60 correctional officers, recreational, social and occupational therapists, nurses and psychologists at the maximum security Wende State Correctional Institution in Batavia.

Kettelkamp explained that one goal of the workshops was to explain the specialists' work to prison workers charged mainly with custodial care, in an effort to interest and involve them with therapeutic and rehabilitative processes.

Later this spring student basketball player friends of Kettelkamp's, and Coach Brooks played a game at Groveland medium security facility, one-time site of the Sonyea home for epileptics. A softball game was played there during May Term. Kettelkamp's Introduction to Leisure Services class had earlier studied the recreational therapy program at Groveland, and he hopes to develop relationships between inmates and student players in subsequent visits. Now Kettelkamp anticipates further opportunities since Ed Wing '85 has become a recreational therapist at Attica.



**Compiled from research by Patty Milligan and Wendy Kipp.**

# What's the value of A Good Example?

by Holly Lawton

*Grandpa: If God allows me to see my 50th Houghton graduation anniversary, I hope that I can say I've done half as much for his kingdom as you have. I love you—Holly*

**A**S A NEW HOUGHTON ALUMNA, I find it difficult to imagine what it would be like to be celebrating the 50th anniversary of my graduation, but my grandfather, Wesley A. Churchill of West Valley, NY, did just that at my commencement on May 11.

Grandpa graduated from Houghton in 1937 with a B.A. degree in education and science. During college he lived in President Luckey's home where the science center stands now. He earned his way through college by working summers for New York state inspecting honey bees for disease.

Grandpa played basketball and baseball all four years at Houghton and was *Boulder* advertising manager his junior year. He was vice president of his senior class and participated in student council, the Forensics Union, Der Rheinverein, and the Social Science Club. More significantly, then, and the subsequent 50 years of his life have been dedicated to education and family, and to serving others and God.

Education has always played a vital role in Grandpa's life. When he picked me up for Thanksgiving vacation my freshman year at Houghton, he told me about one of his first teaching experiences. In nearby Centerville there was a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp for unemployed men. They planted trees and built the stone walls in Letchworth State Park. Two evenings a week during the winter of 1935-1936, Grandfather and 16 other Houghton students rode in the back of an open army truck to the CCC camp, as volunteer teachers. Grandpa taught arithmetic and algebra.

After graduating from Houghton, he asked June Austin, who was from West Valley and attended Houghton for one year, to marry him. They moved to Wilson, NY, where Grandpa taught science for grades nine through 12 for nine years, serving as vice principal for several years and for one year he was acting principal. While living in Wilson, they had two daughters: my mother, Judy (Lawton '61), and her sister, Jacque.

Grandpa returned to West Valley in 1946 to work in the hardware business, which he eventually bought. In 1959 he began teaching again—ninth grade science at Arcade High School, now part of the Pioneer Central School District. He retired from teaching physics there in 1980.

Over the years, Grandfather continued his own education while educating others—graduate work at the University of Buffalo, Canisius College, Cornell University, Fredonia State College, Geneseo College, Niagara University, and St. Bonaventure University.

His emphasis on education is evident in my life. When we were younger, Grandpa always wanted to see our report cards. Every time he left a dollar for each of us, saying, "This is for the good report card." Even if I thought my grades weren't that good, Grandpa rewarded me and told me that I had done well. Later, when my sister, brother and I got into middle and high school, he helped us with our science projects. I even won a medal of honor for one.

Grandpa has five grandchildren and there is almost nothing he wouldn't do for any one of us. When we were younger, he and Grandma took my sister and brother and me camping. When I got my learner's permit, Grandpa took me driving whenever we visited. I enjoyed driving with him because, unlike my parents, he stayed calm. Shortly before final exams last year, I was ill and needed to see my doctor at home. Grandpa came and got me. He has also picked me up for vacations several times, a two-and-a-half hour round trip.

Beyond family, Grandpa is also dedicated to serving his neighbor and his Lord. As Grandma says, "He's sympathetic to the needs of others." When people in the community need transportation to the doctor's office or to the hospital, Grand-



**Gompah family members in Houghton from left: Booker, Yeaben, Lee, Esther and Railey, Siluo. Daughter Gloria is married and mother of a month-old son.**

## Narrow Escape: latest den

**W**E ARE HARD PRESSED on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." J. Railey Gompah '84, and his wife Esther claim those words of the Apostle Paul addressed to the church in Corinth as they reflect upon their recent ordeal at home in Liberia.

Railey points out, "Others may call this experience an ordeal; I prefer to term it an odyssey, for through it or because of it, I have come to observe the wonderful power of God at work in my life and 'the good hand of our God' (Ezra 8:22) upon my life and the lives of my wife and children, in apparent preparation for a particular calling."

The experience he speaks of began in early December 1985 following an unsuccessful military coup attempt in Liberia led by a former army general and member of the Mano Tribe of Nimba County, where Railey and Esther, both Mano, were ministering among their own people. Reprisals against the region by supporters of the government reportedly claimed over 1,500 lives. Although Railey and his wife belonged to none of the political parties which had participated in the 1985 presidential election that created grievances within opposition circles, he was a marked man because of his tribal association and extensive experience in communication. (See *Milieu* January '84.)





On his graduation day in 1937, Wes Churchill posed with his future wife, June Austin.

pa drives them. Since 1946, he has been a member of the West Valley Volunteer Fire Company. No longer an active fireman, Grandpa has been a chaplain for the past four years. At St. Paul's United Methodist Church in West Valley, he taught a Sunday school class for young adults for 20 years. He has also been a trustee and chairman of missions.

Grandfather's special burden is for Haiti, the needs of which he learned about while he and Grandma were attending a missions conference in Bermuda. Since 1974 he's spent most of his Easter and summer vacations in Haiti doing missions work. As a board member of Haiti Gospel Mission, Grandpa has helped in drilling water wells and in establishing churches and schools. Some 350 Haitian children attend each of the two schools operated by the mission. In addition to sponsoring children, he has started honey bee colonies in Haiti and shipped corn seed, solar cookers and ovens, clothes and medical supplies there.

For my high school graduation present, my grandparents took me with them to Haiti for two weeks. Since his retirement from teaching, Grandpa's Haiti trips have become more frequent and longer. In fact, he returned from Haiti to attend my graduation on May 11. In 13 years, he has probably made nearly 40 trips. Why does he spend so much time there? Grandpa says, "Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, and once you have seen their poverty, you are never the same again."

Long before he learned about Haiti, Grandpa and Grandma sponsored children through World Vision. As long as I can remember, there has always been at least one sponsorship card with a child's picture on it sitting on top of the piano. Another memory is Grandpa's prayer each time he asks the blessing before meals. He thanks God for the food and asks God to bless those who don't have as much to eat as we do. These are not empty prayers; he does what he can to help. Grandpa says, "The Lord has been so good to us—we never seem to be able to outgive our Lord."



Class of '37 congratulates Class of '87:  
Churchill with granddaughter Holly Lawton

## onstration of "the good hand of our God"

He was accused of "feeding information to foreign media."

Through God's miraculous intervention [escape from their home, preservation in the wilds, passage through numerous checkpoints, and securing travel papers], Railey, his wife and children managed to escape to the United States.

Railey first entered Houghton College in 1981 and completed his studies in preparation for full-time church ministry in Liberia. In mid-1984, he and his wife, with their children, returned home to settle into a busy church ministry under the umbrella of the Basileia Foundation, Inc., an evangelical mission agency which Christian friends in and around Houghton had joined them in establishing as a support channel for their ministry in Liberia.

They worked mainly among the Mano and Gio Tribes of Nimba County, the region which, according to Liberian government census results, ranks second in population in Liberia next to Monteserrado County where Monrovia, the national seat of government, is located. However, they also ministered to English-speaking congregations in and beyond Nimba County.

"Christian leadership training, supply pastoral work, itinerant evangelism, speaking at Bible conferences and church meetings and providing consultation to visiting church leaders were routine," Railey recalls. He continues, "Response to a ministry of Christian school development was tremendous, given the present onslaught of negative influences upon youth. In ad-

dition to assisting with paperwork, Esther, with help from the children, carried on an often-overlooked aspect of ministry—entertaining guests, even those who dropped in unexpectedly late at night."

With these activities interrupted have Railey and Esther given up their vision? Says Railey, "Our primary goal has been and continues to be the establishment of a Christian liberal arts and technical university in Liberia for the training of West African Christians so as to help make Christ's church there self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating. Although the future for this vision looks bleak just now, God is in perfect control and we trust that He will bring it to reality in His own time."

Rather than despair because of their recent experience, Railey and Esther note: "Sacrifices made for the Kingdom of God are never in vain, no matter how long results may be in coming. This is consolation for missionaries, both at home on their knees and abroad on the field, who have toiled over the years as God's instruments for raising up men and women for Himself in West Africa."

Although physically away from home, the Gompahs maintain a viable presence among their people through some grassroots ministries undertaken by other qualified and dedicated evangelicals in Liberia who are carrying on the work in its initial stages.

