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Item: Some 30 percent of Houghton's Bible, religion and educational ministry majors are women.

Item: The Houghton religion department faculty is committed to the training of men and women for ministry, gives attention to curricular adjustments to enhance the program for women, but guards against any specialization which—in the words of department chairman Dr. Carl Schultz—"simply perpetuates the marginalization of women in ministry."

Item: A recent area newspaper profiled three women pastors, two of them with Houghton ties. The article noted that nearly half the students at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, are women, many approaching ministry as a career change. That story noted that 57 clergywomen serve in the 252 churches of the United Methodist's Western New York Conference.

Dr. Schultz told *Milieu*: "During my high school days at First Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Castle, PA, . . . we were served by a pastoral team—Edith and Chester Patterson—until Chester's death, after which Edith continued to serve. Both were effective ministers, but the commonly-accepted assessment was that Edith was the better preacher." Schultz added, "After being or-

daind it has been my privilege to serve with women ministers . . . Perhaps the greatest joy [in my work at Houghton] is observing women students of mine who have entered the ministry—Barbara Mosher, Ruth Woolsey Strand, Darlene Teague and Gwendolyn Wilson, to name four."

Item: One Houghton alumna minister serving in a denomination with a history of encouraging women in ministry recently changed denominations because no congregation in her district would accept her. Instead of declaring that response inappropriate, her district administration was passive.

Item: Within the last five years another Houghton alumna described to me how within her large city church she and several other lay women had forged an effective ministry group. It had achieved success, visibility and respect within the church and community. She expressed frustration that suddenly her pastor was insisting that while the women could continue the work, a *man* must head their committee.

Last October, while traveling through New York's Finger Lakes area, my wife and I recalled that the women's movement had been born in nearby Seneca Falls—in a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. During a quick visit to the Women's Rights National Histori-

cal Park there we rediscovered how the church came to lend its facilities to Elizabeth Cady Stanton and other founders of the movement. The chapel's male pastor and numbers of his congregation even signed the resulting Declaration of Sentiments.

What's happened since to make many in the women's movement see the church as an enemy, and others in the church to see women's efforts at full participation as negative? Within The Christian Church it has not always been so.

With the goal of fostering reflection, research and re-affirmation (by scratching at multiple surfaces), some April *Milieu* features examine biblical warrants for women in church leadership roles, glance at the beginnings of the American women's movement and its identification with The Wesleyan Church, sketch the record of women in leadership in the holiness movement, identify some reasons for a turn away from such leadership over the last decades of this century, and offer a consideration of women's roles in Houghton's history. We summarize recent campus activities designed to address discrimination, improve gender relations and empower women to make a fuller contribution to the broad redemptive task which college and church share.—Dean Liddick

Coping with Divorce: How do professing Christians deal with the pain, rejection, frustration and rebuilding that attend a divorce—within the family, within the church, in relationships with friends, at work? These are thorny, practical issues for scores of alumni. Several have written us about their experiences. *Milieu* features drawn from their writings are coming soon. Have you been through or are you now experiencing the divorce process? We solicit your experiences/observations/wisdom, too. Share your thoughts in one or two typed pages for inclusion in whole, in part or summary as submissions and editorial judgement determine. Please avoid recriminations, but express your feelings and share your recovery process freely. If you desire more specific guidelines, write or call the editor for a questionnaire/comment sheet. All responses must be in hand by June 25. Work must be signed to be considered, but we will withhold your name if you prefer.



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Women in Leadership

When I did a Bible major at Houghton, no one ever made me feel it was inappropriate. Maybe that was because at the time I intended to become a Wycliffe translator, and being a female missionary doesn't ruffle too many feathers.

"But when I entered a seminary M.Div. program, many fellow students were disturbed to find a woman in that track. They made it

clear that they did not think women should be in church leadership: some were appalled at the idea of women on church boards or women teaching adult Sunday school classes; some didn't believe women could be scholars—one even went so far as to return a set of Old Testament commentaries because a woman wrote one of the volumes. Others thought a woman in the M.Div. program was sinning for being there.

"In short, women couldn't teach or write or lead a church in worship; all the things God had given me a love for doing. . . Their judgement of me was based on something I was powerless to change (my gender).

" . . . In time my anger dissolved into sadness as I reflected that my brothers in Christ, those preparing to lead churches all over the country, those who should love me the very most, who should want God's best for me and for the spreading of the Good News, were the very ones who wanted to keep me in the smallest box possible.

"Dorothy Sayer's quip that God has his opinion on the subject, but the church is unwilling to endorse it, would be funny, except that it has such tragic consequences."

Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82, whose comments set the stage for what follows, is now going through the ordination process in The Wesleyan Church, working on a dissertation in American church history at Drew University, and running a mail order book business, Women's Source Books, for women in Christian leadership.

The sign near exit 41 just east of Rochester on the New York State Thruway reads, "Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls, NY." What relationship does this park have to these features or to *Milieu* readers? The answer begins in 1840 at the World Anti-Slavery Convention in London, England.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton attended that convention with her husband, as did many other American women with interests in the question of slavery. The first day of the convention was spent debating whether or not to allow women on the main floor. Finally, they were allowed to remain, but in the gallery, and silent. Mrs. Stanton believed that the men of the convention dismissed as trivial how such treatment wounded women's pride, self-respect, and spirit. Another of the women who

was relegated to the gallery was the representative of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society—a Quaker minister—Lucretia Mott. She and Mrs. Stanton met and became friends, vowing to do something about improving women's rights when they returned to the U.S.

On July 19 and 20 of 1848, the first Women's Rights Convention, organized by five women, including Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, was held at the Wesleyan Chapel in the town of Seneca Falls, NY.

Why was the convention held there? That answer lies in the very reason that The Wesleyan Methodist Church was born: the belief,

preached by people like Charles Finney, that conversion to Christ involves more than just accepting God's forgiveness; it also demands a radical change from worldly thinking to obedience to Christ. They believed to be new creatures in Christ meant taking a strong stand against immorality, alcoholic beverages, and slavery. By the 1840s, whole churches were withdrawing from The Methodist Episcopal Church because the church leaders would not denounce slavery.

In 1843 an announcement was printed in *The True Wesleyan*—a periodical co-published by feisty abolitionist preacher, Orange Scott—inviting its readers to a Wesleyan Anti-Slavery Conven-

tion on February 1. "All, both ministers and laymen, who are in favor of the ultimate formation of a Wesleyan Methodist Church, free from Episcopacy and Slavery, are invited to attend . . ." The Wesleyan Methodist Church was then formally organized at the Utica (NY) Convention in May of that same year.

The Wesleyan Methodists' attitude of reform touched not only slavery and temperance, but also women's rights. In fact, Luther Lee, who was elected president at the first General Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church, preached the ordination sermon of Antionette Brown—the first woman ordained in this

A Biblical Warrant for Women in Leadership

by Carl Schultz '52

While contemporary western feminine concerns have drawn significant attention to women in ministry and have engendered heated discussions about this matter, they did not originate it.

The locus of appeal and discussion—both by proponents and opponents—has been the Bible. Such is understandable, given that this is a scriptural matter and that the present debate is occurring among those who recognize the authority of the Bible. But this appeal to scripture has not resolved the matter because it is frequently selective, that is, limited to those choice texts that support one's prejudices. In turn those select texts are isolated from their cultural and literary contexts, resulting in universalization where particularization seems to have been intended. Ultimately, as with other issues, the matter of women in ministry is an exegetical and hermeneutical concern. Scripture speaks to it, but what does it say?

Neither space nor strategy permits a comprehensive biblical treatment. However, the locus of the debate is principally in the Pauline writings where we find Paul generally open to women in ministry. Names such as Priscilla, Phoebe, Syntyche, and Eurodia come to mind as women who worked with Paul in

the Gospel. Paul bases this practice in his foundational affirmation: "There is no longer male and female; all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

But the passages often evoked to give the Pauline position are I Corinthians 14: 33-36 and I Timothy 2:11-14. Here the opponents of women in ministry believe they have the final answer: Women cannot exercise any leadership that involves men! (I say *any* but a gross inconsistency can be seen here, for a woman apparently can write a book on a biblical subject or teach a class in Christian education at a Bible school, or relate missionary experiences to a congregation—all of which have the potential of involving men and teaching them.)

These passages stand in sharp contrast to Paul's more open stance mentioned above where he clearly encouraged and implemented feminine leadership. Accepting the above passages as Pauline (rejecting the claim that they are deutero-pauline), Paul appears to be uneven in his treatment of women in ministry. Why?

A careful reading of I Timothy reveals a disconcerting situation at Ephesus. There are false teachers who are making significant inroads in the house-churches by attracting the women to their heresies. They, in

turn, become propagators of unorthodox teaching. Obviously, Paul cannot and will not tolerate this. Thus he indicates that in this place and under these circumstances women cannot exercise leadership.

Paul's response is conditioned by the local situation. Even those who appeal to the creation reference here and universalize this passage, insist upon restricting the verses which surround I Timothy 2:11-14 to that local situation. Verses 7-9, which deal with women's clothing, are ignored as women are now allowed to wear gold, pearls, and expensive clothes. Likewise, verse 15 which states that a woman is saved through childbearing, is ignored, allowing that the single woman can be a believer. If these surrounding verses address a local situation, then might not the treatment of women in leadership also be addressing the local situation at Ephesus?

This passage then appears to be more cultural than moral and explains why Paul's teaching here is negative on women in leadership.

One cannot but wonder what Paul would write to the church at Houghton with its rich reservoir of competent and committed women!

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country.

Also in 1843, approximately 60 people organized the Wesleyan Methodist Society in Seneca Falls, NY. Their chapel, which was dedicated in October of that year, was not only used for religious services, but was also open to all reform speakers free of charge.

Five years later, when the first Women's Rights Convention was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Elizabeth Cady Stanton read a Declaration of Sentiments, which she had written. It dealt with such issues as *property rights* (married women could not own property or retain rights to money they earned), *children* (widows had no rights over their children, rather, the father's family had custody), *taxation without representation* (women could not vote), and *education* (colleges were not open to women at that time, a situation that Mrs. Stanton believed was a means of keeping women from being useful and independent citizens). One third of the 100 people who signed the Declaration (68 women and 32 men) were Wesleyan Methodist.

Whatever directions the greater American women's movement has since taken, it is instructive to recall that our Wesleyan forebears were active in its beginnings.

The Women's Rights National Historical Park was established in 1980. It includes a restored Elizabeth Cady Stanton House and a visitor center beside a newly-opened memorial structure, which incorporates the remnants of the original Wesleyan Chapel. The visitor center, which is open daily year-round, offers a video presentation recounting the history of the first convention and many interpretive exhibits on the subject of women. It makes an enjoyable and informative day trip. ■—Cynthia

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Leadership by Women Within the Holiness Movement

by JoAnne Lyon

The probing questions on the other end of the telephone line were those of a Jewish professor from a larger university in the south. She had just discovered a religious group by the name of "The Holiness Movement." The doctrine of inclusion and particularly that of women had so intrigued her that she started researching these denominations as to their impetus for women in leadership.

Perhaps the biblical theme that emerges as the defense for women in leadership is that of the Day of Pentecost when Peter addresses the astonished crowd and declares that what they are observing is the answer to Joel's prophecy, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy..." (Acts 2:17) NRSV

Phoebe Palmer, evangelist, teacher and organizer, produced a 421-page book in 1859 entitled *The Promise of the Father* in which she exegetes the Acts passages and

states that sons and daughters are expected and compelled to pray, prophesy and preach. This she lived out to the fullest extent being considered a major force behind the mid-19th century holiness revival. Her revival work included Canada, the U. S. and Britain where she claimed 25,000 converts. Her gifts of organization and administration were evident in the organizing and establishing of the Five Points Mission in New York (of which some parts are still in operation), a mission in China, Garrett Biblical Institute and Drew Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Palmer impacted the life of Catherine Booth, wife of William Booth—both founders of the Salvation Army. She produced a booklet entitled *Female Ministry* where she also looks to Peter's sermon as the basis for women's call. The Booths modeled co-ministry where each exercised his/her gifts freely.

The Salvation Army organiza-

tional documents mandated this procedure stating, "No laws can be good in effect that profess to care for and guard the interest of one sex at the expense of the other."¹ Catherine's ministry so impacted all segments of society in England that when she died it is reported that 50,000 filed past her coffin.

Not only did women write books and exhort other women to exercise their gifts, but men who were leaders and scholars in the beginnings of the holiness movement voiced strong pleas for women and men to follow Christ completely. W.B. Godbey, considered a "scholarly evangelist," wrote a pamphlet in 1891 entitled *Woman Preacher*. He states, "It is the God-given right, blood-bought privilege, and bounded duty of the women, as well as the men, to preach the gospel."

Regarding the passage in I Timothy 2, Dr. Godbey states that that injunction "was given to keep order, and not to keep women from preaching. I don't know a scripture," he continues, "in all the Bible by whose perversion the devil has dragged more souls into hell than this."

Seth C. Rees, founder of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, uses equally strong language in his book, *The Ideal Pentecostal Church*. (1897). "Nothing but jealousy, prejudice, bigotry and a stingy love for bossing in men have prevented woman's public recognition by the church. No church that is acquainted with the Holy Ghost will object to the public ministry of women."

The first woman to be ordained in the United States was Antoinette Brown. She was one of the first graduates of the first co-educational institution of higher education—Oberlin College—founded by Charles Finney. Luther Lee, Wesleyan Methodist minister and one of the founders of the denomination, preached the ordination sermon in 1853. This door of formal education for

women increased the opportunities in the fields of teaching and leadership at the college level as well as overseas ministry.

As the "holiness movement" continued, Bible schools and places of training began to emerge. Within them were women who carried significant roles in training. One such woman embodied many at this time. Nettie Peabody of God's Bible School exemplified deep piety, yet was a strong Bible and doctrine teacher. Both male and female students respected her spiritually and academically as well as her reputation as a strict disciplinarian.

