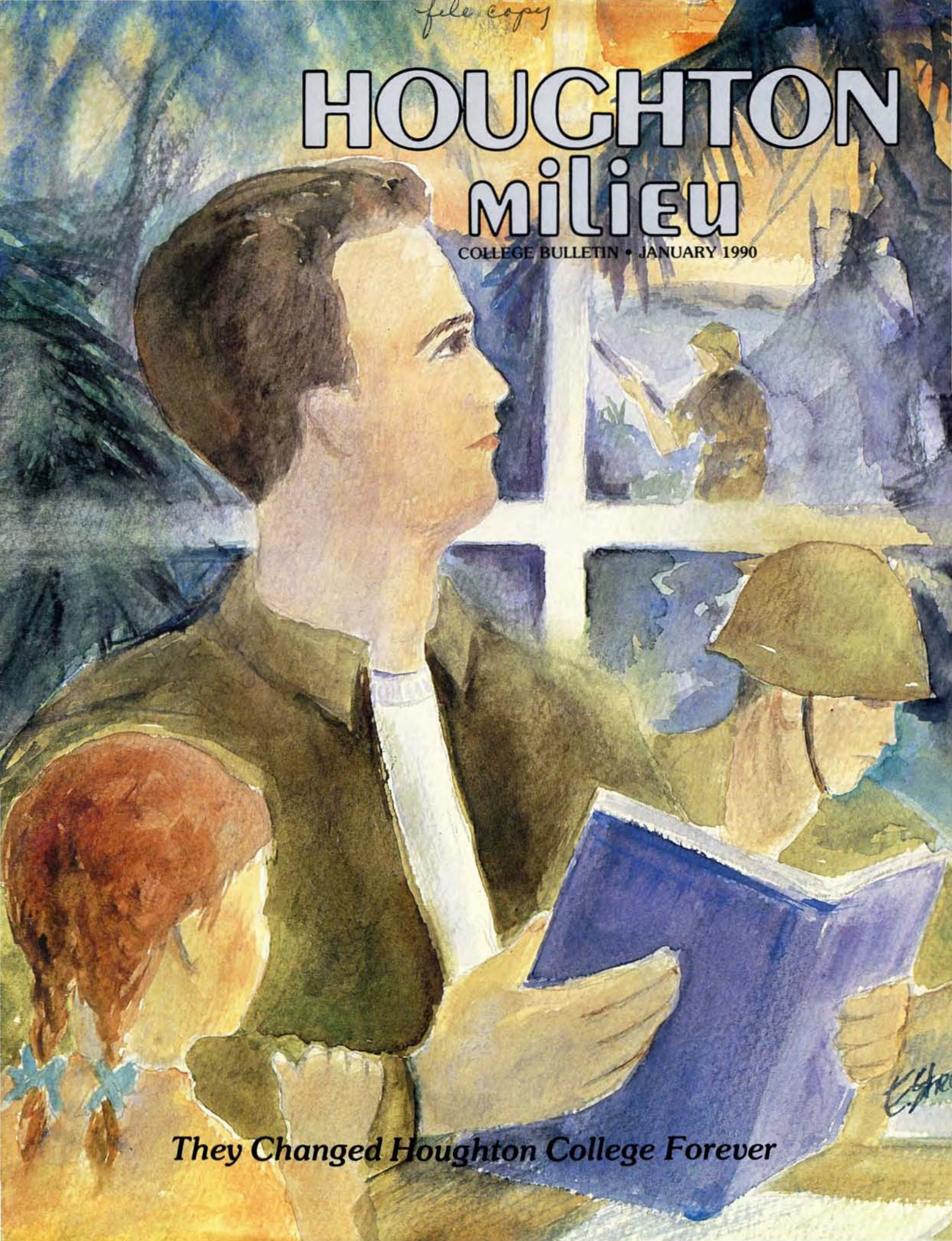


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My World War II memories include a young uncle who didn't come back, matchbook covers showing Uncle Sam's boot descending on the heads of Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo, eating blueberry pie by the light of a kerosene stove in Mary Lane Clarke's downtown Houghton home during an air raid blackout drill. Carolyn Paine and I collected and hauled metal scrap in my red wagon (I wasn't sure why), and I got cardboard toys at Christmas because of metal shortages. Leaving New York on VE Day I recall the excitement of sailing aboard troop ships with my parents as they returned to missionary work in India, the sight of crashed airplanes piled high in an Egyptian desert and the Sphinx with sandbags supporting its chin against the concussion of falling bombs. I was six.