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## ALUMNI IN ACTION

Dr. Mills  
Mr. Raymond



Low-key ministries planned for immediate implementation include: Basileia Community Resource Center to serve as a clearing house for church workers; Basileia Community Health Center to provide much-needed health care services to Nimba County; National Church Workers' Fund to help support national evangelist and other ministers of the United Liberia Inland Church (the Gompah's home church); Basileia Academy, an elementary and secondary vocational school; Christian school development throughout Liberia through consultation and general educational services; and the launching of the Council of Liberian Evangelical Workers for the primary purpose of mobilizing national evangelical efforts toward effective Christian service and spiritual development.

Railey believes all these activities will pave the way for the proposed Basileia University, and he reiterated the genesis of his vision. "In 1900, black African Christians living on the African continent numbered only nine

million. Today, that number has reached 200 million, and by the year 2000 the figure will have jumped to 300 million. And yet leadership training has not kept pace with the numerical growth. Quality growth is hampered by biblical and theological illiteracy and the lack of technical and vocational skills for survival in the midst of poverty."

Railey's view is shared by an increasing number of American evangelicals, who are convinced that appropriate college-level education for African church leadership must embrace Christian liberal arts, biblical-theological education, and technical-vocational training within the African culture.

Any church, organization, or individual desiring to learn more of this pioneering missionary work in Liberia may obtain specific information by contacting: Basileia Foundation, Inc., Post Office Box 67, Houghton, New York 14744.

### 1940s

'40 **HUBERT CAGWIN** suffered a heart attack in March and subsequently received a Pacemaker. Pastor of the Springdale Baptist Church (OH) for the past four years, he will serve as interim pastor until his replacement is found.

'41 **VIRGINIA (CROFOOT) SANBORN** says that she is enjoying retirement with her husband and they travel often. This year she had surgery on two toes and was in a cast to her knees.

The December 1986 issue of *In Other Words* (a Wycliffe Bible Translators' publication), tells the story of how **ROBERT LONGACRE '43** "fought overwhelming odds against him." Forty years ago he applied to Wycliffe as a missionary. One thing stood in his way—Bob was a block-explosive stutterer. However, he went to Mexico where he learned the Trique language and translated scripture. He says, "The Triques treated my handicap with more tolerance than I had encountered before." (*Milieu* carried his story, "Shocked Out of Stuttering," in the November 1979 issue.) Longacre has translated scripture in Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. He is the author of some 80 articles and books on linguistics.

'47 **GEORGE ENGLE** is chaplain of Adult Communities Total Services at Springhouse Estates in Springhouse, PA. Weekly he leads two Sunday services and two Bible studies. He pastors some 500 residents.

'48 **BEATRICE (FLETCHER) BENEDICT** is organist for the First Congregational Church of Fairport, NY, is accompanist for Greece Arcadia High School, and teaches private piano lessons.

'49 **CHESTER GRETZ** and his wife Mary are in their 16th year as missionaries in eastern Europe, particularly Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania. He says, "Ours is a multi-faceted ministry including evangelism, teaching, counseling and providing Bibles and Christian literature." They devote summers to youth and children's camps in Poland.

'49 **ALVIN WILLINK** began pastoring the Dover Wesleyan United Methodist Church (DE) in July. His wife, **DORIS (WHEATON '50)**, directs two children's choirs and sings in the adult choir.

#### CORRECTION:

The January *Milieu* inadvertently listed Richard Gardener's news with the '40s. He graduated in 1959.

### 1950s

The New Jersey State Department of Education awarded **STANLEY SODERBERG '50** the Governor's Award for Outstanding Teaching. He was chosen by his colleagues through the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program and Stanley's school district will receive \$1,000 in his name for funding of an educational project of his choice. New Jersey governor Thomas Kean said in a letter to Soderberg, "Outstanding teaching too often seems intangible...I want you to know that New Jersey does notice, does value what you have done so well this year."

'52 **LOU and MARY (MILLER '56) KNOWLTON** are on furlough for a year. They are missionaries in Brazil with the Brazilian Evangelistic Association. They are living in Wheaton, IL.

'52 **FREDERICK MILLS, SR.** has received a two-year appointment as professor of the Flora Glenn Candler Chair at LaGrange College (GA), effective with the beginning of the fall quarter in September. Mills joined the faculty there in 1967.

'52 **DONNA (POTTER) STONEBURNER** and her husband, Virgil, have been appointed as missionaries to Arizona by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. She will be a family and church worker. Mrs. Stoneburner had been a volunteer teacher of English as a second language in California.

'53 **DAVID I. NAGLEE** had a book published, *From Font to Faith*, by Peter Lang Publishing, Inc. He examines John Wesley's views on infant baptism and Christian nurture. **FREDERICK V. MILLS, SR. '52** said the book is "penetrating and perceptive, a scholarly corrective on less informed views..."

A clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, **RAYMOND W. GAMBLE '56** has been installed as pastor of

the Palm City (FL) Presbyterian Church. He had a private practice in West Palm Beach. Currently he is a doctoral candidate at Columbia Theological Seminary.

ex '56 **PAUL STERNEMAN** is church growth director for the eastern district of Christian and Missionary Alliance. His wife, **ANNE (JOHNSTON '53)**, teaches third grade learning disabled children in Harrisburg, PA. They recently moved to Mechanicsburg after living in the Washington, DC, area.

'58 **DOUGLAS PORTER** pastors the Free Methodist Church in Palmer, MA.

'58 **JOHN S. REIST** has been appointed vice president for academic affairs at Hillsdale College (MI). He is professor of Christianity and literature there and directs the college's Christian Studies program. The college's president said, "...almost all (other candidates) failed to manifest a significant personal awareness of Hillsdale's particular uniqueness." Reist holds four academic degrees and has taught at four other liberal arts colleges.

'58 **CAROL (HAZZETT) VENUTO** teaches developmental writing at Bloomsburg University, PA. Last spring she presented "Sparkling Reluctant Writers" at the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators Conference in Harrisburg.

'59 **JACKSON RAYMOND** has been named a senior research scientist in the research and development organization of Armstrong World Industries, Inc., Lancaster, PA. Since joining Armstrong as a chemist in 1959, he has been involved in floor products research and manufacturing research. He became a research scientist in 1975.

### 1960s

A faculty member at West Georgia College, **ROBERT CLAXTON '62** moderated a debate between Congressman Newt Gingrich and Governor Richard Lamm on the future of America.

A member of the U.S. Air Force Band and the Singing Sergeants for 22 years, **JOHN C. HICKOX '62** will become director of Virginia Military Institute's cadet glee club in August. Mr. Hickox retired from the Air Force as chief master sergeant and lives in Virginia.



## Mildred Krentel Named Distinguished Alumna

**B**ECAUSE a women and her husband dared to believe that 'with God all things are possible,' a seeming tragedy 24 years ago has turned into a blessing for some 188 Down's Syndrome infants, children and young adults . . . and for Mildred White Krentel, Class of 1942." So said President Chamberlain in presenting a Distinguished Alumna Award to the founder of Melmark Home during a college-sponsored dinner for the Krentels and their invited guests, held at the Aronimink Country Club near Berwyn, PA, the evening of June 2.

Recounting Mrs. Krentel's background, Dr. Chamberlain said that Mildred met husband Paul as a freshman at Houghton. They married in 1941 and spent most of the war years in Virginia where he was a navy research chemist. By 1950 they were parents of four children. For five years, Mrs. Krentel coordinated and appeared in a weekly television program sponsored by Child Evangelism. The Krentels lost a fifth child in infancy during 1959. (By this time Mr. Krentel was vice president of Warner Company and they were living in the Philadelphia area.)

When Mildred, over 40, learned she was pregnant with her sixth child, she and Paul were overjoyed, but when Melissa Jane was born on September 3, 1963, she was found to have Down's Syndrome. After extensive exploration, the Krentels placed their daughter in a children's home in Ohio, and tried to pick up where they had left off. During visits to the home, Mildred and Paul could see how Melissa's world begged for love and attention. They brought her home to visit for Christmas in 1964. As the holidays sped by, they dreaded the eminent separation, wishing there were a good home closer to home. Then they began to wonder if establishing such a loving home was their God-given commission.

The Krentels took their first step one week after that Christmas. Mildred raised \$95,000 via letters and prayer to purchase a 35-room mansion in Berwyn. Melmark Home Inc., was founded May 27, 1966, as a nonprofit facility licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for the care and training of the mentally retarded. *Good Housekeeping* magazine published two articles she wrote about their experiences.

Melmark accepts residents from infancy through adulthood. Four satellite cottages provide maximum flexibility for students who benefit from a less restrictive environment. The 70-acre campus houses Melmark School, a private academic school licensed by the department of education for the special education of the brain-damaged, mentally retarded and physically handicapped in an upgraded program. Today Melmark is mortgage-free and consists of a main house, barn, kitchencroft, six staff residences, two outdoor pools, an indoor pool with ramp, and gymnasium-auditorium.

In 1972 Moody Press published, *Melissa Comes Home*, Mildred's book which tells the Melmark story, and in July of 1980 *Milieu* published "Melmark: The house that love built." President Chamberlain concluded, "Melmark Home is truly 'the house that love built.' There faithful people daily shape a special world for special people. Mildred Krentel, you demonstrate your love for Christ by loving 'the least of these.' Tonight Houghton College expresses appreciation for your work, for exemplifying the qualities the college seeks to foster in its alumni, and I am honored to present you this Distinguished Alumnus Award."



Mrs. Krentel (r.) with Melmark bell ringers.