Mission organizations also emerged during these days as the call for world evangelization was sounded. The Oriental Missionary Society founded by Charles and Lettie Cowman, known today as OMS International, became the expression of ministry for many women. During Rev. Cowman's lengthy illness Mrs. Cowman penned the book, *Streams in the Desert*, which continues as a best seller to this day. During his illness and subsequent death she effectively led OMS as the "CEO" for 24 years.

Yes, there were evangelists, teachers, pastors, administrators, writers, both noted and unheralded women. But my professor inquirer on the other end of the telephone line asks the inevitable question . . . What happened?

There are several answers—over-simplified here for space—yet responsive to that question. 1. A societal effort after World War II to return "Rosie the Riveter" to her previous gender roles which also impacted women in the church. 2. A growing institutionalization of holiness churches with concomitant organizational structures more aligned to men's ways of doing things. 3. Rising evangelical church cooperation based on minimizing some "peripheral" distinctives (i.e. acceptance of women in ministry) to advance

common goals. 4. The rise of "popular" Christian authors whose sometimes narrow or distorted views of women's roles met with perceived silence from the church, thereby effecting a shift in thinking and action from the pew to the pulpit over the last 50 years.

Does silence continue to be the response? How are these tendencies being confronted now? In The Wesleyan Church, task forces on women, on public morals and social concerns grapple with gender role questions in the light of "lost history." The *Discipline* advocates inclusive language, as have periodic notices from the general superintendents to district superintendents regarding biblical models of leadership roles for women. A brochure on women in the church has been prepared. In April the Wesleys and four other denominations sponsored "Come to the Waters," a retreat and seminars for women desiring to pursue careers in ministry.

None of these alone is likely to restore woman's place in church leadership, even in the denominations with that tradition. Taken together they can be seen as turning points from which new consciousness by women and the church at large can begin to nurture a powerful potential for improved fellowship within the Body, and for outreach in a fragmented world.

Phoebe Palmer's plea still stands: "The Church in many ways is a sort of Potter's field, where the gifts of woman, as so many strangers, are buried. How long, O Lord, how long before man shall roll away the stone that we may see a resurrection." ■

¹ The Salvation Army: Its Origin and Development (London: Salvationist Publishing and Supplies, 1951) p. 63

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My Honor Roll of Service to Houghton Academy and College from the opening of the school in 1884 to the present would include the names of many women, some very familiar, others nearly forgotten. Women served God and influenced students to deeper Christian lives as teachers, bookkeepers, launderers, secretaries, financial contributors, cooks, registrars, and since 1975 as trustees. (A special place to President Chamberlain who had the courage—110 years after the school's founding—to name a woman to the administrative team.)

College founder Willard J. Houghton, greatly influenced by the reform movement of the mid-19th century, might have expected an appointment to the trustees and administrative team much sooner. In 1883, this man, though weary from many years of Sunday school work, evangelism, and church building agreed "to go under the load" with The Wesleyan Methodist denomination if they would endow the school "so as to make it permanent," have "easy tuition," and "see to it that it runs on strict reform lines."

The "reform lines" of which Willard Houghton spoke were part of the social reform movement of

Leadership Among Houghton Women

Perhaps no one influenced life on campus more than those who served as dean of women

by Katherine (Walberger '43) Lindley

the mid-19th century that sought for greater equality for women as well as for abolition, and for temperance. Evangelical feminism had made considerable progress in the years just before the opening of the school. So it was logical that the founder actively recruited women as well as men students for the school. He even encouraged women to enroll in his Bible Training Class (later to become the Theological Department). He described the purpose of the Bible Training Class as helping to "educate young men and women for mission, evangelistic and gospel work." Although The Wesleyan Methodist Church at that time was somewhat ambivalent on the ordination of women, a woman graduating from such training might reasonably expect to be licensed as a Minister of the Gospel, and in some conferences of the church even be ordained.

Alice Boardman Smith was an early woman student Mr. Hough-

ton recruited—even providing her with needed funds to enter the Seminary (high school). She became one of the first high school teachers in Houghton Seminary. Marrying Willard Boardman, in 1902 they joined Mary (Lane) and George Clark as missionaries in Africa. Only weeks after they arrived Willard died and Alice returned to America. Later, she married J. Hal Smith and returned to Africa. Eventually, she became active in the church as a youth worker, a writer, and speaker.

Apparently in the early history of the school, women were readily accepted as teachers whether because of the reform emphasis or because they were more socially acceptable at the preparatory level. (Early seminary students were not ready for high school.) The first extant catalog listed four faculty members in addition to the principal, A. R. Dodd. Three of them were women—Miss Alice Boardman who taught education and rhetoric; Miss Eva Davis who was the "English Department"; and Mrs. Gussie Dodd, wife of the principal, a preceptress and the "Art Department." In a faculty picture of 1912-13, five of 13 were women. In 1922, seven of 12 were women. In 1963, when I joined the faculty, the catalog listed nine full-time women in a faculty of 58. Another seven women were listed as part-time. There has been little progress since then.

Among the many who have served so willingly and well was "Sister" Mary Depew who "took oversight of the lady students . . . to give them weekly lectures," Mr. Houghton wrote in his ledger.

They Also Showed the Way

Also deserving of a place on my Honor Roll are the wives of countless teachers, administrators, and staff who willingly accepted heavy family responsibilities, low salaries, the long hours required of their spouses, the entertaining of students and colleagues, and the role of encourager and confidante as part of their own service to their Lord.

Nor would I forget those like the widow who gave her mite in Jesus' day. Two examples: "Blind sister McCreary" whose name is listed along with her small gift in Willard Houghton's ledger. The \$25,000 gift of Willard Houghton's

daughter, Mrs. Jennie Cudworth, covered over half the cost of Luckey Administration Building.

Some on my Honor Roll would not expect to be included. Mrs. Clocksin, a returned missionary who lived in town with her daughters, impressed me not by what she did—washing and ironing the dining hall table linens which she always kept spotless and white—but by the spirit in which she did it. Few will forget feisty Grace Terry, whose name is almost synonymous with warm, delicious, cinnamon sweet rolls ready each week for Sunday morning breakfast risers.

Perhaps no one influenced life on campus more than those who served as dean of women—Miss Lone Driscoll, Miss Prentice (dean when I came as a Freshman in 1939), Elizabeth Gilbert Feller, Bessie Rennick, Lola Haller, and Isabell Rogato, among them.

Three ladies—Mildred Gillette (bookkeeper and assistant treasurer), Elsie Chind (secretary), and Rachel Davison (records keeper)—the complete office staff for several years—remind me of all the rather elusive individuals who have formed the structural framework of this institution. "Billie" Snell was the only secretary for the entire faculty for several years after I arrived; Hazel Dunbar, secretary to president Paine; Laura Lynip, director of placement; Mary Boomhower, dietician until the new food service was introduced, when she became secretary for *two* divisions; Betty Effland for many years the accountant. Such are the unsung heroines. People like them still keep the structure intact so faculty and administration and students can carry out the educational mission of the school.

Which faculty women should be placed on my Honor Roll? A

few samples must suffice. My life and that of many others was influenced in the early '40s by the fun-loving, lively Alice Pool who lived in Gao dorm in my freshman year; by the deep spirituality of Bessie Fancher who taught me both by example and word about God and the methods of teaching; by Rachel Davison (Fee) whose gentle spirit, but high standards encouraged us in her math classes; by Crystal Rork's smile and willingness to do whatever was needed—even to teaching, as some of us recall, a course in social pathology, though clearly she preferred botany.

There was Frieda Gillette who astounded me with her memory for details and breadth of knowledge; Doc Jo Rickard who raised the writing skills of hundreds of freshman and left many sophomores with some knowledge of Chaucer and Old English. Dora Burnell seemed always to be helping some student in the chemistry lab; the Ortlip women—Aileen, Marjorie, and their mother Aimee—established a place for art; and Miss Philpot, Mrs. Bowen, and so many others.

Has the school Willard Houghton founded lived up to his reform principles in giving women equality? Clearly the school has remained coeducational. The faculty, too, has been open to both sexes, but the ratio favors men. Numbers, however, are only part of the story. What about salary equality? My own experience appears to affirm that equality existed except for a period when salaries were weighted toward men with families. After that time, my salary for comparable rank—professor, and later division chair—was equal to my husband's.

There are related questions. Were promotions given or withheld so as to affect salary? Was the worth and value of a woman perceived to be equal to that of a male? Were women encouraged, even allowed to develop and use their full potential? Would a woman have been considered for administrative positions? Were women included in the making of policy?

The answers to most of these questions are quite complex and cannot be dealt with in this short article. Any response requires some understanding of the early governance structure which can be

Impressions: Houghton's First Female Senior Administrator

My high school salutatory address endures among my greatest embarrassments. When I graduated I sincerely thought I knew everything. Even if I didn't have all knowledge, I certainly had all wisdom! I went so far as to quote Job and Proverbs passages which indicate that the price of wisdom is above rubies. Somehow, I, at age 18, understood that price very well. Or so I thought.

Three months later I entered Houghton College and quickly learned that the more you learn the more there is to learn.

History repeats itself. After graduating in 1983 I began working at the college in the fall of 1984, moving from admissions to development in 1987. Had I made a speech in the fall of 1992 when I was named

director, I fear it would have featured much of 1979's salutatory address—minus some pomposity. I had learned much about Houghton College during those working years, but when I became Houghton's first female senior administrator, I discovered afresh that there is always more to learn.

I worked hard to earn this position—one which demands more than I ever expected. But those demands are not the surprise. Rather, it's that suddenly THEY became WE. THEY used to be the president and the administrative committee. Now THEY includes me. I marvel at some of the things WE discuss. THEY used to shape the college mission statement. Now, WE do that. THEY used to recommend individuals for

trusteeship. I couldn't believe it when WE made these recommendations.

Currently I'm experiencing much intimidation. The wisdom, knowledge and experience of my fellow administrators often overwhelm me. Administrative committee discussions pose the greatest challenges of my position. Happily, this has nothing to do with my being female. It has a lot to do with my relative youth in terms of experience. The next youngest administrator is only four years older than I, but he was once my supervisor as well. I have incredible respect for the administrative committee and I trust that someday my service at this college can meet the level of their service.—Melinda Trine

most easily described as paternalistic. The president perceived the faculty, students, and staff as a part of his family, a traditional family of that era in which the father understood what was best for all and exercised authority for their benefit. His "family" acquiesced and encouraged this pattern of government.

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Dr. Gillette described this family pattern that dominated for many years: "President [Luckey] was vitally concerned with anything that concerned members of his faculty and staff." Then after describing him as a "benign dictator," she quickly added, "but he needed to be and I would emphasize that word 'benign' because it takes away any undue thought of anything but the most gracious, kindest attitude."

Doc Jo, in describing how decisions were made in the formative years of the school under President Luckey, said the president would poll faculty members on any topic and then say, "It appeals to me." Then they voted—always for what "appealed" to him "because he was right," she said. "He was a father to us all, even though we younger teachers stood in awe of him" (HC Oral History Collection quotes).

"He had grown up in the school from its infancy and so he had his hand on everything," said Doc Jo. Dr. Claude Ries once expressed it this way: "... a cat couldn't drown

on the college farm without permission from President Luckey" (Oral History Collection).

That model continued with some modification after Dr. Luckey's death. A male administrative committee replaced the family image of the presidency. Perhaps a statement from one of those administrators best describes governance until the 1960s: "In those days you didn't consult with your subordinates about what should be done. You just did it, and handed the decision down. [Consultation] started blooming in the 1960s as far as I am concerned" (Oral History Collection). That the president's door was always open made governance "democratic."

The tradition of men faculty meeting after chapel on certain days to discuss issues with the president gave way to a Local Advisory Board and an Educational Policy Committee in which division chairmen and selected faculty members discussed issues and helped formulate policy. But only men were division chairmen until Dr. Gillette refused to sign "one more contract" which called her "acting chairman" of the history and social science division. That year she became the first woman division chairman.

As for men meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the college, several years after I joined the faculty, I discovered that men and administrators (all men) *still* discussed policy, though now under the guise of a men's luncheon. When the few women faculty led by Roberta Fair objected, women were allowed to join the group, but the luncheons were soon abandoned.

Reform principles? Equality? Change? All have played roles, but today's women must determine where we go from here. ■

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Women Increasing campus

There is renewed interest at Houghton in addressing women's issues and concerns. Summarized below are some specifics.

Beginning in the spring of 1992, "A World Ready for Women" featured a series of campus programs, including three roundtable discussions on such topics as body image, anger, and knowing.

Other programs included a health center open house on women's health issues, a film entitled "Funny Ladies: A Portrait of Women Cartoonists," two morning devotional programs featuring the classical writings of two women, and a lecture presentation given by Susan P. Morehouse, author and faculty member at Alfred (NY) University, whose writing features stories of mothers and daughters.

Besides offering the Houghton community opportunity to experience programs focusing on women and their concerns with respect to image, power, health, education, career, and spiritual faith, the series also provided Houghton women a vehicle by which to lead in educating the community about these concerns.

Facing up to the fact that the majority of Houghton students are women and the majority of faculty are men, the fall '92 faculty retreat focused on the theme: "Women's Ways of Knowing." Sociology professor Dr. Jayne Maugans, who'd been an interim faculty member at Houghton the previous year, led off the sessions. Panel discussions considered implications of her presentation for Christian educators, and for classroom teaching.

Eighteen months later, Dr. Maugans is a regular faculty member and says she sees far greater faculty openness to the implications of those sessions than

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sensitivity, broadening opportunities for all

existed in 1992, than in fact exist *now* at a secular university where she taught in the interim.

During February an evening reception for women entering ministry professions featured alumna Kristina LaCelle-Peterson. Panelists included local female alumni clergy—Ruth Woolsey Strand (Houghton Wesleyan), Barbara Mosher (Salamanca Free Methodist), Gwen Wilson (Collins Center United Methodist), and Patricia Ellis (Forrestville Wesleyan). Senior ministerial student Jennifer Scammell coordinated the program as part of her work with the career development center (CDC). Jennifer plans to attend Asbury Seminary this fall.

Health center director Gail Smith has helped to establish additional health care services for women. She took the lead in

having the college contract with Wellsville nurse practitioner Dionne Parker to be available one morning each week to meet with women for such matters as premarital exams and counseling, and routine pelvic exams.

Recent policies adopted by the college with respect to sexual assault and sexual harassment have generated more awareness and discussion of these issues and others related to campus safety. An investigative team of representatives from the faculty, staff, and students, plus campus resource persons, have been trained to hear and respond to both formal and informal complaints of harassment. The sexual assault advisory committee, chaired by career development center director Sharon Givler, oversees policy implementation and campus-wide

education on these issues.

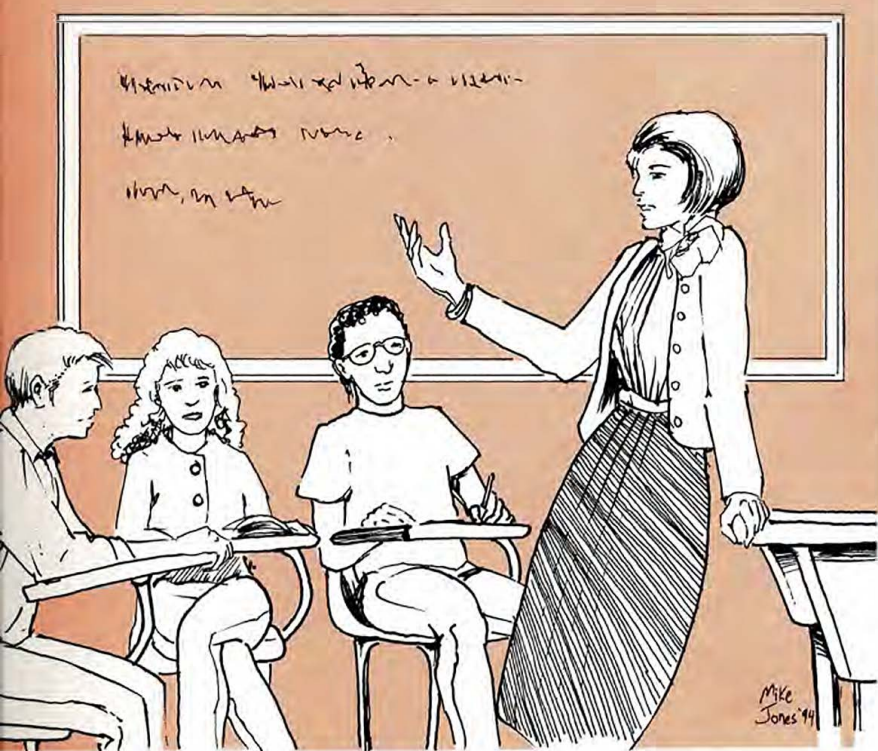
Minority women students are beginning to emerge as campus leaders. Through the guidance of Carolyn Pouncy, staff counselor with the counseling center and the Upward Bound program, these women have been instrumental in establishing a gospel choir and providing significant leadership for the 1994 Black History Month celebrations.

During April the religion and philosophy department and CDC co-sponsored ministerial major Juanita Chandler's attendance at "Come to the Waters," a women in ministry conference held in New Mexico. Several Houghton alumni and trustee JoAnne Lyon helped shape this event which was sponsored by five holiness denominations. Juanita is completing a ministerial degree at Houghton and leading a Fillmore worship group.

"Women's Ways of Teaching, Leading, and Knowing" was the theme of the first annual conference of the Center for Christian Women in Leadership. Housed at Eastern College (PA), the center is becoming a source of information and networking among women in higher education. Houghton reference and music librarian, Lawrie Merz, Sharon Givler and adjunct professor of education at Houghton's Oregon Extension, Nancy Linton, represented the college at that conference.

Encouraged by the dialog there, Nancy Linton developed a women's studies course, "The Struggle for Self and Voice in Community: Women In Literature and Psychology," which will be first offered in Mayterm this year. Last semester, professor William Doeze's special topics class visited Seneca Falls, and biblical articles on women's issues have been collected in the religion division reading room. ■

Contributors: CDC director Sharon Givler, Drs. Jayne Maugans and Carl Schultz, trustee JoAnne Lyon, Juanita Chandler and other selected students.





Reading College Guides?

How to Avoid Apple/Orange Comparisons

by Bruce Campbell '81

Last fall, an emerita faculty member expressed concern about Houghton's modest ranking, relative to a competitor, in a popular college rating guide. Would her bright, college-bound granddaughter still consider Houghton? Should she?

For sure, she should, and here's hoping she will. The comparison in this instance turned out to be somewhat indirect. Still, the issue raised is a good one. College guides and ratings abound. Shake an ivy-draped tree and a half-dozen volumes drop out. Ironically, in their variety and number these publications can create confusion, the very condition they are designed to relieve. What is their proper place in the college search process? How do the publishers obtain their information? How did there get to be so many of these books anyway?

While they have proliferated and become big

business in recent years, college guides have been around for decades. Two of the most familiar editions, *Barron's* and *Peterson's*, date back to 1964 and 1970, respectively. These provided the baby boom generation (and now their kids) with essential detail (but not opinion) about virtually every American college.

The waning of the baby boom turned higher education from a seller's economy into a classic buyer's market. Not coincidentally, it was at this time that the second generation of college guides gained life. Geared for this new market, these editions have largely eschewed the "just the facts ma'am" approach for a more evaluative one. Their names are familiar to the college-bound student: *Best Buys in College Education*, *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*, *Arco's Best Values in American Education* & *The Public Ivies* are but a few examples. Additionally, several magazines, including *U.S. News and World Report*, *Changing Times*, *Money*, *Parents of Teenagers* and *Campus Life* now offer periodic college ranking issues.

The genre is now well established in high school and community college counseling offices and in the minds of the college bound. In a recent survey, Oberlin College found that nearly 75 percent of its new freshmen and transfers consulted a college guide. Similarly, each year many Houghton applicants indicate that their consideration of the college was either based on, or confirmed by, kudos received from one of these publications.

It's important that students or parents using college guides have some notion of the methodology used in gathering and reporting data. The traditional, fact-oriented volumes (like *Barron's*) generally report information obtained directly from the colleges. Indeed, the Houghton admissions office completes several exhaustive publishers' surveys each year.

As one would expect, the guides and ratings which purport to offer an "insider's" perspective gather information very differently. Current student opinion is characteristic of these publications, though this may be obtained in very different ways. *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* relies primarily on surveys distributed to students by college officials. *Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges* gathers student feedback via random calls to residence halls and campus interviews.

The methodology of the popular *U.S. News and World Report* college guide deserves special mention. For its "America's Best Colleges" annual the magazine surveys college presidents, deans, and admissions directors. However, *U.S. N & WR* evaluates colleges using specific Carnegie Foundation categories (e.g. national vs. regional colleges, small universities, large universities) and asks respondents to rate the academic quality of the colleges in their same grouping. This data, along with college-supplied facts describing selectivity, alumni giving, faculty, gradua-

Reporting SATs: tricks of the trade

Here are a few tricks, known to this writer, which image-conscious colleges have used to polish up their freshmen SAT/ACT averages: 1. Require students with good grades, but profile denting scores, to start classes in January, thus removing them from the calculation; 2. Require some students to begin their schooling through an evening school, continuing studies or other "non-traditional" program; 3. Create a special admission category for anyone admitted with a restriction (e.g. light course load) and place the bottom portion (SAT/ACT wise) of the freshmen class there; 4. Simply remove from the calculation any students for whom admission is desirable but whose test scores don't approach the desired average. For example: one school's usual reported mean of 1150+ is based on around 80 percent of the freshmen class test scores.

Houghton attempts to be as inclusive as possible. Its SAT average of approximately 1040 includes all freshmen SAT/ACT takers, save for the English scores of those for whom English is a second language. The national average for the SAT hovers at approximately 890.

tion rate and financial resources, is used to rank the individual colleges.

Reviewing colleges with peer institutions is unique and potentially useful but does not lend itself to cross-category comparisons. Such was the scenario reported at the beginning of the article. Our loyal emerita was concerned that a competitor rated more highly than did Houghton. As a regional institution, though, it was evaluated within a very different, arguably less competitive, peer group than Houghton, which is regarded as a *national* liberal arts college (Wheaton, Gordon, and Westmont are the only other Christian College Consortium schools so identified). In this case, more research would be needed to develop a truly meaningful comparison.

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This look at college ratings would be incomplete without discussion of standardized tests. Developed 30 years ago as admissions tools, SAT/ACTs are now used by students (and the rating guides they read) to evaluate colleges. The higher the reported freshmen SAT/ACT average, this approach suggests, the better the school. College-searching students need to be aware that no "industry standard" governs the reporting of college SAT/ACT scores. As a result there is a lot of creativity on the part of colleges in how they calculate and report these averages (see the sidebar above).

As students need to be mindful of methodology, so too should they be attuned to any publisher's agenda informing the rating process. Liberal colleges, for example, need not apply for inclusion in *The National Review's College Guide*. Interestingly, this magazine's conservative perspective, which lauds Houghton for a core curriculum which remains largely traditional and nonpoliticized, also chides the college for a "peace and justice" orientation among some faculty and cross-cultural course offerings—features generally elemental to the Christian liberal arts.

Less obvious is the bias involved in *Money Magazine's* annual review of higher education's best

buys. In the mid-1980s Christian colleges, which had found their way onto *Money's* honor rolls, ceased to appear in the magazine's rankings. Pressed for an explanation by admissions directors, *Time, Inc.* officials reported that they would no longer consider for inclusion colleges they deemed to be "narrowly sectarian." And so it remains. Ironically, it was *Money* which afforded Houghton what may have been its first national recognition with a 1979 article on private college bargains.

Proliferation and issues of methodology and agenda notwithstanding, college guides can be useful in the college search process. Counselors generally agree that an exhaustive guide, such as *Barron's* or *Peterson's*, is helpful once a student has completed some self-inventory to determine his or her own needs. The detailed data, cross references, and indices these editions offer can help a student identify a reasonable pool of colleges for closer investigation. With this short list in hand, a student may find ranking type guides helpful. They can, in some cases, provide perspective and offer external confirmation of institutional quality.

However, college rating publications are best not used at the very beginning of the college search and are never a substitute for the process. The ultimate goal of the college search is to find a college which matches a student's abilities, personality and interest. A familiar guidance counselor's lament involves the student who selects a college, sight unseen, because of its ranking in a publication or who will only consider the colleges touted on someone's list.

In its breadth and accessibility, American higher education is the envy of much of the world. Future students need to explore their options thoroughly, keeping in mind that a good educational experience may be had at many colleges, sung and unsung. ■

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Is there a doctorate in the house?

Some experts are beginning to point to alumni educational achievement as a gauge of college quality. A recent study by Franklin & Marshall College reviewed the performance of some 900 private undergraduate-oriented colleges in producing doctoral degree recipients.

A look at this research finds that Houghton ranks in the top 20 percent on this measure for both the long term (1920-1990) and short term (1981-1990) reviews. For the latter period, Houghton ranks in the top 10 percent in producing Ph. D.s in history, chemistry and English. Statistics were not adjusted to account for differences in enrollment.

Calling Houghton

—The Info Center

"... Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." **Math. 25:40 NIV**

by Kathie (Wimer '64) Brenneman

"Good morning, Houghton College."

"Oh, good morning, Mrs. College. Could I have the business office?"

Of the 10,000 or so calls we average at the Info Center each month, some make us smile or chuckle. Others make us pull our hair.

Located on the main floor of Reinhold Campus Center, the Info Center opened four years ago—result of dean of students, Robert Danner's, vision. He, along with then director of development, Wayne MacBeth, helped formulate a working plan to move the main switchboard from Luckey Memorial administration building and integrate that service with the functions of East Hall residence desk.

Eighteen students and I operate the Info Center seven days a week, 7 a.m. -midnight. Besides answering the switchboard, we make change, sell stamps, run a dry cleaning service, sign out pool cues, ping-pong, other games and magazines, accept guest reservations for East Hall guest rooms, and keep a lost-and-found cupboard. We post birthdays, up-to-date weather reports, news, cartoons and movie listings and give out restaurant info and general directions to any place in western New York. I also freely give "motherly" advice.

Running the Info Center is one of the best jobs on campus. Where else could I get paid to talk to and meet so many delightful students?

We receive phone calls from all over the world. I am still amazed when a person speaking English clearly and easily-heard says, "I am calling from Russia." Phone calls are a wonderful highway for briefly touching other people's lives. My desk proctors and I endeavor to be cheerful and helpful to all callers.

Remembering that Houghton is a small rural undergraduate liberal arts school, I hope you can share our amusement/bemusement at this sampling of questions we've received over the Info Center phones.

"Good Morning, Houghton College:"

* I'd like to know about the college's artistic ability.

* Am I speaking with the president of the college?

* I'm calling about tonight's Magical Dinner. (Madrigal)

* Do you have a course in surgery?

* What kind of kids can swim on Saturday?

* Could I speak to the Dean of Spirituality?

* Could you connect me to customer service?

* I know this is going to be a strange question, but which side is your appendix on?

* What's the temperature outside now?

* I think this is the wrong number. This isn't the Perfect Body Corporation, is it?

* Could you tell me when hunting season is over?

* Can you give me tax info?

* I want to talk to the leading counselor.

* May I speak to the Phys. Ed. Building, please?

* How many feet from a basketball hoop to the foul line?

* What's the zip code for Wheaton, IL?

* Could you arrange for my garbage to be picked up at my house?