Ms. Gridley

Thirteen

In June, **WARREN SANBORN '63** earned an associate degree in electronics engineering technology from Capitol Institute of Technology in Laurel, MD.

**'66 DAVID SALICO** has become a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He is pastor and counselor of the First Baptist Church of Hornell, NY, specializing in marriage and family work.

**'67 ALAN HEATHERINGTON** has been music director of The Chicago String Ensemble for the past 10 years. He attends Church of the Holy Comforter, an evangelical Episcopal church in Kenilworth, IL.

**'67 THEODORE STEDMAN** directs the Greenville (NY) High School Jazz Ensemble; they won first place in their division at a National Association of Jazz Educators (NAJA) Festival in Syracuse, NY, in March. More than 33 schools represented New York. This was Greenville's first participation in the 10-year event.

**'67 LOIS GRIDLEY** has been promoted to production/marketing coordinator at University College in Syracuse, NY. Her responsibilities include planning promotional campaigns, media buying, writing advertisements and news releases, handling media liaison, and monitoring effectiveness as well as initiating special events and assisting with editing.

## In Memoriam

**'21 VEVA E. ARNOLD** died April 29 in Cuba Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Mrs. Arnold was a graduate of Belfast Normal School and was a 50-year member of Caneadea (NY) Grange 1139. She is survived by two sons; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister.

Word has been received of the death of **KENT D. WILLIAMS '27**. He had lived in Reston, VA, and is survived by his widow, Emily.

**'42 NORMAN E. (CASEY) KAHLER, SR.,** died March 17 in Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, FL, after a brief illness. He was 67. Mr. Kahler was a graduate of Barker Central School and was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater. A resident of Portville, NY, since 1950, he had been a teacher at Portville Central School from 1955 until retiring in 1982. Kahler was a member of the Portville Masonic Lodge and New York Teachers' Association. Surviving besides his wife, **BERTHA SNOW '42**, are three sons, Norman, William and **KIM EDWARD KAHLER '78** of Pierre, SD; a daughter; eight grandchildren; and a sister.

**'42 LEWIS A. WAKEFIELD** died March 23 in Delray Community Hospital (FL) after a long illness. A veteran of World War II, he served as a captain with the 13th Army Air Force Chemical Division. He had been employed as a chemist by Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY, and was an executive director of the Boy Scouts of America in Port Jefferson, NY. In 1950 he graduated from Albany (NY) College of Pharmacy, and from 1955-76 he had owned and operated Avery's Drug Store in Windham, NY. Surviving besides

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**Philadelphia**—Randall Hartman '77, Dublin, PA  
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**San Francisco**—Bev & Marge Barnett '49, Penn Valley, CA  
**Seattle**—Eugene & Miriam Lernico '64, Seattle, WA  
**South Jersey**—Gail Stewart '78, Blackwood, NJ  
**Southwest Florida**—Mike Ricci '79, Sarasota, FL  
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**Syracuse**—Clarice Dietrich '58, Fayetteville, NY  
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his wife, **GWENDOLYN (YAGER '44)**, are a son; four daughters; and 11 grandchildren.

'49 **ROBERT E. BENEDICT** died December 9, 1986, of acute myocardial infarction due to a coronary artery disease. He is survived by his widow, **BEATRICE (FLETCHER '48)**.

'54 **LAVERNE VOORHEES** died in May 1986 after a long illness. He was a song evangelist. He is survived by his wife, **MARILYN (MOORE '54)**.

'82 **SHAWN MANNINGHAM** died March 5 on a commuter airplane crash at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (MI). Twenty-six-years-old, he was co-pilot. Manningham grew up in Ridgefield, Connecticut, but the family moved to Mansfield in north central Ohio shortly after he graduated from high school in 1978. Shawn had pursued a career in aviation, working first as a

flight instructor for Central Skyport in Columbus, then with Fischer Bros. Aviation for eight months. He is survived by his wife, **BONNIE (BRANDT '84)**.

## Down the Aisle

Mario & Clarice (Strong '59) Aranio  
Nicholas & Janet (Tschantz ex '75) Barkas  
Bruce & Janice (Vrooman '71) Dominessy  
Robert & Susan Evatt '78  
Wayne & Betty (Bollback ex '53) Frair '50  
David & Maryanne Kerchoff '80  
Rick & Beverly (Greene '81) McCarter  
Scott Frederick & Deborah Annette (Holmes '75) Palmer '74  
Lois Chapman '77 & Mr. Wheeler

## 1970s

'70 **JERALD GONCALVES** is regional coordinator for the Department of Corrections for western New York (Utica and west) state prisons. He administers employment, labor relations and affirmative action.

'70 **DAVE RAMSDALE** and his family have moved to Waxhaw, NC, where they continue to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They had lived in Peru.

'72 **BILL CHURCH** and his family moved to Toccoa Falls, GA, in May, 1986, where Bill is studying for a Bible/theology degree.

'72 **BILL** and **JANET (HAWKES '72) DEUTSCH** have moved to Auburn, Alabama, where he is a Ph.D. candidate in fisheries and allied aquaculture at Auburn University. Janet, who graduated from nursing school three years ago, works on a large medical floor at East Alabama Medical Center. The Deutsches attend Grace United Methodist Church.

After four-and-a-half years in West Malaysia, **GORDON FINNEY '72** and his family have returned to parish ministry in Ontario, Canada.

'72 **ROBERT HOLDERER** is studying for a Ph.D. in composition and rhetoric at Oklahoma State University. He will be an assistant to the director of composition there. He had been a teaching associate in the English department.

'72 **LINDA LONG** has been named Miami (OH) University's first full-time education director. She was assistant director of continuing education at Ursinus (PA) College for the past five years.

'73 **STEVE BERGER** has a private practice in clinical psychology and works for a state hospital with the developmentally disabled. He and his wife, Karen, live in California.

'73 **ESTHER RUTH FETHERLIN** earned a master's degree in professional studies from Nyack College (NY) on May 9.

'74 **CATHY (CARDILLO) BITNER** and her husband and children left Haiti in June for Hagerstown, MD. Her husband, Dave, will enter the graduate program in science at Shippensburg University (PA). Serving with UFM International, the Bitners will return to Haiti in August 1988.

'75 **JUD LAMOS** has accepted an invitation from Operation Mobilization to become its coordinator of communications and editor of all prayer letters at their U.S. office. Jud and his family will move to Atlanta, GA, in August to begin work at OM headquarters.

Last December, **CONSTANCE (HUGO '75) MATSUMOTO** took the Japanese Language Proficiency Examination administered by the Japanese government, and passed at the highest level. Recently she was featured in a short local newspaper column on handcrafts for her work with paper mache clay wall decorations. She was appointed PTA class representative for her daughter's first grade class and writes, "Although this is by no means anything spectacular, it is a new challenge for me to be able to observe and work with a Japanese school from the inside."





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Fifteen

'76 **STEPHEN CLARK** is pastoring at Mt. Jackson Mennonite Church (VA) and is teaching college writing and speech at Eastern Mennonite College, while working on a master's degree in church ministries there.

'76 **STEPHEN G. LALKA** was certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgeons in March. He has accepted the position of assistant professor of surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine where he will teach, research and practice vascular surgery.

'77 **CHRISTOPHER MAY** has graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Dentistry. He has begun practicing at St. Francis Hospital of Hartford, CT.

'78 **KATHLEEN (CONFER) BOONE** has successfully defended her Ph. D. dissertation in English at the State University of New York at Buffalo. It is titled "Rightly Dividing the Word: The Discourse of Protestant Fundamentalism." She teaches English at Attica Correctional Facility and is a volunteer counselor with Crisis Services of Buffalo.

'78 **PAUL** and **BEVERLY (MYERS '79) CLARK** have been appointed missionaries to Brazil with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. After a one-year study of the language, they will be involved in church planting.

'78 **JEFF HOFFMAN** is an underwriter for Allstate Insurance in Phoenix, AZ, while his wife, **LORI (OVELL '79)**, is a part-time customer service representative for a Local Electric Company.

'78 **FRANK KUITENS** is fulfilling his public health obligation in Folkston, GA.

'78 **JANET MEANS** works at Norstar Data Services (NY) as a lead systems analyst.

'78 **DAVID OLSEN** has been promoted to a certified public accountant and partner with Chester M. Kearney in Presque Isle, ME.

This month **SUSAN M. ELTSCHER '79** became director of women's and ethnic history for the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church. The Commission offices are on the Drew University (NJ) campus. She is leaving the American Baptist Historical Society after seven years on staff, most recently as library director.

'79 **TIM HUTTON** is completing his first of a three-year commitment to the National Health Service Core as a family physician in Pullman, MI. Last summer he completed a three-year residency in family medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. His wife, **SUE (COOPER '79)**, teaches and counsels part-time for the Allegany County Family Planning Clinic.

'79 **CARRIE (HIRATA) NELDER** earned a M.Ed. with honors in reading and learning from DePaul University (IL) this month. She has taught in Christian schools in Huntington, IL, West Palm Beach, FL, and in Chicago, IL. During the summer of 1985, she and her husband, Mike, spent two months doing mission work in London.

## 1980s

'80 **TODD CHADWICK** teaches fifth through twelfth grade band and seventh grade reading at Queen Creek School District, AZ. He is also minister of music and youth pastor at First Baptist Church of Gilbert, AZ, while attending Arizona State University for a master's degree in instrumental music.