* Could I speak to someone in the swimming pool?

* Could I have the phone number for Ben Dover? (Bend over)

* I'd like to see about scheduling that music group you have, Heirloom? (Heirborne)

* Are there any elderly people there who would be interested in buying land?

* Can I have the number for Bob Jones University?

* (A father explaining at length about his freshman son) My son is allergic to common fools . . . ahhh, I mean FOODS.

* Is this a Christian College?

— Yes

Do you pray there?

— Yes

Cool.

— Are you interested in literature about the college?

No, I live too far away.

— Where?

Buffalo.

* (9:15 a.m.—A frantic mother yells into the phone) I have to find



my son right away!

—Did you try his dorm?

Yes, and he's not there.

—He's probably in class.

Class? What's he doing there?

* Could I have the direct number to South Hall, third west, please?

—That would be 9227.

9227? I don't get it.

—567-9227

Oh, 567-9227

—Yes.

Is that in the same area code as the college?

* I'm trying to reach Long Island.

—This is Houghton College. I don't know how you got here.

Holy Smokes! Me neither. How are you? What are you taking?

—Bible and music.

Oh well, may the Good Lord take a liking to you.

—He already has. He loves me.

Oh, bye.

* I'm Sally's aunt, Lillian Kennedy. Could you call her to the phone?

—Is her last name Kennedy?

Why no, it's Jordan.

* I'm looking for Ellen Hamburger.

—I don't think we have anyone named Ellen Hamburger listed.

Oh, wait a minute. It's Ellen MacDonald.

* Could I speak to Lori?

—Lori who?

Umm. I don't know for sure, but she has blonde hair.

* I'm calling because I need to Fed-Ex a package to Houghton and I need the street address.

—That would be 1 Willard Ave.

Oh. Wellsville, NY?

* I'm calling from Boston and I'm looking at a map. Where is Houghton anyway?"

The best moments come when students send notes, or stop to say that someone in the Info Center was especially kind or the posted comics provided a needed laugh, or just to say that the Info Center is a friendly place. ■



The Norbergs' microwave oven 10 minutes after the earthquake

My Favorite Earthquake

by Robert Norberg '60

My favorite earthquake began suddenly on January 17, 1994, at 4:31 a.m., and ended a short time later. It was a moving experience.¹ I was in bed sound asleep when my wife, Bettye Lou, grabbed me. Apparently—I thought—she had a bad dream, because she was shaking with fright—so hard, in fact, that the whole house shook. As it turned out, she wasn't the one shaking the house. The noise was deafening, and I hoped that it wouldn't ruin my career. Earthquakes are accompanied by a very loud low-frequency rumbling and a lot of crashing. I later found out that the rumbling was the San Fernando Valley getting a little narrower, and the crashing was one of our windows and most of our dishes breaking.

The violent shaking lasted what seemed like forever, but it was only 30 to 40 seconds (so we are told). There were two definite jolts separated by several seconds, which, as it turned out, were two earthquakes three seconds apart. When it was over, the first thing I

noticed was a strange dark silence; dark because the electricity was off. Through our open bedroom window, the silence quickly gave way to the sound of car alarms. I didn't hear dogs barking, which I thought was strange, just hundreds of car alarms. (I later found out that all the neighborhood dogs had left for Las Vegas the previous afternoon. Animals can anticipate earthquakes, you know.)²

As I struggled to get out of bed, Bettye Lou was yelling at me, "Not without your slippers! Put on your slippers!!" However, I could not find my slippers, so I put on my shoes. (Normally, I wear socks under my shoes, but something told me to forget it this time.) I reached to the dresser top for my glasses, but felt nothing there—just the dresser top. I hoped that my glasses were not broken under all the rubble on the floor, and silently prayed that I would be able to find them quickly. I reached down and the first thing I touched, laying on top of the rubble, unbroken, were my glasses. After putting them on, I realized that it was pitch dark and I

couldn't see anything anyway.

My first concern was for our son, Russell. So I carefully made my way out of the bedroom, down the hall, around the corner and across the entryway into the dining room without once contacting the floor. I walked all the way on rubble. In the dark.³ I went to Russell's room and found him alive and conscious, looking for his camera. He came into the kitchen and snapped the accompanying picture of our microwave oven.

As soon as it was practical, we went outside and joined the neighbors. It seemed like an early morning block party without the festivity. Everyone was making sure everyone else was all right, knocking on doors to check on those who weren't there. Some of our neighbors were quite shook up.⁴

"Look at that," said Russ, pointing west. The sky was glowing red above some burning apartment buildings near California State University, Northridge, a couple of miles away. Russ jumped into his car and roared off (literally) to get a closer look. Before he left, I asked him to check the damage at our church, Shepherd of the Hills in Porter Ranch, about four miles from our house.

While Russ was gone, we went inside, rounded up some flashlights, all of our spare batteries and bottled water. We were fortunate

to have an ample supply of these things, and gave some to our neighbors. Then I ran to find my little battery-operated pocket-sized portable color TV to try to learn more details. It was now about 45 minutes after the quake and not yet daylight.

How big was the quake? (6.7, they said.)⁵ How extensive was the damage? (Very.) When daylight came, I went outside to check around the house for damage. It was strange—I noticed an unfamiliar odor, one that I had never smelled before or since. Others smelled it too. We came to the conclusion that it was the accumulated dust of thousands of attics collected over the decades, shaken loose and blowing around the city.

After looking around, I was happy to discover that the extent of our damage was minor. We lost one window and the top two rows of blocks from our block wall. But our house, including the chimney, was structurally sound. Block walls and chimneys were the greatest casualties of this event in our neighborhood.

Russ came home and assured us that the church was still standing. The building is only a couple of years old. We opened the church building to the Red Cross which operated a disaster relief center in a few of our Sunday school rooms. In addition to that,

the Southern Baptists have several disaster relief teams ready to go anywhere they are needed at a moment's notice, and they came from all over the country. They set up shop in the church parking lot, where newly (and, we hope, temporarily) homeless people came from everywhere to be fed and housed—free, of course. There were tents all over the church property. Food, donated by supermarkets, was brought in by the truckload from their warehouses. The Baptist team was there for about six weeks, and by the time they went home, they had served over one million hot meals.

The city of Los Angeles operated many shelters, mostly in parks, but we were the only ones serving hot meals, and we served more than anybody else. The papers printed an official list of shelters and ours was the only church on the list. The up side of this disaster is that many of those we helped are now attending our church, and many have become new Christians.

Things in Northridge are not back to normal, by any means. Everywhere we drive we pass wrecked buildings behind chain link fences. It is depressing.

One last thought: the English translation of the (Swedish) name Norberg is North Hill, which is suspiciously close to North Ridge. This earthquake was in North Ridge. It wasn't my fault.⁶ ■

A Miraculous Escape: losing life's memorabilia

The Norbergs were neither the only, nor the hardest hit members of the Houghton family in the January 1994 California earthquake. Gary Benoit '82 was living on the second floor of the collapsed Northridge apartment complex where 16 people died. Gary, who is a technician for CBS TV in Los Angeles, was shaken awake to find himself on the ground floor. He escaped with little more than his shoes, was instrumental in rescuing one first-floor resident. For four nights friends of friends took him in. Now he's living in an apartment he can't afford. Price gouging is rampant, he says. How does one start over? "Rely on your spiritual beliefs," says Gary, who finds the toughest losses to accept are: "photos, poems, memorabilia of your life—all gone except in your mind." Leaving Houghton after one semester in 1978, Gary earned his B.A. at Long Beach State and is working on a master's degree in journalism and communication at UC Northridge.

¹ Obligatory bad earthquake joke.

² Bettye Lou says this is stupid—the dogs were just scared barkless. You can believe that if you want to, but I prefer the Las Vegas theory.

³ Incomplete sentence, done for effect.

⁴ The second bad earthquake joke.

⁵ Everybody thinks it was stronger—over seven. Maybe they didn't want to panic us.

⁶ The third and final bad earthquake joke.

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The (Relative) Insignificance of Politics

by William Wichterman '86

I love politics. I read at least two national newspapers every day, I am an avid fan of weekend political talk shows, and my wife repeatedly has to remind me not to talk about the latest political drama when we crawl into bed at night. If "Potomac Fever" exists, I am terminally infected.

I discovered my passion for politics at Houghton. As I prepared to head off to the mission field during my senior year in 1986, I served as student senate president. That's all it took. After a short stint overseas as a missionary to Muslims, I took a job with a Congressman in Washington, D.C., opening mail and answering phones. I discovered my calling is to the political realm, not the foreign mission field.

Since that time, I have steadily worked my way up the Capitol Hill ladder, most recently landing a position as a senior legislative aide to a freshman congressman. After more than five years working on "the Hill" (and earning a master's degree in political philosophy), I have lost none of my thrill for politics even if the title of this article suggests that my vocation is meaningless. I admit that I chose "The (Relative) Insignificance of Politics" partially for

its shock value, but I believe that it communicates a message which our generation needs to hear.

Politics cannot usher in the good society. The pursuit of justice in the public square requires much more than mass mobilization; it requires a turning of the soul towards God. Such change is rarely brought about solely by legislative fiat.

Good societies are made of spiritually healthy people, and bad societies are made of spiritually sick people.

Five hundred years before Christ's birth, Socrates said that government is the soul writ large. In other words, good societies are made of spiritually healthy people, and bad societies are made of spiritually sick people. We may quibble about how spiritually sick or healthy a people is, but the fact remains that to change society we must begin by changing hearts.

Changing hearts entails more than issuing altar calls at weekend revival meetings, though that is

certainly part of it. In its fullest manifestation, spiritual change is wrought by many different venues, including churches, civic associations, entertainment, the media, education, and art. According to the 18th Century Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville, these powerful social institutions are precisely what make America remarkable.

Some on the "Christian Right" seem to have forgotten the importance of non-political social institutions, instead concentrating on politics alone. After awaking from its political slumber in the post-World War II years when Christian involvement in politics was frowned upon, the evangelical church is apparently trying to make up for lost time.

Everyone in Washington knows the "Christian Right" (a label we should eschew, though it is highly descriptive). It's a politically powerful interest group right up there with the National Rifle Association and the National Education Association. The Christian Right regularly lights up Capitol Hill switchboards, mobilizes volunteers for political campaigns, and consistently votes Republican.

But what's the problem? Aren't Christians simply engaging

in the political process in order to advance the cause of justice? And if justice requires direct mail pieces, telephone trees, and campaign donations, why shouldn't Christians take part? Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to keep silent." How can Christians keep silent?

The problem is not so much the means as it is the myopia. Politics can mobilize people, but by itself it cannot change hearts. By definition, mobilization involves stimulating like-minded people to get involved. Politics rarely produces the change of heart necessary for fundamental personal and social change.

Mobilization might be the preferred route for social change if our society were more genuinely Judeo-Christian in its fundamental values. Such is no longer the case. It's true that the American public still holds on to the vestiges of theism. Eighty-six percent agree there is a God who is holy and perfect who created the world and rules it today. Unfortunately, these stated beliefs ring hollow when 66 percent — and 53 percent of evangelicals — believe there is no such thing as Absolute Truth.

Assuming that these two views are fundamentally contradictory, one must conclude that the moral majority's "sleeping giant" is, in truth, of two minds. Awakening it will not necessarily aid the cause of justice. Our task should be to make the giant's thinking thoroughly, rather than superficially, Christian. Politics is ill-equipped for this task.

Christians have every right — and even responsibility — to engage in political discourse, to vote, and to work for just laws. Politics, however, is but one limited venue by which Christians can effect social change. Education, the arts, media and entertainment are far more important forces in shaping society. We need Christians living out their faith

through poetry, in classrooms, on prime-time television, in newspapers, on the radio, and in pop music. These are the powerful social gatekeepers who inspire us to do good . . . or to pervert it.

Instead, too much of the Christian community's attention has been focused on politics. We seem to have lost sight of the fact that law plays a relatively minor role in righting social wrongs, whether it be abortion, pornography, or divorce. Law does more to *reflect* social values than it does to shape them.

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Consider abortion: as a staunch pro-life advocate and a conservative Republican, I work hard for laws to make abortion illegal. Nonetheless, outlawing abortion tomorrow will not bring the corresponding spiritual change necessary to halt abortions. Laws without an underlying moral consensus are ineffectual (e.g. the speed limit, routinely ignored by virtually everyone — including Christians). Conversely, a moral consensus obviates the need for rigorous law enforcement since a people's internal ethical compass directs daily life, even in the absence of the law.

Although the law is a teacher, law is one of the least effective means of social change at our disposal. And social change, though not the primary aim of the Kingdom, is central to our calling

to be "salt and light."

Fundamental to lasting social change is what Os Guinness calls "principled persuasion." If mobilization is the metaphorical equivalent of shouting, principled persuasion is reasoned and wholly truthful dialogue aimed to persuade. Ethically-directed persuasion, though more difficult than mobilizing voters, has the potential to produce lasting change in the hearts of the people. And with the change of heart, social renewal inevitably follows.

Parenthetically, it is important to recognize that politics, though *an* expression of our faith, is not *the* expression of our faith. God is not a Republican. He's not a Democrat either. In blurring the distinction between faith and politics, we risk belittling the former and idolizing the latter. Faith informs our politics, but it does not define it.

The task at hand for The Church is to direct our energies into a plethora of fields for the sake of the Kingdom. Yes, The Church as The Church (as distinct from the people of The Church who are also American citizens) should even become engaged in politics, albeit humbly and cautiously. At the same time, we must remember that the most powerful means of changing society consists in loving God and then loving people, one individual at a time.

Even if politics plays a relatively insignificant role in shaping society, I still love it. I intend to continue living in the world of policy wonks, congressional campaigns, and political action committees. By the grace of God, I will make a small difference for the sake of the Kingdom. But The Church has more important seeds to sow in other fields. ■

Aide to a west coast congressman, Bill Wichterman comes by his political fervor honestly. He may have been the only student senate president candidate to have presented his platform to the students by phone—while he was studying on another campus! He won, too.