'80 **ROB REESE** is a staff attorney with the Center for Law and Religious Freedom of the Christian Legal Society in Washington, DC. He received a juris doctor degree from the Vermont Law School in 1986. His wife, **CATHY (CHRISTY ex '82)**, is currently a first-year law student at the George Washington University National Law Center in Washington, DC.

'80 **VICKY SMITH** completed three semesters of training at the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Dallas, TX, preparing for translation and literacy work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in West Africa.

'81 **DIANNE (BOGHOSIAN) FREESTONE** has been appointed assistant public defender for Saratoga County (NY).

'82 **FAITH BRAUTIGAM** is head of children's services at Sandusky Library (OH). She was children's librarian at Wayne County Public Library in Goldsboro, NC.

'81 **DIANA (REVELIS) RODRIGUEZ** is "self-employed, a housewife, mother, and running for

county committee woman in our township (Sicklerville, NJ)." She and her husband, Butch, attend Sicklerville United Methodist Church. Diana is involved in starting a program or ministry for college and career persons, she said.

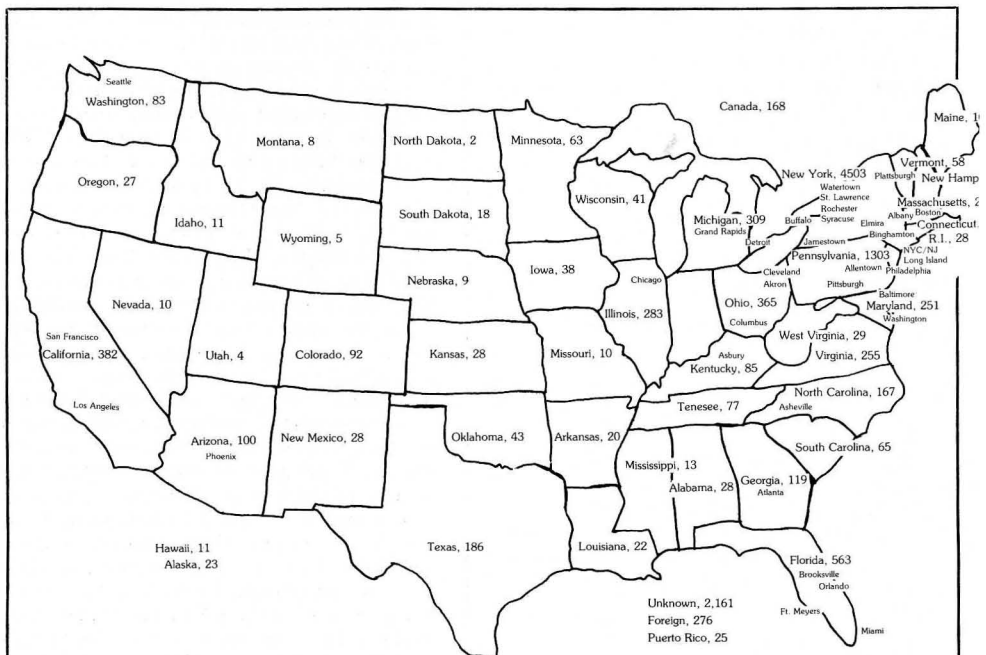
'82 **PAULETTE MORGOTT** is assistant manager at M&T Bank's airport plaza branch, Buffalo, NY.

'83 **STACEY GREGORY** is director of education and programs at Sunset United Methodist Church in Pasadena, TX. She has entered the candidacy program for diaconal ministry at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. She also serves on the Texas Conference Christian Educators' Fellowship executive board.

'83 **LORINDA HUNTER** has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal at Blytheville Air Force Base, Arkansas. She is chief of crew communications with the 2101st Information Systems Squadron.

'84 **JOHN NABHOLZ** has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from officer training school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

'84 **JEFF JONES** earned an M.T.S. degree in social ethics from Garrett Evangelical Seminary (IL) in May. He has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Northwestern University, and has begun studying theology and social ethics. He works part-time at the North Suburban Peace Initiative, a church-based anti-nuclear weapons organization. His wife, **KATHY (READYOFF**



**Houghton alumni grace all 50 states, ranging from 4,503 in New York, down to a token four in Utah. State totals and designated "chapter cities" are noted. Alumni live in some 60 foreign countries. A major alumni office goal is to reduce the number of foreign addresses—2,161—out of a total which exceeds 13,000.**

'84), is a secretary in the neurology division at Evanston Hospital. The Joneses are active at Reba Place Fellowship, a Christian church/community, whose members include Houghton alumni **DEE ABERS '79**, **SHARI (ENABIT) IVERSON '79** and **NANCY SCHMIDT '80**.

'85 **CHERYL BURDICK** is assistant director of admissions at The King's College in Briarcliff Manor, NY. She earned a master's degree in community service administration from Alfred University in January.

'85 **EVA GARROUTTE** will finish a master's program in sociology at SUNY Buffalo this fall and has accepted a scholarship from Princeton University. The award includes four years full tuition plus a stipend. She will earn a Ph. D. in sociology, with emphasis on the sociology of religion.

ex '85 **WAYNE HARDING** became a member of Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) in August 1986. He is an employment counselor and tutor for the Fort Worth (TX) Boys' Club. This fall he hopes to enter graduate school.



## CHAPTER SUMMARY UPDATE

by Richard Alderman

Sixty-four Buffalo Bible Institute alumni, most from western New York, renewed friendships, toured Houghton's Buffalo campus (result of a merger of the two schools in 1969), and visited the main campus by microwave TV link. The May 29 meeting was the first official reunion of BBI alumni since the college's alumni association changed its constitution to include BBI alumni.

After dinner Dean Massey presented an 18-year update on campus events, concentrating on the last five years. Attendees divided into smaller groups for tours of the recently built townhouses and other new or remodeled facilities. The evening ended in Lambein Learning Center with a demonstration of the TV link to Houghton. Thus the reunion included BBI alumna Mary Eastman Duttweiler, President Chamberlain and alumni director Alderman from the main campus.

This event sets the stage for a national reunion of BBI alumni to be held at the BSC July 15-17, 1988. An *ad hoc* planning committee has worked for two years to rebuild a list of names and addresses of BBI alumni. To date they've found addresses for less than half of the 1,000-plus persons identified as eligible. To learn more about next summer's reunion or to offer addresses, contact the committee in care of Debby White at the suburban campus, 910 Union Rd., Buffalo, NY 14224, or call 716/674-6363.

Chapter attendance for the 1986-1987 year was down about 100 from the previous years and we have been studying the attendance sheets to try to determine the cause of the drop. The chapters that are flourishing and having good meetings are generally those that plan extensively on the home front. When the president has a cabinet or a committee to help plan and make contacts via cards and phone calls, attendance gets closer to the potential and all enjoy the meeting more.

Several chapters use printed programs with a planned agenda which may include special music. Officer nominations are handled through the committee and then presented to the assembled body for action. The chapters at Brooksville and Orlando, Florida, are good examples of such planning. This year they had 84 and 79 members present, respectively.

Plattsburg, St. Lawrence, Binghamton, Albany, Southwest Florida, Miami, Chautauqua (Jamestown), South Jersey, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and our newest chapter at Poughkeepsie are good examples of chapters that work hard to reach their potential by committee planning and work. Our new chapter, Mid-Hudson, is off to a good start and their attendance should increase as the word of an exciting chapter program gets out to the alumni in their area. Again, continued planning and work on the part of a central committee is necessary.

Others have worked hard but unforeseen problems have hampered good attendance.

Several chapters meet more than once during the year, scheduling a summer picnic without a college representative, then holding a regular meeting later in the year. Examples are Harrisburg, which held a family picnic when Houghton's men's soccer team played at Messiah, and Philadelphia.

Your alumni directors authorized an experiment in the large city areas, scheduling two distinct meetings for three city chapters. In Boston, it paid off with increased participation when we had a dinner at Gordon College and a dessert hour at the home of Jeff and Val Stark in a western suburb of the city. But in New York City an attempt at two meetings (one in the city and the other a breakfast in northern New Jersey) cut attendance to the point that both meetings were cancelled. In Los Angeles, we tried for a luncheon in the southern part of the city and a regular dinner meeting in the northwest section, but only the dinner was finally offered.

Your alumni board is studying the chapter programs and wants your input. Chapter representatives meet annually at Summer Alumni Weekend to exchange ideas and make suggestions. For example: survey of the Long Island chapter members is being planned this summer prior to our planning for the coming year. We would be pleased to conduct a survey in your chapter to learn the desires of the alumni in your area for their chapter meeting. The board wants to increase communications to and from the alumni and sees the chapter program as a vital link in this. Our goal is to get more alumni involved when college representatives attend your local chapter meeting. We are eager to start new chapters in areas where the alumni population is sufficient to sustain activities. Write or call me or one of the officers.



## Alumni Authors

**Nuclear Arms: Two Views on World Peace:** Myron S. Augsburger ('66 Hon.) and Dean C. Curry '74, Word: Waco, Tex., 1987. [Issues of Christian Conscience Series #1, ed. Vernon Grounds] 186 pages, \$12.95 (hard cover).

"Christianity," it has been said, "is perpetually on the edge of becoming irrelevant to the course of international politics." How can a way of life guided by the norm of absolute love be attuned to a world of self-interested states struggling for power and security? The gap widens as frustration with the nuclear "balance of terror" leads increasing numbers of Christian leaders to demand a radical restructuring of world politics.

Convinced that Christianity does have something important to contribute to the current debate over nuclear weapons and world politics, Curry, now a political scientist at Messiah College, and Augsburger, a prominent pacifist theologian, present sharply different approaches to the dilemmas of nuclear weapons and political peace. This useful exchange assumes that "intellectual honesty" demands us "to openly listen to different views and act with integrity in confronting one another."

Those readers acquainted with the influential radical critique of international affairs in evangelical circles will recognize much of Dr. Augsburger's half of the book. Taking cues from a "biblical realism," Augsburger presumes radical changes are mandatory in order to stave off an almost certain apocalyptic destruction. The "global church" is therefore called to a "third way" of healing relationships between peoples while rejecting the "idolatries" of nationalism and "trusting the bomb."

While claiming something other than a revised "better red than dead" argument, Augsburger does not specify his understanding of a "civilian based defense." Where he does attempt explanation beyond theology, his work unfortunately glosses over important technical and political distinctions.

Curry's half of the book insists that the modern Christian can still defend the just war tradition and democracy while actively striving for a just peace amidst this nuclear world. Curry is not "blinded by the megatons in his own eye" for he readily concedes the critical danger presented by nuclear weapons. But he also insists that a responsible Christian witness recognizes that the dual challenge of peace today is to prevent conflagration while avoiding totalitarian enslavement.

Curry's engaging and wide-ranging complaint against contemporary evangelical versions of "activist pacifism" is not about intentions, but about theology, biblical hermeneutics, history, and political assumptions about the real world. Flaws are appropriately noted in temptations to embrace survival at whatever cost, demonize modern weapons, accept ethical relativism about the superpowers, confuse "the ethics of eternity and the politics of this world," and divorce state power from the advancement of moral values.

Curry adeptly simplifies arcane but crucial technical issues. While the uninitiated may be startled to read about "political uses" of unused nuclear weapons and "discriminate" targeting of increasingly accurate and smaller nuclear weapons, his facts and argument are quite legitimate. Likewise, his negative depiction of "mutual assured destruction" and a Wilsonian style belief that "freedom fosters peace" are debatable, but nevertheless plausible.

Ultimately, both authors affirm that Christians as peacemakers must think about "the unthinkable." Yet in working for a more peaceful and just world, Curry's biblical focus on responsibility challenges Christians to consider the consequences of such action in this fallen world.

—W. Scott Harrop, assistant professor of political science

## Memorial Gifts

**ALAN BUSHART** by Mr. Mark A. Merrill.

**CHARLES MOLYNEAUX** by Mr. & Mrs. David E. Tomkins.

**NICK BOHALL** by Mrs. Susan Bohall.

**JOANNE LEWIS** by Mrs. Penny Storms; Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Ward; Mr. & Mrs. Ron White; American Association of University Women; Miss Ellen Kreckman; and Mr. & Mrs. John E. Thompson.

**JEFF OSGOOD** by Rochester Chinese Christian Church; Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Kolwicz; Mr. & Mrs. Clifford D. Stark; and Stanwich Congregational Church.

**CLARENCE BENICE, SR.** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Andrews, and Ms. Mary L. Woodard.

**GEORGE MORELAND** by faculty and staff of South Elementary School; Mr. & Mrs. Larry G. Trank; Ms. Ann Lord; Lewiston-Porter United Teachers; Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Erskine; Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Carson; Mr. & Mrs. John Ruke; Mr. & Mrs. Donald J. Ball; Mr. & Mrs. John R. Buckley; Ms. Laura A. Blake; Mr. Feber K. Ames; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Specian; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Specian; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Specian; Mr. & Mrs. Duane Sampsen; Dr. & Mrs. Harry W. Wilcke; Dr. & Mrs. Warren M. Van Campen; Ms. Lynne M. Moore; Mr. & Mrs. Rudy G. Widlicka; Peter & Karin Lee; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur S. Davis; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth A. Skowronski; Dr. & Mrs. Gordon H. Tropsf; Ransomville Free Methodist Church; Richard P. Moreland and family; Dr. & Mrs. Robert V. Davidson; and Mr. & Mrs. James H. Hurd.

**HELEN WILSON** by Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Hewson.

## LETTERS

Dear Editor:

When I visited Houghton this Spring, I learned that the college planned to eliminate German courses within two years. [Also see March *Milieu*, Editorial.] Frankly, this dismayed me because of what German at Houghton meant to me. I had left another Wesleyan school and came to Houghton because of the excellent foreign languages division. That decision is still influencing my life today. God used the interest in German to show me the spiritual needs of the European Continent. My interest in the language grew so under the teaching of Robert Austin that when I finished my senior year, the college asked me to return to teach it after taking summer graduate courses. That year prepared me for a Graduate Teaching Fellowship at Wheaton College, which in turn led me into 15 years of ministry in Austria, Turkey, and in two years from now, to Germany, to serve as North Europe Representative for TEAM. . . I feel strongly concerning this, not simply because of narrow personal interests, but because a whole cultural heritage will be lost from the Houghton experience. Classical Greece and Rome have passed away; Germany will go; can France be far behind? The roots of our history, law, and language are being cut, not to mention art, music, and science: will the tree survive? What fruit will it bear? I fear little and tasteless, for language influences all these disciplines.

To be sure, we are in a different educational climate than that of 25 years ago. Student population is diminished relative to the whole, and they reflect the shift of the current system away from foreign language. But should not a quality institution such as Houghton set the trend rather than merely reflect it? . . . Cannot the German major be scaled down to a strong minor instead of doing away with it? If my little finger is weak, I do not solve the problem with an axe. Rather, I reduce its activity temporarily and seek to heal it. The trend in foreign language may reverse, but if too drastic a solution is sought now, the harm will be great.

Sincerely,  
Herbert E. Apel '61

Dear Editor:

I, too, have witnessed the carnage visited on Central America due to the misguided, if not demonic, adventurism of the present administration in that part of God's world. It is an example of what our fears will do to us and others when we have lost our faith and idealism.

The Sandinistas, many of whom are my brothers and sisters in Christ, survive in spite of what my country has done to destroy *their* revolution and *their* economy. Our press seldom, and the administration never, points out the blessings of the revolution and the hopes rekindled in the hearts of the poor because of the Sandinist movement. Yet 60 percent of the property remains in private hands. The death penalty has been done away with. The death squads are gone. My con-

clusion: If the United States wants to win in Nicaragua, we must abandon our present posture of threat and brutality. It will not work. A massive "Marshall Plan" geared to third world needs just might. We must reallocate our national budget for healing rather than hurting. Billions for peace instead of war.

This seems consonant with what I learned about the Christian Gospel at Houghton.

"South"

G. Charles Rhoads, '47  
[Rhoads is vice president of Pax World Foundation. With his letter he sent reports, the gist of which indicated Sandanista excesses, but decried the contras as a viable alternative. Edit.]

To the Editor,

Your last issue contained an essay by Professor Dean Curry of Messiah College entitled "Faith and Politics." In his essay, Curry proposes six principles relating to the subject of social action and justice. In support of his third principle, Curry cites two lessons that history presumably teaches us: "[1] that democratic governments do not go to war with each other, while war is an omnipresent reality in the relations of non-democratic governments and [2] that socialism produces poverty and injustice while democratic capitalism is associated with economic growth, political freedom, and social justice."

These claims raise a number of questions; here are just a few of them:

[1] First, a question about what Curry means by "history:" listening to Curry, one would think history is an objective thing—out there in space with engraved messages (in the form of "lessons") on its side. All we have to do is read the messages. Really? Given even a minimal understanding of historiography, in what meaningful sense can it be claimed that history "teaches" us anything? History is not a thing "out there." History has no lessons written on it. Rather, history is socially constructed, thus interpreted, and is thereby as subject to bias as any other human interpretation. So, what is Curry talking about?

[2] Next, some questions about the "lessons" Curry thinks history teaches us: perhaps it is true that democratic nations do not go to war against each other, just as Curry claims. But isn't the more important issue whether or not democratic nations ever do things which start wars? If this is the more primary of the two issues (as I believe it is—by far), then allow me to suggest a few examples where a democratic nation (the United States) did things which resulted in war: The Mexican-American War, the Spanish-American War, The War (or whatever it was) in Vietnam.

[3] Finally, isn't Curry's dichotomy between socialistic and capitalistic nations misleading? (Yes, I can recognize an ideal-type approach when I see one, but Curry doesn't seem to be offering one here.) Contrary to what he suggests, no nation is either fully capitalistic or fully socialist. Curry must be aware of this much, but if he is, then why does he write as if he isn't? Democracy and political centralism (either authoritarian or

totalitarian versions), capitalism and socialism can be (and are) combined in all sorts of creative ways. For example, compare the political-economies of today's Argentina with Nicaragua, or Sweden with The Union of South Africa. After considering complexities like these, what are we to make of Curry's second "lesson from history?" Are we to conclude that Sweden must be more war-like than Argentina because its economy is more socialistic? Are we to conclude that there is less "social justice" in Britain than in Chile because Chile has a more capitalistic economy? To suggest, as Curry does, that socialism is necessarily linked with "non-democracy" appears to be a gross simplifications. (I realize that Curry talks of "democratic capitalism" at one point, but he makes no such modifications to the term "socialism.")