A L U M N I IN ACTION

25 Pauline (Ellison) Johnston returned to college study in her 50s and earned a bachelor's degree from Elmira College (NY) at age 73.

Helen (Davison) Stark is now living in a nursing home near her daughter, Ruth Ann Miller '59, in Twin Falls, IA.

29 Mildred Turner held an open house at her home in Wells, NY, in August 1993 during the annual Old Home Days in celebration of her 86th birthday. Dozens of her former Wells Central School students dropped by to see her. In her 32-year career she taught in Gainesville, Homer, Corinth, and finally for 19 years in Wells.

32 George Wolfe writes that his wife, Betty, died in August 1993. They had been married 59 years. He is retired after 39 years in education, most recently as superintendent of schools in Albion, NY.

35 Willard Smith recently received the Crystal Bell Award from Bok Tower Gardens of Lake Wales, FL, in recognition of 1000 plus hours of volunteer service.

40 George Failing recently spent three weeks teaching and preaching in Swaziland and Mozambique.

41 Clinton and Mary (Tiffany) '40 Strong celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 12, 1994.

47 Bert Jones has a radio show called *Through the Hymn Book* on WDCX FM (99.5) in Buffalo, NY, every Sunday at 1:30, 10:30 and 11:00 pm.

48 Joyce Flint has retired from her mission work in Nigeria. Her plans include going to Korea to teach English to Korean missionaries.

49 Harold Little and his wife, Joan, live in Rome, NY. He reports that he enjoyed travelling to Europe with Houghton's Eurochor in 1992.

Gordon Miller, former president of Kenersville Wesleyan College, was awarded a doctorate of sacred music in 1992 by Central Wesleyan College (NC).

50 Somers Corson recently retired as curator of the Cape May County (NJ) Museum and currently lives in what was the old Rising Sun Tavern (with 11 bedrooms on the second floor). He feels well after successful double bypass surgery in August 1992.

Robert Dingman wrote in early February 1994 to report that his wife, Jan (Meade) '52, who has been battling the effects of contaminated L-tryptophan, was at the best she had been in two years.

51 Robert Bailey received the Matthew Rodermund Service Award from the Casualty Actuarial Society on November 15, 1993, "in recognition of his significant volunteer contributions to the actuarial profession." He is First Deputy Insurance Commissioner of Michigan and lives in Lansing with his wife. Married 42 years, they have six children, one of whom is Lois (Bailey '87) Brady, and six grandchildren.

52 Earl "Auley" Parvin has been appointed executive director of the Association of North American Missions, an agency which provides inter-mission fellowship and accrediting standards for over 30 interdenominational mission agencies.

John and Ruth (Ross '55) Putney have moved from Puerto Rico to Harrisville, NY. They are now pastoring the church where John has been a member since 1954.



53 Readers may remember Richard Troutman's book, *The Heavens are Weeping*, a 575-page volume containing the edited journals of a Civil War era Methodist minister. Troutman has purchased the rights to the book from the original publisher (Zondervan) and now has more copies available at a cost of \$25, which includes postage and handling. To order, write to him c/o Department of History, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

55 Vernon Atkins is the director of training of the Earl C. Clemens Job Corps Center in Morganfield, KY. His wife, Lois (Garthwaite '57), is currently a family services specialist for the Illinois State Department for Children and Family Services.

56 Donald Lindburg appeared on a television documentary called *Big Cats* which aired on the Discovery Channel in January 1994. Lindburg—a research behaviorist with the Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species, operated by the Zoological Society of San Diego (CA)—spoke about cheetah reproduction in captivity and demonstrated a mechanical exercise-motivation system for confined cheetahs.

Alumni Potpourri

For further information about any of these items write or call the college alumni office at (716) 567-9353 or 1-800-777-2556.

Summer Alumni Weekends

July 8-10 SAW I

-will explore the theme *Bucking the Tide: Living as Christians in an Increasingly Secular World*. Seminar speakers will include: Phil Chase '44, minister and conference speaker; Anne-Marie Amiel, The Rutherford Institute; John (Pete) Hammond '59, Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. Other events: exhibits, free time, music, banquet, communion and worship services, reunions for the Classes of 1944, '49, '54, '59 and '64. **Golden Agers:** Come to campus on July 7 for special events and reunions for 1929, '34 and '39 classes.

August 5-7 SAW II

-is designed for alumni of 25 years and less, largely un-structured time to catch up with friends, plus worship time, specialized seminars and kids' activities. Reunions for the classes of 1969, '74, '79, '84 and '89.

July 10-15 Alumni College

Seminars will feature study and discussion of *The Dead Sea Scrolls* with Dr. Carl Schultz; *The Spiritual Dilemma of Northern Ireland* with Dr. William O'Byrne; *China* with Drs. David Benedict and Katherine Lindley; *Music* with Drs. William Allen, Judy Congdon and George Boespflug; *Higher Education Issues* with President Chamberlain and other administrators.

Also featured: A field trip to the Genesee Country Museum at Mumford, Music and Recreation

July 11-15 Art Week

No formal instruction, just the inspiration to be drawn from fellow artists of all experience levels who will enjoy a week of drawing and painting together. Stevens Art Studio facilities and the surrounding country are ideal for indoor work and landscapes. Models and still life materials will be available. Furnish your own supplies.

Helen Atzenweiler '84, Distinguished Alumna

In the latter part of the twentieth century, the dream of teaching in a one-room schoolhouse may seem unattainable, but that was Helen (Mason '84) Atzenweiler's dream, and it came true. In 1985 Helen became the first full-time teacher for the American Indian Christian Mission School in Show Low, Arizona, indeed, a one-room schoolhouse.

Realizing her dream meant overcoming hardships. The school buildings were unfinished, there was no indoor plumbing (port-a-john outside), there was no heat (fall and winter are very cold in the mountains), and supplies were almost non-existent. Helen taught three young Navajo students in the morning and afternoon, fixing their lunch in between.

In the evening she tutored five older students who attended public school. She wrote all of the curriculum, as no other was available at the time. Paychecks were small, usually late, and often bounced. But faithfulness was rewarded and today there are 80 students, nine teachers and 30 staff.

A native of Hume, NY, Helen graduated from Fillmore Central School in 1980. At Houghton College she majored in elementary education and psychology. A current Houghton sophomore now planning her own teaching career, remembers Helen—fresh out of college—as having been her teacher; she noted Helen's keen interest in students, her encouragement of those displaying Christian principles. She calls Helen "the best teacher I ever had."



In 1986 Helen married David Atzenweiler and for several years joined him in a church planting ministry (Red Sands, Dilcon, and Snowflake, AZ). They had a daughter, Rebecca, in 1987, and from 1988 to 1991 worked with Empire State Evangelizing Association in Rochester, NY, starting Greece Christian Church in Greece, NY, and ministering with the Beaver Road Church of Christ in Rochester. During this time Helen's life changed dramatically as she began to experience and deal with memories of childhood sexual abuse.

In 1991, Helen and David returned to American Indian Christian Mission where David is now assistant administrator. Helen is teen choir director, piano teacher and leader of a peer counseling group, but her main ministry is as a counselor. She says she wants to "uncover the seeds that have sprouted hopelessness in so many of our students." Apart from her work at the school, Helen is minister of music and youth group director at Linden Community Christian Church and counsels adult survivors of abuse. As part of her own healing she has allowed God to work good from her own tragedy, sharing her experiences and the hope and love of Christ with other survivors, counseling, offering guidance to individuals and working with support groups in her community. She welcomes letters from anyone seeking help. Her address is P.O. Box 1317, Show Low, AZ 85901.

On January 11, 1994, executive director of alumni and admissions Tim Fuller presented a Distinguished Alumna plaque to Helen, concluding in his presentation: "The mutual love and respect you [and David] share has been a key to your personal recovery, to your ministry together, to your work with AICM and the local community . . . Through your commitment to Christ and yielding of yourself to his purposes, you have been His agent for the birth of this school and [had] a part in the healing of many lives."

57 Ruth (Wood) Davis of Sellersville, PA, is a major in the Civil Air Patrol.

Agnes Haik, having been an enlistment counselor for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism since 1992, has been asked to continue for another two years. Recently she had the chance to spend 21 days in Brazil, where she had spent so many years as a missionary.

58 John M. Andrews, Jr. was recently invited to present a series of graduate level lectures, titled "Introduction to Solid-State Microwave and Photonic Devices," at the School for Information Technology and Engineering at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Currently president of Nantron Associates, a semiconductor service company based in Alexandria, VA, he is also pursuing joint ventures with universities in the Small Business Innovative Research Program sponsored by several agencies of the federal government.

59 Mary Ellen Syswerda is spending this year working in the schools of Yaroslavl, Russia, with CoMission.



63 Dave and Alice (Fasold '63) Hull remain in South Florida though their Christian school teaching positions ended after a year. "The Lord has been providing through other work assignments." They have enjoyed meeting several prominent Christian leaders over the last five years: a cruise with AMG's Spiros Zodhiates; Chuck Colson of Prison Fellowship; Christian author Ann Kiemel Anderson; and Brother Andrew of Open Doors (pictured above).

Art Fuller's efforts to help re-open the Shenango foundry in Sharpesville, PA—which were profiled in the October '93 *Milieu* alumni sidebar, *A New Beginning* (page 24)—have succeeded. Employees and other investors re-opened the facility as Sharpesville Quality Products after raising some \$7 million to buy out the plant. Their success brings new hope to the area, and realization that working together can change hopeless situations. Pastor Art and the project were featured on a March telecast of World News Tonight with Peter Jennings. Art says diversification of products now tops the agenda, and he is encouraged with the revitalization of

**Linda (Greer '70) Hallam,
are you out there?**

Linda, or someone who knows her address, please contact the Houghton alumni office. An organization with money in a vested pension account for Linda is looking for her.



Richard Vienne, Jr.

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spiritual interest engendered within the churches which have cooperated in the venture.

Associate professor of psychology at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, NY, George Strong recently exhibited his sculpture there. His work includes figural sculptures in steel, clay, plaster and mixed media. He earned a B.P.S. degree in sculpture and drawing from the State University of New York Empire State College in 1993 and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in humanities interdisciplinary studies at Syracuse University.

64 Sharon (Huff) Anderson tutors English students, several of whom are learning disabled or ESL (English as a Second Language), in Yavapai College Learning Center. She is full-time organist/keyboardist for Prescott Community Church (RCA) and the Prescott Strings. She sings tenor in Yavapai College Master Chorale, accompanies vocal students, the Prescott Community Youth Choir and offers private instruction in both piano and flute. She is also taking private instruction in jazz piano, her "newest love." She writes, "Having been separated since January 1992, my divorce was final in August 1993. It has been a learning experience. I'd welcome mail from classmates in similar circumstances. My address is: 742 South Montezuma, Prescott, AZ 86303."

67 Leigh (Dixie Lee Dunbar) Davis joined the faculty of Barry University in Miami, FL, in the fall of 1993. She coordinates its undergraduate professional writing program.

Dorothy (Miller) Oberholtzer writes, "Twenty-five plus years after graduating from Houghton College and living in different parts of the country, Houghton classmates renewed deep friendships by traveling together in Israel for two weeks." With Dorothy were: Keith Greer '67, Bonnie (Ellison) '67 Greer, Donnalee (Berry '66) Stockin, and Philip Stockin '67. Kathy (Greer '73) Seekins was also with the group.

69 Randall Johnson was recently named 1993 Child Advocate of the Year for his work on a sexual abuse prevention program, *People, Problem and Protection*, that has reached more than 30,000 children. He said, "We wanted to show them how to protect themselves and give them the courage to report." A psychologist with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in Holland, MI, Johnson received the award at the Children's Resource Network's annual meeting.

71 Ray Moore was recently promoted to South Central Division manager—

covering El Paso, TX, to Memphis, TN—for United Church Directories. He and his wife, Carol, live in Austin, TX, with their sons Matthew, eight, and Andrew, two.

72 Janice Marie Clapsaddle is currently teaching English in a Presbyterian college in Japan.

77 David and Lois (Piscopo '77) Wells have recently moved to Loudonville, NY, where David is now headmaster of Loudonville Christian School. Previously David was superintendent of the American Military Academy in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, and Lois taught at Wesleyan Academy in San Juan.

78 Sue (Thayer) Dietsche and her husband, David '80, have recently adopted a son through Holt International Children's Services, Inc. and are in the process of adopting a second child from Korea. They "would love to talk about adoption with anyone who is interested." They live in Hopewell, NJ. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

80 Mark Allnatt was profiled in the February 1, 1994, *Syracuse (NY) Herald Journal*. Legally blind (retinitis pigmentosa), he is a librarian for the Onondaga County Central Library's local history department. Currently he functions through the use of cutting-edge technology—a closed-circuit television camera magnifies pages and reverses them from black-on-white to white-on-black—and his own ingenuity. As his eyesight continues to deteriorate, he says "All I can do is dive in and give it a try."

81 Robert Matson was promoted to managing editor/vice president for news of the Canandaigua, NY, *Daily Messenger* in August 1993.

Jeffrey Langdon teaches music at John Kennedy Elementary School in Batavia, NY. He also directs the elementary chorus, is treasurer for Genesee-Wyoming Music Educators Association, serves on the board for Oakfield Town Library and teaches first grade Sunday school. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

82 Janet (Bouw) Olson and her husband, Jeff, live in Waconia, MN, with their three children (see *Future Alumni* column). Janet is an RN, working part-time at a local hospital. Her husband is assistant director of admissions at Crown College.

83 After serving a United Methodist church in suburban Rochester, NY, for two years, Rick Danielson and his family have moved to Rockland, ME, where Rick is pastor of two UM churches. They are "enjoying the local panorama of ocean and mountains, as well as the challenge of revitalizing and relocating an historic downtown congregation." They encourage classmates to stop by to enjoy the scenery and lobster.