There are many equally troublesome aspects to Curry's other "principles," but I'll mention only these.

Regards,

Rich Perkins, Professor of Sociology

#### Response to Professor Perkins

In brief response to Professor Perkins' three objections to my article, I would note the following: First, I am sure the survivors of Hitler's crematoria and Stalin's gulags would be interested to learn that "history has no lessons." Professor Perkins' assertion that "history is socially constructed" is a recipe for moral paralysis. Frankly, I find Professor Perkins' position perplexing in light of the Christian's understanding of the absolute nature of Truth. Second, in reply to my statement that

democratic nations do not go to war against each other, Professor Perkins counters that the United States "did things" which resulted in war. I am afraid that Professor Perkins' lack of specificity about the "things" which the United States "did" in the three examples which he mentions makes a reply difficult.

In my article I make it very clear that no nation is sinless; the United States has committed national sins about which we cannot be proud. And yet, this reality does not negate the fact that democracies have learned to solve their mutual problems without resort to violence. This is a truly remarkable achievement in international community building and one that should not be ignored. Third, I am aware that no nation is "fully capitalist or fully socialist." However, distinctions can be made between those economic systems which are predominantly market oriented and those which are predominantly command oriented. Economists make these distinctions—as do international organizations like the World Bank—without any difficulty.

The point which I made in my article is simply that there have been no successful cases of socialist Third World development. On the other hand, there have been successful cases of capitalist Third World development. For an instructive lesson in this regard, one need only compare the development experiences of Tanzania and Taiwan. Finally, I will return Professor Perkins' compliment and note that there are many other troublesome aspects to his letter, but space does not permit a reply.

—Dean C. Curry

## Future Alumni

Richard & Adele Batchelder '75	Hillary Alice	5- 5-86
Michael & Elizabeth (Rogers '83) Bayba '83	Sasha Kimberly	1-31-87
Steve & Karen Berger '73	Kaitlyn Elizabeth	3-10-87
J. Daniel & Patricia Bouw '79	Bethany Christina	3-20-87
Todd & Dawn Chadwick '80	Kaija Dawn	9-19-86
William & Ruth Chapin '65	Nathaniel Japhet	11-29-86
Curtiss & Karen (McBee ex '81) Deyoung	Rachel Maria	1-22-87
Gary & Dottie (King '71) Froeschl	David Paul	1-27-87
Jeff & Lori (Ovell '79) Hoffman '78	Jared Mitchell	3-11-87
Tim & Sue (Cooper '79) Hutton '79	Alastair Cameron	4-24-87
Paul & Kyle (Atkinson '77) Kroening '77	Emily Wilke	1-10-87
Jonathan & Joyce (Sullivan '80) Lloyd	Evan Thomas	4-27-87
Peter & Nancy (Clow '74) Luckey '74	Peter Thomas	1-15-87
Thomas & Donna (Freeborough '74) Putnam '78	Christopher Michael	11- 4-86
Brent & Cheryl (Wicks '81) Rauscher	Kimberly Sarah	2-13-87
Bryan & Deborah (Birn '76) Raybuck '75	Deuynn Amanda	1-24-87
Gary & Susan (Moore '84) Rogers	Lauren Elizabeth	3-18-87
Andrew & Amy (Ralph '81) Rudd '83	Joshua Michael	2-16-87
Doug & Regina (Rice ex '83) Saler	Katherine Ashley	3-20-87
Larry & Shirley (Swieringa ex '72) Sallee	Brenda Dawn	1-27-87
Stephen & Donna (Wenger '78) Sinclair '76	Robyn Kimberly	3-22-87
Douglas & Karen (Pangel '78) Smith '78	Larissa Claire	2-20-87
Vincent & Deborah (Petty '80) Terlizzi	Allison Joy	4-14-87
John & Janice (Downey '76) Walters '76	Jonathan David	11-28-85



## NCCAA TRACK NATIONALS

Ken Heck's thinclads were led by Virna Vidaurre's second place finish in the javelin and a Houghton record 119'7". Mary McCullough placed third in the 1,500 meter run and Paul Allen placed third in the 400 meter run for a Houghton record 49.7 seconds. Scott Olson placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 171'8". The 1,600 meter relay team of Paul Allen, Greg Gidman, Dave Mizel, and Wes Dunham also placed fifth at Nationals and set a new Houghton record of 3:27:35.

## WOMEN

Women's sports will have major personnel changes. Terry Curry, former soccer and basketball coach, has returned to her native Kansas to pursue more schooling and coaching opportunities. Wendy Jacobson, who has consistently taken her volleyball team into national competition, is pursuing other time-consuming service opportunities with husband Rob within the Houghton community.

Two Houghton alumni are returning to coach soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Paula Maxwell '85, will coach soccer, assist Ken Heck as athletic trainer in all sports, and teach P.E. activity courses. Many will remember Paula as an outstanding Houghton soccer goalie who was twice MVP. She now has her M.S. degree in athletic training as well as national certification in training, and has been assistant athletic trainer at Fairleigh

Dickinson University.

Harold "Skip" Lord '80, is returning to coach volleyball and basketball. Skip has been coaching at Franklinville and Cuba (NY), where his win-loss record was an incredible 134-31. At Franklinville it was 110-15 with 80 consecutive league wins, six league championships, four Section VI championships, and three New York State semi-finalists contests. May his success continue!



Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Lord unavailable

## MEN

The big change in men's sports is in program. After a very careful review by the athletic committee and recommendation by it to the faculty, baseball has been dropped. Among the main considerations in dropping the sport were the perennial problems of an early May graduation and poor weather conditions which prevented sufficient practice and game times.



*The news in intramural sports is personal—Greenway is dropping Drybones after 25 years. A quarter century of competition in the gyms of Houghton has taken its toll. Greenie is wider in the middle and thinner on top while the court of the gym gets longer each year! In the picture many will recognize a younger Greenway in an antique picture that shows old Bedford and its out-of-bounds marker, i.e., when you hit the wall you are out of bounds. Bedford was one of the few gyms in the area with an overhead out-of-bounds, i.e., the old running track that cut out of the corners of the playing floor and made the old Drybone zone a virtual seven "man" defense. Ah, those were the days when we could jump higher and run shorter! Sure-shot Bernie Piersma, a 15-year vet, is also joining the noonball-only squad. Lanky Dave Frasier, class of '79, vows to continue the old Drybone traditions.*

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Kresge Makes \$350,000 Challenge Grant

The Kresge Foundation has notified President Chamberlain that it has awarded the college a \$350,000 challenge grant to complete construction of the four-story academic building being designed for Houghton's main campus.

The challenge grant is the incentive to complete fund raising for the \$4.5 million, 40,000-square-foot structure before December 1, 1988. Construction is scheduled to begin next summer with oc-

cupancy slated for fall 1989. The building will house five of the college's seven academic divisions and will incorporate the academic office space previously spread between Fancher and Woolsey Halls. This summer Fancher Hall is being relocated to the former Gaoyadeo site, and at the close of the 1987-88 school year, Woolsey Hall will be razed. The academic building will be the college's most costly construction project ever.

Of 45 Kresge Foundation grants (worth \$16.8 million) made so far this year, at presstime, Houghton's was the only proposal the foundation has funded in western New York. Over the past three decades, smaller Kresge Foundation gifts have helped to ensure construction of five Houghton buildings. Last year the foundation reviewed 915 proposals and awarded grants totalling \$45,155,000 to 151 charitable organizations. Including the Kresge commitment, funds raised for

Houghton's academic building now exceed \$2.1 million. To claim the challenge money, the balance must be in hand by the deadline.

### BEQUEST BENEFITS STUDENTS

Houghton College has received a gift of \$20,580.73, proceeds of two insurance policies of the late Dr. Kent D. Williams, Class of 1927. He planned the gift in 1959 and assigned the policies to the college five years later. He designated that the money be used to augment student loan funds.

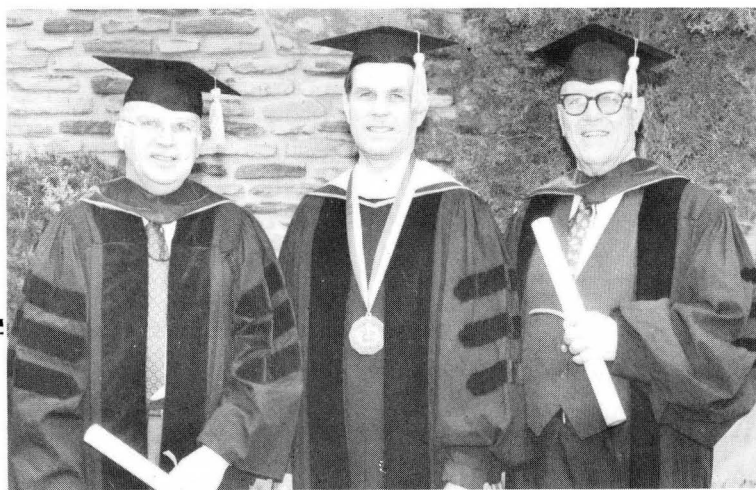
### LAZY SUMMER DAYS ARE PASSED

Summer conferences continue to be a major source of students, good will and revenue for the college. This year some 33 groups have signed up for events ranging from the United Methodist's district conference (15th year), to a Suzuki music camp and Navigators work groups. The later combine seminars with practical service to the college. In August one Navigator team will work on the Buffalo campus. Three Elderhostel Weeks are slated, plus a similar week for alumni July 5-9.