84 Having been associate pastor for celebration arts at the Dearborn (MI) Free Methodist Church for three years, Bryon Smith was ordained an elder in June 1993. He is also an instructor of music appreciation for Spring Arbor College's weekend college program. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

Richard Vienne, Jr. a board-eligible internist, has joined the staff of HealthCarePlan, a group practice health maintenance organization, at West Seneca (NY) Medical Center. He holds a degree from University of Health Sciences of Kansas City, MO, and completed his internship at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, PA.

85 David Knightly is in his fourth year as administrator of Paris (ME) Christian Academy, where he also teaches science and Spanish. In addition, he restores old Volkswagens as a hobby. He and his wife, Cathy, have two children. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

86 Since October 1993 Marva Hill has been office manager and bookkeeper at Henry-Aaron, Inc. The company, which is licensed by Major League Baseball and the 1996 Olympics, markets licensed Active wear. Marva lives in Norcross, GA.

Bill Wichterman, who worked for Congressman Bob Walker for four years, received a master's degree in political

Down the Aisle

Brian & Lynn (Christiansen '91) Arthur '93	11-13-93
Chip & Laura (Whiting '84) Booth	1- 8-94
Wayne M. & Tamara (Marshall '93) Gaffney, Jr. '94	8-14-93
Eric & Deanne (Myer '90) Gingrich '91	12- -91
Geoffrey & Sally (Parker '84) Reed	1- 8-94
Michael & Donna (Medianowsky '89) Specht	9- 5-92
Mark & Jennifer (Hodgins '92) Van Buren	8-14-93
Daniel & Crystal (Massey '90) Vega-Albela	8-21-93
David & Rachel (Simms '94) Zirilli	7-23-93

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philosophy from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C., in May 1993. He and his wife, Dana, an international affairs analyst with the Agency for International Development, live in Arlington, VA. (See feature on page 17.)

87 Having received a master's degree in clinical psychology from Rosemead School of Psychology in La Mirada, CA, **Randi (Mathison) Chance** is now working on a Ph.D. from Rosemead. She reports that she has suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome since 1991 and would appreciate the prayers of her school-mates.

Andrew Jon Knisely received a master of education degree in educational administration from Shippensburg (PA) University in December 1993.

Grace (Obringer) Louthier writes that she and her husband, Jeff, "praise God for meeting all our needs as I stay home with our son in Greensburg, PA. We are learning to discern needs from wants and to pray in all circumstances. I am active in a weekly Bible study with other young mothers." (See *Future Alumni* column.)

The musical, *Esther*, which **Phil Silvey** composed while at Houghton College, was performed recently in Wellsville, NY. Current Houghton students, **Danielle Gadevsky '95** and **Tammy Cummins '94**, were involved in the production, as were **Sarah (Smith '87) Kornhaus** (director) and **David Williams '91** (musical director).

88 Bruce Fielding is athletic director at the Knox School in St. James, NY. At press time he planned to chaperone 10 Knox students on an exchange trip to Moscow, Russia, in April. His wife, **Carol (Chaffee '91)**, teaches English as a Second Language to foreign students at the Knox School. She is also assistant manager of the campus bookstore.

David and Amy (Ruoss '88) Morris have recently built their first home, in Hollywood, MD. David teaches severely and profoundly handicapped individuals and is working on a master's degree in special education. Amy teaches fourth grade at a local public school. David is youth director at their local Baptist church,

where Amy is Sunday school superintendent and VBS director. They have two children. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

Jeff Telego's mother writes that Jeff is in serious condition with a brain tumor. He is residing in a nursing home.

89 Jeff Crosby and his wife, **Kathleen (Munt '93)**, live in Waverly, NY, where Jeff is youth pastor at North Waverly Chapel. Jeff earned a master's degree in religious education from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1991.

90 Deanne (Myer) Gingrich is instrumental music director at Lancaster (PA) Christian School, working with grades 4-12. Since September 1993 she has been rehearsal director for the Calvary Church orchestra and she plays trombone/tuba with Bone-a-fide Brass Quintet.

91 Lynn (Christiansen) Arthur works at Telos Corporation, an engineering firm in Shrewsbury, NJ. Her husband, **Brian '93**, works at Prudential Home Mortgage in Edison, NJ. They live in Old Bridge. (See *Down the Aisle* column.)

John Chong, a medical school graduate student, learned how small the

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Derek & Cristy (Muller '93) Blaakman '92
Steven & Beth (Wind '83) Carini '83
Jeff & Kathy (Munt '93) Crosby '89

Rick & Leslie Ann Danielson '83
David & Susan (Thayer '78) Dietsche '80
Mark & Julie (Burns '89) Douglas

Christian & Bethany (Wheeler '89) Durys '89
Ron & Sylvia (Sprowl '83) Duttweiler '85
Russell & Babette Duttweiler '86
Joel & Andrea (Hansen '89) Freepons
Eli & Melanie (Mossman '80) Harvey
Earl & Cathy Johnson '87
Rick & Heather (Torrey '93) Kaiser
David & Cathy Knightly '85
Leonard & Nancy (Hunt '80) Knorr
Jeffrey & Priscilla (Comstock '80) Langdon '81
Jeff & Grace (Obringer '87) Louthier
John & Pamela (Ring '85) McNamara '81

David & Amy (Ruoss '88) Morris '88
Jeff & Janet (Bouw '82) Olson

Christopher & Gail (Thompson '81) Peck '81
Robert & Laurel (MacMillen '79) Scudder
Bryon & Jackie Smith '84
Norm Smithley & Janyce (Dale '79) Dale-Smithley
Craig & Deborah (McDowell '87) Thomas
Marshall & Linda (Fleth '88) Thompson
Joey & Amy (Austin '71) Tupe
Tim & Medea (Hoffman '88) Valdez '87
Charles & Lanette (Wheeler '81) Price
Carl & Roslyn (Taube '90) Yoder

*Adopted

Stephan Timothy 11-21-93
Joel Benjamin 3-31-92
Jessica Elizabeth 1- -92
Rachel Kimberly 8- -93
Olivia Fay 9- 3-92
Thomas Allen* (from Korea) 9-21-92
Christopher Mark 10- 6-91
Katherine Elizabeth 3- 4-94
Taylor Christian 7-14-93
Donavan Colt 5-21-93
Victoria 2-23-93
Bengt Carl 1- 7-94
Allyn Mariah 12-25-93
Stephen Earl 1- 6-94
Jared Michael 10-17-93
Elizabeth April 1-27-93
Rachel Violette 7-20-92
Benjamin Charles 8- 1-93
Richard James 5-30-93
Douglas John 6- 2-90
Janice Lilian 3-26-93
Caleb George 7-16-93
Stephen Andrew 10-18-90
Jonathan David 4-11-92
Rebecca Joy 1-17-94
Ethan Daniel 5-13-93
Kyle Robert 10-21-93
David Allen 6- 9-93
Breanna 12-14-93
Corey Josiah 12-31-93
Caleb Benjamin 10- 1-93
Amy Aletheia Austin 5- -93
Taylor Jordan 10- 9-93
Jordan Charles 12-24-93
Susanna Joy 12-31-93



Weese left rear, Chong right

"Houghton world" is last summer while he was working in India on a project to install a photo-voltaic (solar-powered electricity) system for a remote hospital in North India. One day as the installation team was riding to the site, SIM team leader Wightman Weese—a Houghton journalism teacher in the '70s, now editing for Tyndale House when he's not working on overseas projects for SIM—asked John where he'd attended college. "Houghton," John replied, and another across-the-world link was forged.

After working for a private occupational therapy consulting agency, **Beth Hodgson** recently began working at the Adirondack Medical Center in Lake Placid, NY, where she is in the process of establishing an occupational therapy department. She also teaches Sunday school to four- and five-year-olds at Calvary Baptist Church in Wilmington, NY.

Dr. Ferm, Mrs. Lennox



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92 Derek Blaakman teaches a combined eighth and ninth grade class at Calvary Chapel Christian School in Farmington, NY. His wife, Cristy (Muller '93), is a registered nurse and HIV case manager for Monroe County Health Department. They live in Rochester, NY, with their two sons. (See *Future Alumni* column.)

David Newton is now a senior consultant with Comprehensive Resources, a corporate recruiting search firm in Atlanta, GA. He specializes in legal staffing, sales, general business and engineering and offers his phone number to anyone who has someone to refer: 1-800-750-3014.

Marlisa Richters is studying applied foreign languages at the University of Strasbourg. She requested that we print her address: 8, rue des Echasses, F-67000 Strasbourg, France.

93 Katherine Adlhock is a case manager, helping disabled individuals and their families at a facility in the Rochester, NY, area.

Tami Marzolla lives in Colorado Springs, CO, where she is a production assistant for Focus on the Family and does volunteer work for a crisis pregnancy center.

Jennifer Smith works for the City of Auburn (NY) Office of Planning and Economic Development and is working on economic development professional certification.

Greg Telego is a ski-lift operator in Vail, CO, and is active in the Vail Valley Baptist Church.

1994 Alumni Directory

During March the Houghton alumni board authorized a new edition of the alumni directory. This edition will re-instate the class lists dropped from the 1992 volume.

So the new directory will be as accurate and up to date as possible, and because it will be based on existing files—no special update survey is to be circulated—assistant director of alumni relations Bruce Campbell asks that alumni who have recently moved or who do so within the next month, contact him at the college alumni office to register changes (1-800-777-2556).

The goal is to have the new volume available for sale by Summer Alumni Weekend in July.

In Memoriam

'56 Dorothy "Nickie" (Nicklas) Barnett died January 5, 1994, at her Silver Creek, NY, home after suffering a cerebral aneurysm. She was 64. She graduated from Bradford (PA) High School in 1946 and later attended the Bradford Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1949 as a registered nurse. Mrs. Barnett also earned a New York State nursing license. At the time of her death she was an R.N. at the Barnes Osteopathic Association in Silver Creek. Mrs. Barnett was past director of nurses for Lake Shore Hospital in Irving. She was a parishioner at the Christ Chapel Wesleyan Church and was a member of the New York State Nurses' Association. Mrs. Barnett is survived by her mother; her husband, Bob '52, to whom she had married almost 40 years; two daughters, Debra Beers '79 and Judy Hilliker; one son; one sister; and 10 grandchildren.

'54 Samuel Berchi died December 6, 1993, after a three-year battle with cancer.

'44 Marion Birch, D.D. '83, died of a brain hemorrhage in San Antonio, TX, on December 21, 1993, having been stricken earlier at home in Bandera. The veteran Wesleyan missionary and expert on Islam was born to missionary parents in Sierra Leone, West Africa, where he ministered from 1945 through the '80s. Beyond Houghton College he earned an M.A. at Wheaton College and studied at the Hartford (CT) School of Missions. A gifted linguist and advocate of media to communicate the gospel, Marion used these and film to contextualize and communicate the gospel. He was instrumental in re-opening a closed Bible school and spearheaded "New Life for All" evangelism throughout Sierra Leone and beyond. Returned to the United States, Marion was active in establishing churches in Corpus Christi and Bandera, TX, and in his volunteer fire department. At the time of his death he was writing a History of Wesleyan Missions in Sierra Leone, a project fellow missionary Donald Kinde '58 is seeking to complete. Services were held in Bandera on December 23. Survivors include his widow; twin sister Marilyn '44 and brother Larry '46 (both physicians); and four nephews. Memorials for the training of Sierra Leone nationals may be directed to Wesleyan World Missions, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

'34 Adrian Everetts died February 20, 1994. He is survived by a daughter, Norva McCracken '61.

'39 Robert O. Ferm (F) died March 25, 1994, in Asheville, NC, following an extended illness. He was 82. During his lifetime he had been a pastor, educator, author and team member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). Dr. Graham preached at his funeral. After

earning his bachelor's degree at Houghton, Ferm earned a master's degree from the University of Buffalo (NY) and a doctorate in theology from Central Baptist Seminary (KS). From 1953-59 Dr. Ferm was dean of students and professor of history at Houghton. Twice during those years he did special projects for the Graham organization. After joining the BGEA, Dr. Ferm was the first dean of the Schools of Evangelism and traveled across the U. S. and in Europe to hold pastors' conferences in crusade cities. He also served as an editor for *Decision* magazine. Three books Dr. Ferm wrote are: "The Psychology of Christian Conversion," "Cooperative Evangelism," and "Billy Graham: Do the Conversions Last?" He was Houghton's Alumnus of the Year in 1974. Survivors include his widow, Lois (Roughan '39); two daughters, Linda '69 and Rebecca Dodson '64; two sons; and 10 grandchildren.

'49 Alvin French died December 4, 1993. Interment was at National Cemetery in Bath, NY. His daughter, Deborah Sheesley '73, survives.

'34 Harlan Lane died July 4, 1993. Milieu has no further information.

'52 Paul Lawrence died January 7, 1994, in the Bradford Regional Medical Center at age 65. Rev. Lawrence was the pastor and member of the McCrae Brook Wesleyan Church of Eldred, PA, for the past five years. Prior to this he was pastor of the Wellsboro, Morris, Westfield, Cattaraugus (all NY) and Bradford (PA) Wesleyan churches, and the Haskell Community Church in Cuba, NY. He had been employed as a supervisor of Child Protective Services with the Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services for 25 years and was a member of the Eldred Ministerial Association. Besides his widow, Ellen, survivors include two sons, John '79 and Stanley; three daughters, Katherine Herbert, Sarah '82, and Elaine Myszk; 10 grandchildren; a brother, Orville '51; two sisters, Marjorie Kellogg '48 and Esther Swimley '57; and several nieces and nephews.