*Houghton College has been accepted as a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, one of just 37 Christian colleges included among the 342 member organizations.*

*President Chamberlain announced the new membership as a step by the college to underscore its determination to uphold high standards of fund-raising and accountability, including full disclosure to any requesting donor, truthfulness in communication, an annual audit by certified public accountants and maintenance of high standards of integrity. These standards are not new to the college, but membership in ECFA demonstrates that this integrity is independently recognized and overseen.*



*Drs. Guffey, Chamberlain and Angell*

## College honors former Houghton pastor

Two-hundred-eighty-nine seniors took part in Houghton's 87th commencement on May 11th. The unusually high number of "graduates" reflects a policy change to include at commencement persons who will complete degree requirements in the fall semester, but within 1987. So these joined traditional January, May and summer school graduates on the platform.

Edward D. Angell returned to the pulpit he twice served as pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Church for the commencement address, "Sulking or Singing Through the Inevitable." He explained his title by quoting from Baron Von Hugel's letter to a jaded collegian, in which he told her: "I have now come to feel that there is hardly anything more radically mean and deteriorating than, as it were, sulking through the inevitable and just simply wasting the hours as they pass by."

Drawing from experiences of the prophet Jeremiah, Angell told the seniors that faith in God will permit them to sing through whatever life holds. His exposition demonstrated that faith is an attitude which leads to action, which may be required to pass through agony, but which results in assurance.

In presenting the 45-year veteran pastor and teacher an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, president Chamberlain told him: "Throughout your adult life you have seen every activity as an opportunity for ministry . . . We honor you for your optimism and for your capacity to think the best about people and circumstances." Rev. Angell currently pastors Aspen Hills Wesleyan Church of Rockville, MD.

Baccalaureate speaker Hal Guffey also received a D.D. Dr. Chamberlain cited him as "a man who has striven with selflessness and single-mindedness to serve Christ by serving others." In his address, "Qualities for Effective Living," the

International Students Incorporated president paraphrased the words of St. Peter, urging the graduating seniors to practice moral excellence, follow knowledge, practice self-control, persevere, follow Godliness and brotherly kindness. He told them: "In recent days we've all seen what can happen in the political and spiritual world when these qualities are lost." The requisite qualities are attainable, Guffey said, if individuals will "model yourselves after Christ . . . who said, 'follow me.'"

Class valedictorian, with a 3.954 grade average, was Virnna Vidaaurri of Panama. A biology major, she minored in math and chemistry and was active in athletics (see the profile in the December 1986 *Houghton Headlines*.) This spring she set a Houghton javelin record, placing second in NCCAA national competition. Virnna was also winner of three athletic awards.

Psychology major Betty Hartman declined to be acknowledged as salutatorian, contending that an honor based on grades encourages an inadequate public and self assessment.

The senior class gift to the college is a decorative fountain, to be constructed on the new Fancher Hall site.

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In separate ceremonies earlier in the day, graduating seniors David Christy, Timothy Johnson and Paul Pettit were commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Army via Houghton's cooperation with Saint Bonaventure University's ROTC program. Christy, who received several awards for leadership ability, is joining the military police corps. Johnson and Pettit will serve with military intelligence. Pettit was recognized for military service aptitude, academic, leadership and moral qualities.



Houghton College is fielding two extension teams this summer. During July and August, *Dayspring*, three men and three women, is augmenting the counseling staffs of a half dozen camps in Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. The singing group, *Malachi*, began its church and camp ministry in June. Their July-August itinerary follows:

Malachi Summer Tour 1987		
<b>JULY</b>		
5	Woodstock (Ontario) Oxford Baptist Church	10:30 am
	Missasauga (Ontario) Gospel Temple	6:00 pm
6	West Park Baptist Church, London, ON	7:00 pm
7	First Congregational Church, Thompsonville, MI	7:30 pm
8	First Baptist Church, Sparta, MI	
9	Owosso (MI) Wesleyan Church	6:30 pm
12-17	Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA	6:00 pm
18-19	Camp Fowler, Speculator, NY	7:00 pm
19	Balltown Wesleyan Church, Schenectady, NY	6:30 pm
20	Ocean Grove (NJ) Camp Meeting	6:30 pm
21	Good Shepherd Orthodox Pres., Neptune, NJ	7:30 pm
22	Pascack Bible Church, Hillsdale, NJ	8:00 pm
23	Forestdale Wesleyan Church, Brandon, VT	8:00 pm
25	Alton Bay (NH) Campgrounds	7:30 pm
26-August 1	Riverside Wesleyan Camp, Robinson, ME	6:00 pm
<b>AUGUST</b>		
2-8	Creative Arts Camp, Camp Aldersgate, Brantingham, NY	9:30 pm
9	Delta Lake Camp (NY)	8:00 pm

## FACULTY NEWS

Academic vice president at Houghton since 1985, Dr. James Barnes assumed the presidency of Marion (IN) College with a bang. His first official duty was to confer an honorary degree on his predecessor, Dr. Robert Luckey. Then, during his first day in office, he met with an accreditation team.

Before he left Houghton, Barnes reflected on the past two years. He called Dr. Chamberlain an excellent mentor and said he hoped to incorporate some Houghton problem solving and operational approaches in his Marion administration. Barnes said he will be adopting admissions policies and procedures and freshman student mentoring techniques used here as well.

Barnes said Marion is more professionally oriented than Houghton, particularly now with almost 600 enrolled in leadership education for adult professionals.

He considers his greatest contributions at Houghton as input on a new faculty orientation and mentoring program, establishing guidelines for awarding faculty development funds, and expansion of curriculum. Mrs. Barnes, who taught in Houghton's education department, is considering several opportunities in Marion.

Dr. George Bennett, librarian at the Kidder Memorial Library on the Buffalo campus is having his doctoral thesis, "Conventions of Subordination," published by Scarecrow Press. The thesis examines historical interpretations of how librarians have described themselves in relation to their perceived and actual positions in academia.

Main campus archivist and research librarian Linda Doezema has had her essay, "Dutch Press," included in a book entitled *The Ethnic Press in the United States*, published by Greenwood Press. Later this year she will have another essay on Dutch immigrants published in the *Dictionary of American Immigration History*.

English professor William Greenway traveled to Red Cloud, Nebraska, for a



Forty-two Houghton students and three faculty are engaging in study and missions work from Australia to Zambia this summer. In preparation for the summer's work, many of them participated in a commissioning chapel near the end of the semester. These are pictured above.

David Pollock, who directs inter-cultural programs, said that sending collegians abroad is common, but Houghton is unique in using internationals and third culture students as leaders. This capitalizes on and develops their special knowledge and leadership abilities, provides culture bridges and helps smooth relationships with locals.

The largest group, 18, is traveling in China under the direction of Drs. Kenneth and Katherine Lindley, and student Greg Laing. They will witness as they have opportunity. Seven students are working in Sri Lanka. Graduating senior, Matthew Hess, took another group to Latin America. Communication department head, Susan Crider, is witnessing in New Zealand. Others are fanned out through Europe, Africa and South America in a range of activities that includes teaching, Bible distribution and medical ministry, camping, evangelism and performing with the Continental Orchestra. Several of these are receiving assistance through FMF and the Houghton Wesleyan Church.

seminar on the work of Willa Cather.

Art professor Gary Baxter was invited to participate in the Third Annual Adirondacks Invitational Ceramics Exhibition at the Gallery of the Arts Center, Old Forge, NY. The respected regional show ran April 29-June 13.

Composer-in-residence William Allen has received a three-year faculty development grant to publish some of his 500 compositions suitable for school, professional and church performance. Beginning this summer, organist Dr. Susan Klotzbach will record his organ works for submission with the written scores.

During March faculty artists Gary Baxter, Ted Murphy and Scot Bennett were

featured in a three-man show at the Olean Public Library Gallery.

Voice professor Jean Riegles has been granted a leave to work on her doctorate with former Houghton fine arts division chairman Donald Bailey at Texas Tech University, Lubbock. Robert Galloway, professor of piano and present fine arts division chairman, has been granted a second year's study leave toward work on his doctorate at the University of Michigan.

Poet-in-residence John Leax has published "Thirst" in Eerdmans *Tending the Garden: Essays on the Gospel and the Earth*. Human services professor Larry Ortiz reviewed the Gibson book, *Our Kingdom Stands on Brittle Glass* and

Buffalo campus dean Charles Massey reviewed *The "Cotton Patch" Gospel: The Proclamation of Clarence Jordan*, by Snider, both in *Social Work and Christianity*.

Beginning a one-year sabbatical leave in September, history professor William Doezeema will study American history and the Salem witchcraft trials, begin revising his western civilization course, and do further work in the area of his doctoral dissertation—railroad regulation at the turn of the century—toward writing a book.