Edna Lennox (F) died December 26, 1993, at her granddaughter's home in Willow Grove, PA, at age 101. She was a retired professor of speech and English. Mrs. Lennox earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Emerson College (MA). She retired from the faculty at Houghton College in 1963 after having served for 24 years. In the late '80s she was involved in the Adult Day Care Center of Union Hospital in Elkton, PA. Mrs. Lennox was a member of the First Wesleyan Church of Willow Grove for 30 years. She was a teacher in the youth program and a participant in the church's Upper Class program for senior citizens. Edna was predeceased by two brothers, two sisters and a daughter. Her son, Ian '51; five

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"Pop" Mills

grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a niece survive. Interment was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Houghton. The family has set up the Edna C. Lennox Scholarship Fund. Donations should be earmarked for such and sent to Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

James H. (Pop) Mills, Sr. (S), head of Houghton's janitorial services from 1948-76, died in the Wesleyan Health Care Center, Denton, MD, December 27, 1993, at the age of 94. Featured as "God's Happy Janitor" in a 1956 Christian Herald, Mr. Mills influenced several generations of Houghton students with his vital witness and listening ear. He was named to the Houghton Centennial One Hundred in 1983. In retirement he and his wife of 75 years, Mac, moved to Crisfield, MD, where they lived until 1991. Services were held in Crisfield on December 30. Survivors include his widow; two brothers; five sons, **James '51**, **Frederick '52**, **David**, **Paul '61** and **John '65**. Another son predeceased him. There are 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be sent to Houghton College as scholarships for students preparing for missions careers.

'49 Betty (Lawrence) Moore died January 4, 1994, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, NY. Mrs. Moore was a member of Bristol Springs Free Church and of several national societies. Her husband, **Willis Moore '51**, survives, as well as three daughters, **Mary Saunders**, **Linda '85** and **Amy '91**; three sons, **David '76**, **Alan** and **Stephen '82**; five grandchildren; and two nieces.

'94 Nicholas Pasquarella, Jr. died January 28, 1994, at his Warsaw, NY, home. He was 23. He was a 1988 graduate of Warsaw Central School where he had been a member of the varsity football team and the chess club. He had attended Houghton and was a student at Genesee Community College in Batavia, NY. Mr. Pasquarella was a member of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Orchard Park, NY, and enjoyed hiking and playing guitar. Survivors include his wife; his father; his mother and stepfather; maternal and paternal grandparents; maternal great-grandmother; a foster sister; and a foster brother.

'48 Dorothy Roughton died August 17, 1993, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where her body is buried. Miss Roughton served as a missionary there for some 40 years. She graduated from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and later taught English at Instituto Brasil Estado Unidos until her retirement. She continued to teach English for a while at First Baptist Church of Niteroi, but eventually her home became a classroom. In 1958 she became a member of International Baptist Church, which honored her for her 89th birthday a few weeks before her death. **Charles Joseph**

Roughton '54, Miss Roughton's nephew, survives.

'51 Clarketta (Gess) Smeltzer died December 19, 1993, in the Beaver Valley (PA) Nursing Center. She was 70. Her husband; a son; a daughter; two grandsons; three great-grandchildren; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews survive.

'37 Andrew Vincent died February 4, 1994. An 80-year-old resident of Pittsford, NY, Mr. Vincent was an electrical engineer and the inventor of the high-speed shutter. Vincent earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Clarkson College of Technology in 1939. He worked for Stromberg-Carlson Telephone and Manufacturing Company, where he was a research engineer for seven years. He secured several patents there before resigning in 1946. He continued to invent devices like an electronic intercom system, Talk-O, which allowed a person in any room of the house to answer the door without opening it. The device was featured in the 1948 movie "Mr. Blandings Builds his Dream House," starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy. Vincent sold a Talk-O to former president Richard Nixon. Mr. Vincent then went on to work on a distillation project to remove salt from sea water to make it drinkable. The process was used aboard ocean-going ships and piqued the interest of the Navy. Mr. Vincent invented the crossbar switch, which, after it was marketed, was used at Cape Canaveral as part of a launch telemetry switching system. In 1969 he created a high-speed camera shutter. In 1970 he formed Vincent Associates, a company that made camera shutters. Vincent shutters have been used in applications ranging from image analysis and machine vision to time-lapse photography and laser technology. His shutter systems were used to produce the realistic animation in the "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" movies. He sold the firm in 1984. Survivors include his widow, Jean; a daughter; and two sons.

'54 Robert Watson died November 1, 1993. For 16 years he worked at Maryland Casualty as a computer engineer until his retirement at age 75. Prior he was employed by Bendix Radio in a similar position. From 1945-46 he was accountant for Houghton College and later graduated *summa cum laude*. According to his widow, Irene, who survives, he "continued serving the Lord in his church, Christian Home Crusade, and the Gideons until his last week God permitted him to stay here." She said he wrote many songs "glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ he loved and served." Besides his widow, a son survives, as do five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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John Shanks
Benjamin Stansbury
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Pauline Beattie Cullen
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Florence Knapp Lunde
Marianne Macklem Tate

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Beth Hall
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Peter Fuller to Lead Soccer Men, Burke Retires

Peter Fuller '82, currently head coach at Belhaven College, Jackson, MS, will become only the second coach Houghton's men's soccer Highlanders have ever known when he comes to campus this summer.

Fuller's six-year career at Belhaven was highlighted with a 1992 NAIA National Champion-



ship win. Belhaven finished 22-2-1 in '92 and qualified for the NAIA national tournament four of the last six years. No stranger to the Houghton soccer faithful, from 1977-82 Fuller anchored the Highlander defense enroute to being named a two-time NAIA All-American. He was the first-round draft pick of the New York Eagles of the ASL in 1981.

From 1983-87, Fuller was a member of the Sports Life semi-pro team in Washington State.

Basketball Post-Season Honors

NAIA Northeast Independent All-Region Team: Men—Scott Fasick, a senior from Stow, OH; Women—Aimee Bence, a junior from Marion, IN; and Stephanie Plummer, a senior from Franklinville, NY.

NAIA Women's Basketball Academic All-American Team: Aimee Bence, chemistry major.

Competing both in the U.S. and abroad, he has played soccer in 27 countries. He served as a technical analyst for the Tacoma Stars of the MISL and held coaching positions at Pierce Community College and Highland Community College (both in Washington), before joining Belhaven's coaching staff in 1988. Since 1991 he has been director of coaching for the Mississippi Olympic Development Program.

A native of Sudbury, MA, Fuller feels that his fond memories of playing at Houghton are one reason for his return to New York. "I loved playing here," he smiles. "I loved coming down the hill and seeing everybody there to watch us [at Stebbins Field.] We had tremendous support."

Of his time at Belhaven he says, "We had six good years there, but we didn't think we'd (he and his wife Cathy) stay that long. Coach Burke had a big impact on me. When I knew he was retiring, it (the head coaching position) interested me. It's a great honor to take over for him."

When asked if he considers winning a second national championship—this time at Houghton—a possibility, Fuller explains: "It's a possibility if you can get to the national tournament. The first time to nationals is a learning experience. (Houghton's last appearance was in 1987.) The NAIA tournament is probably the best college soccer tournament going . . . the first time either makes you hungry or it makes you quit."

Fuller is both optimistic and realistic about the personnel that he has inherited for next season. "We'll have five to six guys who can really play, and we have others who will work very hard to play. There's nothing wrong with that. As a coach, you work the hand that's been dealt," he added.

Coach Burke closed out his

legendary career with his Highlanders posting a 18-2-1 in 1993; number six in the final NAIA national poll. Highlighting his career are a 289-137-49 record, three national championships and a place in the NAIA Hall of Fame.

Ms. Fuller to Coach Field Hockey

As Peter is walking the sidelines of Stebbins Field, his wife, Cathy (Robinson '80), will be found at nearby Alumni Field. Cathy was recently named the women Highlanders' field hockey coach, replacing Lori Sheetz '93, who has accepted a high school post in Pennsylvania.

Cathy, too, will inherit a program that has experienced recent success. The squad has been averaging 12 wins per season during the '90s, and has won three consecutive Christian College Invitational titles. In addition to her coaching duties, Cathy will join the faculty of the physical education department. The Fullers plan to relocate to Houghton this summer in time for the hectic August pre-season schedule that will await them both.



Sylvia and Bill Greenway, Jr. threw a happy 60th birthday pizza and cake party for perennial noon-ball jock, Professor Bill Greenway, and his basketball teammates. Bill has been playing for 32 years and is now senior participant.

Beck Named Pastor of Year

During the March Institute of Theology, Rev. Franklin H. Beck, pastor of the Gates (NY) Wesleyan Church, received the 1994 Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award.

In addition to serving at Gates for 17 years, Rev. Beck is a member of the executive committee of the Greater Rochester Association of Evangelicals and is chairman of the board of ministerial development of the denomination's Central New York District. Under his leadership the Gates congregation has grown, income quadrupled and a new worship center has been dedicated.

Rev. Beck was cited for his vision and dedication to outreach, his sense of accountability, strong work ethic, even temperament, and able leadership. He and Mrs. Beck have four children, three of whom are Houghton College alumni. He received his education at the University of Michigan and has pastored Wesleyan churches in Flint and Port Huron, Michigan. Institute speaker, Dr. James Earl Massey, Dean of Anderson (IN) University's School of Theology, received positive assessments from some 80 pastors attending. He first described how circumstances in a minister's personal life will affect his pulpit ministry, then outlined strategies for using such events, in the light of scripture, to upbuild or draw closer to the congregation.



With Zelma, his junior-high sweetheart and wife, Rev. Beck received a commemorative clock from President Chamberlain.



During March 12, Houghton employees received service awards for an aggregate 275 years at the college. From left front: Dr. Bruce Brown—voice faculty, 20 years; Kathleen (Wimer '64) Brenneman—info center, 15 years; Carol (Zimmerman '78) Fuller—academic support center, 10 years; professor David Frasier—business department, 15 years. Middle: Dr. John Tyson—religion department, 15 years; professor Robert Galloway—music department chair, 20 years; Dr. Frederick Trexler—physics department, 25 years; Dr. Harold McNiel—music department, 35 years; Valerie (Grant '85) Smith—design services, 10 years. Top: Dean Liddick—public information director, 30 years; Dr. Larry Christensen—chemistry department, 25 years; and Dr. David Howard—history department, 20 years. Not pictured: Dr. Carl Schultz—religion department chair, 25 years and Dr. James Zoller—English, 10 years. Five other individuals received retirement gifts from the college. They will be profiled in the June Milieu.

Heirborne Summer Tour June 13-August 12, 1994

Date	Time	Place
June 19	11:00 am	First Presbyterian Church, Montrose, PA
June 19	7:30 pm	North Rome Wesleyan Church, Ulster, PA
June 20-25		Western PA Wesleyan District Youth Camp
June 26	9:45, 10:45 am	Christ Wesleyan Church, Milton, PA
June 27- July 2		Western NY Wesleyan District Youth Camp
July 3	10:30 am	Camp Li-Lo-Li, Steamburg, NY
July 4	6:30 pm	New Covenant Christian Fellowship, Penfield, NY
July 6	6:00 pm	Central NY Wesleyan District Family Camp
July 7	7:00 pm	Chambers Camp, Chambers, NY
July 8	7:00 pm	Kirkville Wesleyan Church, Kirkville, NY
July 9-15		Midler Avenue Wesleyan Church, Syracuse, NY
July 17	11:00 am	Faith Wesleyan Church, Cheektowaga, NY
July 18-23		Pioneer Christian Camp & Retreat Center, Angola, NY
July 24	9:45, 11:00 am	United Church of Friendship, Friendship, NY
July 24	7:00 pm	Zion Hill Youth Camp, Forresters Falls, ON, Canada
July 25	8:00 pm	Powassan Wesleyan Church, Powassan, ON, Canada
July 28	7:00 pm	Laurentian Wesleyan Church, North Bay, ON, Canada
July 29	7:00 pm	Bruce Mines Wesleyan, Bruce Mines, ON, Canada
July 31	9:30, 11:00 am	Trenton Wesleyan Church, Trenton, ON, Canada
August 2	7:30 pm	Central Canada Wesleyan District Youth Camp
August 3	6:45 pm	Silver Lake Wesleyan Camp, Maberly, ON, Canada
August 4	7:00 pm	Corinth Wesleyan Church, Corinth, NY
August 5	7:00 pm	Forestdale Wesleyan Church, Forestdale, VT
August 7	10:00, 11:00 am	Adirondacks for Jesus, Ticonderoga, NY
August 7	6:00 pm	Community Wesleyan Church, Shokan, NY
August 8	6:30 pm	Somers Baptist Church, Somers, CT
August 9	6:30 pm	Capital/Delmarva Wesleyan District Family Camp
August 11	7:00 pm	Denton, MD
August 11	7:00 pm	First Wesleyan Church, Bridgeton, NJ
August 11	7:00 pm	Southwood Baptist Church, Woodbury, NJ
August 11	7:00 pm	Kirkwood Camp, Stroudsburg, PA
August 11	7:00 pm	Albert Wesleyan Church, Mountain Top, PA
August 11	7:00 pm	Faith Wesleyan Church, Williamsport, PA

Trustee Summary

Three new trustees have joined Houghton's board: Wayne A. MacBeth '75, former vice president for development now serving at Wesleyan World Missions, Indianapolis, IN; Edward Moos '59, president of his own New Jersey firm specializing in bond sales; and Bobbie Strand, a principal in the fund-raising firm of Bentz, Whaley and Flessner. Mrs. Strand and her firm were consultants to the college in the capital campaign of the late 1980s.

President Chamberlain announced that the college has accepted a recent Foundation matching gift challenge worth \$500,000 in each of the next three years. Matching dollars may be applied to endowment or capital projects. College trustees have pledged themselves to raise \$500,000 in each of the next three years, plus an additional \$100,000 in annual funds. Dr. Chamberlain said this represents an almost five-fold increase from previous trustee commitments.

The trustees approved acceptance of Canadian dollars as par for Canadian students.

Houghton Academy will break ground for its \$1.5 million classroom, auditorium/theater expansion project at 2 pm, May 6. Construction will begin as soon as weather permits, with occupancy anticipated soon after the turn of the year. Renovation of some existing space will proceed well into 1995.

As was projected in the January *Milieu*, Houghton College will invest some \$250,000 to help the Academy upgrade its new auditorium into a full-featured theater which will meet college drama program needs for the foreseeable future. The construction site lies between and behind the existing academy gymnasium and classroom building.



Drs. Shinn and Wolterstorff

Houghton's 1994 commencement weekend will be May 6-9. Beyond events for parents and other college guests on Saturday will be commencement for some 35 adult degree program graduates at 2 pm.

Sunday's baccalaureate speaker will be Dr. Samuel D. Shinn, founding pastor of Galilee United Methodist Church, Arlington, VA. An honor graduate of Seoul National University

(South Korea), he earned his advanced degrees at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA, the University of California and American University, Washington, DC. He is active in local, national and international church and civic organizations, and instrumental in efforts to establish a Christian college extension campus in South Korea.

For 30 years a faculty member at Calvin College (MI), commencement speaker Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff now holds a joint appointment in the divinity school and philosophy and religion departments at Yale University. He has taught at Free University of Amsterdam and Oxford, and a dozen American institutions from Notre Dame to Princeton, and is widely in demand as a lecturer. Wolterstorff is the author of a half-dozen books and scores of articles in professional and popular journals, and has been active in efforts to foster Christian understanding and to effect justice in the Middle East and South Africa.

Zimbabweans Spend Sabbatical at Houghton

In the persons of Jameson and Primrose Kurasha, Houghton College has welcomed to its spring term two visiting professors from the 8,500-student University of Zimbabwe. Abandoning tropical Harare (formerly Salisbury) for frigid Houghton, the Kurashas—accompanied by their two- and four-year-old daughters—elected to spend their sabbaticals teaching here at the invitation of academic vice president, James Mannoia. Their acquaintance began after Jameson, impressed with a Mannoia-written textbook he'd studied as a doctoral student at Georgetown University a decade ago, convinced Mannoia to be a visiting professor in Zimbabwe for two years in the late '80s.

At Houghton Dr. Kurasha is teaching ethics and expects to teach special topic ethics in Houghton's Elmira Correctional Facility program in early summer. His wife, Primrose, who has an MBA from the University of Bridgeport, CT, is team teaching marketing principles and international business with Houghton faculty. She may teach a PACE course this summer.

The Kurashas find the Houghton faculty, students and community welcoming, and classroom interaction stimulating. They see the college as genuinely working to internationalize curriculum and perspective, but find students initiate few questions about their home culture or views, partly out of reticence, maybe because they lack world perspective or interest.

Primrose presented a faculty lecture on multi-national corporations and their invisible export—culture, often at the expense of local sensitivities. She is also doing research toward her Ph.D. Jameson has written and lectured widely, appears regularly on electronic media programs in Zimbabwe, and has lectured at Houghton on Christian conversion in Africa.

The Kurashas see both Houghton faculty meetings and academic administration as more participatory than at home, and commented on the expressive range of English and American facility with language. Ranking high on their list of enjoyments are basketball, church activities, and good pizza.



Just Ask for the Norwegian

"Just Ask for the Norwegian" was Gudrun Kartevold's instruction when *Milieu* first set up the interview with the vital 88-year-old who'd been Houghton's dean of women from 1932-37. (Bad weather had cancelled our face-to-face visit so we were talking by phone.)

"This cordless is not so good long distance," she explained. "Let me change phones." Coming back on the line more clearly she chuckled, "Houghton College had three phones when I worked there. Now I have three in my apartment!" From the living room of her upstairs corner apartment at the 400-resident Landis Mennonite Home in Lititz, PA, Miss Kartevold reminisced about her youth and first days as dean 60 years ago.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Gudrun's youthful memories include joining the Pocket Testament League and going to see the Wright brothers fly. She majored in history and minored in education at Adelphi College, then earned an M.R.E. degree at Biblical Seminary in New York. While studying in seminary, she worked with the youth at Trinity Lutheran Church—her master's thesis was on "The Re-organization of a Local Church School Based on Experimentation."

When Houghton alumnus Hollis Stevenson '27 visited in her home, he asked her mother, "What is Gudrun going to do now that she has her master's degree?" Her mother replied, "Someday she'd like to be a dean of women, but she's too young." Hollis reported to President Luckey, who soon interviewed Gudrun in Manhattan, then invited her to Houghton. The trustees offered her the job and she accepted at age 26.

Recognizing the magnitude of her new duties Gudrun recollected: "I stood at the top of the stairs leading to the old church and prayed for an understanding heart." She added reflectively: "You don't get understanding without pain," then described one difficult disciplinary problem which—handled unwisely—could have led to lasting bitterness. Instead, Miss Kartevold reported: "That girl has become a close friend. She's never

forgotten my birthday nor to send Christmas cards, and I attended her 50th class reunion." As dean Miss Kartevold formed many relationships with students and colleagues which endure. In 1937 she took a year off to study at NYU, then she received a call to be dean of girls at Augustana Academy in South Dakota. In 1940 she returned to Brooklyn, NY, to care for her parents and manage her father's business. This became her "store-front ministry."

In 1957 after her mother's death, a missionary lived in Gudrun's home while studying in New York, and told Gudrun of Landis Homes. Three decades later she moved there, having sold the family business—just three months short of her 80th birthday.

Life at Landis Homes is like being back on a college campus, she says, citing activities ranging from establishing prayer meetings which have long since outgrown her apartment, to planning a February "Norwegian Holiday" with Norwegian music, slides and displays. That program even featured the leader of the Pocket Testament League

team which distributed 10,000 Gospels of John in various languages at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics. In addition to supporting such efforts, Miss Kartevold supports the Salvation Army and an occasional collegian.

Why does she support Houghton 57 years after leaving it? "The school has remained true to the Bible," she observes, adding: "I received much from Houghton and keep in touch with many who have been there. *Milieu* helps a lot." And she appreciates the personal interest and professional wisdom of development officer Ralph Young. "He knows my interests and visits regularly, but never pressures me," she says. Via a series of annuity contracts with the college Miss Kartevold now enjoys high-interest income, and Houghton is assured of generous estate gifts for its continuing ministry.



Dr. Basinger and Mr. Fuller

Development Gets New VP, Fuller Promoted

Dr. Rebekah Burch Basinger has accepted the position vice president for advancement at Houghton College, effective July 1, 1994. For the past three years she has administered a Christian College Coalition Lilly Foundation grant program to enhance fund-raising effectiveness of the 85 member colleges.

Previously she was advisor to the Messiah College president. Dr. Basinger has broad experience in trustee board development, academic affairs, marketing and public relations, having also worked for the York County (PA) Association for Retarded Citizens and Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS. Dr. Basinger has headed a variety of college committees ranging from long-range planning to marketing. Her research projects and publications range from an analysis of college trustee actions and religious symbolism in novels of Willa Cather, to studies of the future of the church, two-career marriages and the role of women in the church.

At Houghton she will oversee operations of the development, public relations and public information offices. The development office is responsible to raise some \$3 million for the college annually, and Dr. Basinger will also be planning the college's next capital campaign.

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Houghton Youth Weekend May 13-15, 1994

Keynote speaker for the weekend is John M. Harding, Campus Life JV area director for Youth for Christ, Bakersfield, CA. Beyond seminars to confront the conflicting messages about right and wrong, truth and lies, the weekend will feature a concert by PFR (Pray for Rain), recreation, campus tours, worship services and sponsor tracks.



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She is married to Dr. Randy Basinger, a philosophy professor at Messiah College, who will join the Houghton faculty in the fall of 1995. The couple and their two teenaged sons presently live in Dillsburg, PA.

Houghton trustees recently promoted Tim Fuller to vice president for alumni and admissions. While the new title does not presage new duties for Mr. Fuller, it recognizes the effectiveness of his work for the college in both administrative areas he oversees. Fuller has been employed at the college in a succession of admissions-related posts since 1980.

At press time applications for the fall term were at a record 1100, with some 732 tuition deposits made. An enlarged prospect list and aggressive marketing are credited for this success.

Faculty News

At their March meeting the trustees approved the following faculty promotions: to full professor—Dr. Robert Black, economics; Dr. Carlton Fisher, philosophy; Dr. Claity Massey, education; Dr. James Wolfe, biology; Dr. James Zoller, English. Promoted to associate professor were Darlene Bressler, education; Sharon Givler, career development; Dr. Rhea Reed, accounting; and Mia Kling, cultural studies.

As a result of contacts made last summer when he was a language venue coordinator at the World University Games in Buffalo, recreation department chair Dr. Tom Kettelkamp will take a dozen Houghton students to Havana, Cuba, during Mayterm to live with Cuban students in the

National Sports Academy dormitories while studying sports medicine and therapy in classroom and various medical clinic situations.

During February religion department head Dr. Carl Schultz, attended "A Celebration of Christianity in the Middle East", a conference coordinated by Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding and the Middle East Council of Churches. Schultz hosted a panel discussion, "From Pentecost to the Year 2000: The Historical Continuity and Witness of The Church in the Middle East." Some 400 persons attended, including several Houghton alumni.

Communications professor/WJSL manager David Manney spent January in the Ukraine teaching students at Donetsk Bible College to devise and execute creative Christian radio programs.

More Than Training and Technique: God is at Work

Before today's well-equipped phonathon room with its individual calling carrels, Diane Galloway got her grounding as a volunteer—a whimsical photo from 1981 (below) shows her hunched under the Luckey Building boardroom table seeking quiet and isolation from the dozen other callers around the table as she totted up one record-breaking evening after another. Impressive totals in subsequent years led first to her leadership for phonathon, and now for the college's extensive telemarketing efforts in admissions.

Another college with a one-third larger donor base than Houghton's raised less than \$250,000 calling over a three-month period. They and other colleges have asked Diane how they can make their own programs more successful. She gladly shares philosophy and training techniques, but she draws the line at observers during phonathon. "It's too intense a time," she explains, then adds, "It's hard to explain that there is more to this than training and technique. God is at work, too." Nightly phonathon sessions begin with devotionals and

many alumni pray for the program. But there is a lot of planning and follow-up. Recruitment and training of volunteers begins in the fall. Donor information is compiled on cards for caller use. Each night during phonathon Diane and her staff associates stay in the phonathon center computer-entering the evening's totals and personal data so that the next morning, thank you cards or other appropriate responses may be mailed to persons called during the previous evening.

Who are the callers and what do they get out of this? The top calling team were college freshmen, most of them pictured on page 32. Other high callers include Jan Popp '64, who



drove 30 minutes over icy roads to Houghton three nights out of four to volunteer her time. Her non-alumna friend, Margaret Rambler, was another regular. Also among the perennials have been: Chris Daniels '93, professors Donald Munro and Dick Wing, staffers Kamela Gross and Eileen Spear. Beyond possibly qualifying for gift certificates supplied by local merchants, the callers' reward is satisfaction in the knowledge that they're helping to make a Houghton education possible for 100-200 students each year. (Typical phonathon awards are \$750.)

Isn't this an expensive way to raise money? Diane says no phonathon overhead is charged to the calling program so that every dollar raised goes to needy students. The phone bill for all those calls barely crosses the \$5,000 line. Discounting the value gained in personal interaction, file updates, and student callers learning about college heritage, that means Houghton College spent less than two cents to raise each dollar, an unbeatable record of resource stewardship.



Recumbent: frosh class president and top caller, David Adams. Other frosh callers from left: Daniel Jones, Alayna Littleton, Kelly Dougherty, Dale Schurman, Shannon Lowery, Robert Gammons and Tracy Thompson.

Phonathon Posts Record \$287,000

You have to love the program—eat it and sleep it. It's consuming . . . I get excited about phonathon as a tool for teaching communications, as a job skill students can develop [for telemarketing jobs] . . . for what you can accomplish on the phone that you can't in writing." The words tumble out as Houghton's telemarketing director Diane Galloway explains the operational mechanics of Houghton College's pace-setting annual February phonathon.

As revealing as the impressive facts and figures of phonathon are the enthusiasm and dedication of the callers—and the almost palpable sense that something beyond savvy, dedicated callers and willing donors is at work to produce \$287,000 in 16 nights of calling.

Houghton College tends to be low-key about its successes and honors, but with other colleges asking how Houghton's

phonathon consistently manages to reach ever higher scholarship fundraising goals at minimum cost in record time, a closer look is deserved. Money is not the only goal which motivates over 150 student volunteers and perhaps 50 faculty, staff, alumni and other friends to give their time, *and* energizes Mrs. Galloway for 16-18 hour days each February.

Diane lists the phonathon's three objectives—1. "to raise dollars for scholarships which we wouldn't otherwise have; 2. to reach all alumni to get updates on their lives, [empower] those who meant to write; 3. to be available for ministry—the 'We're here for you' notion. By such measurements how well does phonathon succeed? 1. Callers and donors produced \$12,000 beyond the daunting goal, with average gifts of \$93. (The most unusual gift was \$18.17, the largest was several thousand.) 2. Callers dialed up over

10,000 alumni in the 50 states, Canada and Puerto Rico, eventually reaching over 7,500 of them, despite busy signals and answering machines. (More than a third made gifts.) 3. Five single-spaced 8.5 x 14 sheets of prayer requests were distributed on campus, shared in offices and over a phone prayer chain. Topping this request list were medical matters, employment needs and financial reverses.

Other requests came in connection with deaths of spouses, losses in the California earthquake, travel for missions, church planting projects, wisdom in making various decisions. Several praised God for good health.

On her own time, Eileen Spear, a college staffer and among the top callers, has subsequently written to encourage many of these people.

God at work:
see story on p. 31

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