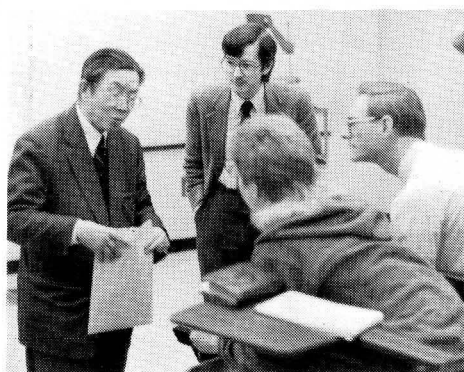
He will travel out of his Houghton home on a study grant, to do research in libraries from Harvard and the Library of Congress, to the Association of American Railroads Library and Cornell University.

## Semi-official Perspectives on China?

C.K. Zhang, a professing Christian, imprisoned for his faith during the Cultural Revolution, is now professor of English at Anhui University in China. During a two-month visit to the United States he lectured at 13 different colleges by arrangement of the Christian College Consortium. Zhang made this trip to improve relations between the U.S. and China, and to recruit people to work in China as "foreign e.perts." He addressed Houghton audiences in chapel and lecture forums early in April. Senior Patty Milligan, who taught English in China last summer, prepared the following summary of Zhang's address and some commentary.

C.K. Zhang addressed current issues including China's open door policy, plans for Hong Kong, family planning policy, and religious freedom. China's doors have opened, said Mr. Zhang, because China has come to realize that "interdependence is not possible without interdependence." When China had her doors closed, she experienced a setback in the peoples' standard of living. He emphasized that the world is now small because of modern means of communication and transportation; stagnation and suspicion exist with closed doors, and good will and progress abound with open doors. Zhang expressed his confidence that when leadership changes, China will still remain accessible to the world because it is to her benefit.

China has been experimenting with



After his lecture, faculty and students sought elaboration on Mr. Zhang's general remarks.

what some call "capitalism;" Zhang called it the "special economic zone." Some private enterprise is being allowed; for example, farmers are allowed to produce more food than required by the government quota and to sell it in the "free market" for profit. (In my visit to China last year, I was surprised to see the dozens of carts lining the street filled with fruits, vegetables, fabric, eyeglasses, clothing, and other everyday merchandise.)

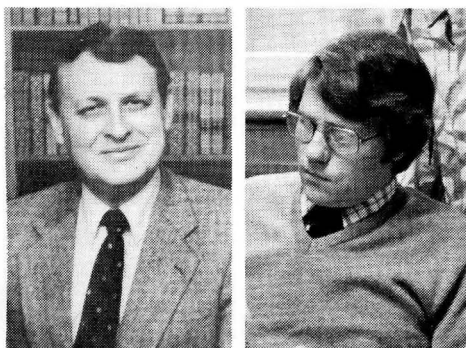
Hong Kong, which will be under Chinese control in less than 10 years, Zhang said, will be allowed to continue as it is for 50 years; the government will then decide whether capitalism or communism best raises the standard of living

of the Chinese. (When I asked my Chinese students whether Hong Kong had any choice in the impending takeover by the mainland's government, they said that there was no decision to make; Hong Kong is part of China, always has been. Nothing will change.)

China's population exceeds one billion. "One family, one child," said Mr. Zhang, "is China's family planning policy." If population is not checked, it will double by the turn of the century. "Even," he noted, "the one child is a [population] problem." The one child is also a discipline problem. Zhang asserted, "he usually becomes very spoiled. We don't know what will happen when [this generation of spoiled children] become government leaders." Methods used to "encourage" families to have only one child include the threat of no bonus, no raise, no transfer. If a woman is pregnant with a second child, she will be "encouraged" to have an abortion. Tragically, because every family desires a boy, a baby girl may end up a victim of infanticide. In response to the U.S. decision to stop funds to the United Nations which were being used to finance abortions in China, Mr. Zhang said, "We feel it's our own problem."

In one generation, if the one child policy is strictly enforced, China's family structure will no longer include brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, or cousins. Too,





Drs. Munro and Doezema

Doezema hopes to do personal study in the area of integrating faith and learning, specifically, considering how Christian and secular historians interpret the 17th century witchcraft event in Massachusetts. "This will involve studying theology, history and psychology," he explained. The Doezeas also plan to take their two children camping and fishing.

Biology department head Donald Munro has begun a semester-long sabbatical leave. During June he lectured on

teaching bio-ethics to 85-90 biology teachers at a Christian College Coalition seminar at Whitworth College (WA).

Later in the summer he will be among five Houghton faculty attending a conference at Wheaton on ethics across the curriculum. Munro will lead a daily seminar. He will also be a panelist at a genetic engineering conference at Eastern College, before he attends the American Scientific Affiliation international conference in Colorado Springs, the theme of which is environmental ethics. Munro was president of the organization in 1984-85.

For three months, beginning in September, he will do cancer related research at Roswell Park Memorial In-

stitute in Buffalo, working with Dr. Ben Munson '60, an associate research professor there. Munro will be doing basic research in his field, cellular physiology, seeking to understand cells better, their genetic composition and what triggers cancerous growth. Munro's interest goes beyond the academic because his mother died of the disease. He also hopes to update himself on laboratory equipment and assess the feasibility of a continuing project that could provide independent study opportunities for Houghton students.

Evenings he expects to put his course notes on computer disks, to make updating easier in a field he says "keeps changing drastically and dramatically." And he has a grant to write teaching modules for the Christian College Consortium on genetic engineering and euthanasia. The Munros will wind up the sabbatical with a year-end family trip to Florida and the Bahamas.

### TRADITION REVIVED

Ninety-eight faculty, administrator and staff volunteers revived Houghton's Arbor Day tradition on May 7, investing some 430 hours in campus beautification and cleanup projects just before commencement.

Three litter walks turned up the expected truckloads of glass, cans, paper, combs and pens, plus a car battery, a personal stereo and some folding chairs. Workers chose tasks and two or three hour shifts. Ten people worked eight hours each.

Lawns were raked, walks edged, 38 dozen flowers planted, bushes were trimmed, brush removed and windows washed. Games and a chicken barbecue on the quad ended the day. Coordinators Wayne MacBeth and Lisa Bennett were as pleased by the esprit fostered—"I got to work with people I don't usually see—" as with the work accomplished. Another Arbor Day is possible for the fall with students involved, but a similar event next spring, is definite.

Arbor Days were regular events through the '30s. The last was held during the 1983 centennial celebration.

the Chinese experience problems when an only daughter marries and cannot assume the responsibility of caring for her aging parents, a responsibility traditionally belonging to the eldest son. Because the daughter has no brothers, the nursing home is becoming the only alternative. Though nursing homes are common in America, this situation illustrates how "solutions" can create new problems.

Before one can judge the Chinese too harshly for their methods of population control, one should first experience traveling on overcrowded buses and battling the hectic bicycle, human and bus traffic of China's cities. (When my students had to literally push me onto a crowded bus, I could not believe another person could squeeze on. The parched and worn land revealed years of overuse to grow enough food for the missions over the last thousands of years. But some positive action on our part to help her might be more effective than merely criticizing her current methods.)

Professor Zhang tried to assure his audience that religious freedom exists in China. Churches, he said, are being reopened. (In the city of Zhengzhou, where I lived, the population of over 600,000 had only one government approved church to attend. The congregation met in an old warehouse because the city had torn down their church building to make a new street. The worshippers

packed the building and overflowed into other rooms on both floors and into the courtyard.) The kind of religious freedom the Chinese experience has restrictions. For example, pastors cannot voice anything considered political; therefore, the church cannot be a voice against abortion or other political injustices.

Zhang said foreigners ought not bring in Bibles as the Chinese government prints their own Bibles. But the only way a Chinese citizen can get a Bible legally is to "put in an order." The three million Bibles printed so far will not meet the needs of the 40-50 million estimated Christians in China plus the non-believers who want copies.

Zhang said foreigners could bring in English Bibles for distribution. However, the policy of the organization under which I went to China to teach English was that we could bring only our own personal Bible, no extras intended for distribution. Disobedience to this restriction, they said, could jeopardize the working relationship they have established with the Chinese government.

Zhang, in his 70s, wants to retire from teaching and become a full-time pastor. Is the Chinese Church compromising? He thinks not. Indeed the gospel is preached from the pulpit of the authorized churches. (I visited two different ones in Henan province, and the interpreted sermon contained basic Biblical truths.)

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## Gao, gaoing, gone . . .

"It's not just a dorm . . . it's an attitude," read the T-shirts the 81-year-old dorm's last defenders wore. But their protests, last-night roof-top sleep-in and chants were no match for Kevin LaForge and his 15-ton tracked monster. Down came the brick walls and colorful inner-partitions, sometimes by sheer force, often by an eerily delicate nibbling action. After four days Gaoyadeo was rubble. And within two weeks the remains were interred at the college farm.

A two-foot thick slab has been poured for Fancher Hall on the former Gao site. The 600-plus-ton Fancher building is girdled with steel cables, and supported by steel I-beams weighing up to seven tons. These are fitted with scores of floatation tires. By the time this issue reaches you, the oldest building on campus should be resting, tower and all, on its new foundation. It will be turned 90 degrees counter-clockwise from its position of the last eight decades, but on new foundation walls faced with original block fitted to its first level cement plinth. Pictures of the move will follow.