Back in Houghton in 1951, physical evidence of the changes the war had brought ranged from a dwindling number of vets and a campus monument to the 10 men who didn't return, to the 10 frame buildings of Vetville, each covered in brick-finished-tarpaper. There was also a "new" arts building and the unfinished center section of East Hall.

But what had happened between 1945 and 1951 forever changed Houghton College in ways more substantive than buildings or enrollment. How the college dealt with the floodtide of returning servicemen, their impact on the community, recollections of Houghton veterans 40 years later, and what they've subsequently done with their lives, comprise our lead features this month. Taken together they suggest that internationalization begun then, was equal in its way to anything the college is attempting now.

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What's it like when *Milieu* voluntary subscription returns begin? This year's survey response invigorates, instructs, and confirms the diversity of audience interest and opinion. For instance:

"Serious, responsible reporting . . . written so an old English major doesn't have to read it with her mental red pen."

"Why don't you hire a proof reader with the money you're saving by cutting an issue?"

"I like the variety of topics."

"More articles on the environment."

"I'd like more news about Houghton."

Tabulating reaction to a year's worth of articles yielded no surprises. Your overwhelming favorites include alumni news (70 percent), campus news (60 percent), faculty profiles (49 percent). Each article was considered useful by at least 24 percent of the readers. Consequently—with some fine tuning—we'll continue to approximate the present mix.

What about VSF money? At press time, 961 of you had contributed \$7,851 giving us our third best year. What does this mean? It means that we have many loyal supporters who go beyond the basic \$5.00 we ask. If gifts continue at their traditional rate, it means that we'll be able to maintain our projected schedule through the fiscal year.

To insure that future VSF gifts are used for enhancement (rather than for maintenance), *Milieu's* 1990-91 budget request will include its largest increase ever. It's justified by rising costs, rising numbers of recipients, and a survey of competitors' budgets. Incidentally, cutting to four issues doesn't actually save money. It merely finances the *status quo* for four. So we won't hire a proofreader, we'll just bear down on present readers.

In this last decade of the century we'll strive to be accurate, stimulating and informative—seeking to demonstrate how a Houghton education informs perspectives, even when the subject ventures beyond the campus. Thanks for your support.

—Dean Liddick

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LETTERS

Want singing men? Try being tricky

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing the article by my classmate, Woody Zimmerman ("Why Don't American Men Sing Anymore?"). Being the music director in our local church AND having reared three non-musical sons, I can clearly identify with the opinions, theories and facts he sets forth. They struck a responsive chord in my own music-loving

soul and questioning mind!

Wanting to have a male chorus for our church Christmas musical program, I recently "tricked" our men into singing by having them all come to the front and sing a verse of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" on the Sunday following Veterans' Day. Being more patriotic than musically-inclined, they did it; in the process, some of them discovered that they liked the experience! The next Sunday after service, six of them stayed for an announced Men's Chorus rehearsal. The next Sunday, two more showed up. Maybe being tricky helps!

Sincerely,
Sharon H. Anderson '64

Flack for Mac

Dear Editor:

As a graduate of Houghton College and an evangelical Christian, I was disappointed by your decision to feature Neil MacBride ("In God We Trust") in the October 1989 *Houghton Milieu*. Unfortunately, those reading the article may benignly assume that Biblical Christianity is compatible with active support for liberal candidates.

Neil MacBride is certainly welcome to follow his political ambitions and I commend him for his civic involvement. However, I must ask, how can a Christian work to elect individuals whose voting records and beliefs are opposed to many basic tenets of the Biblical Christian faith? Each of the candidates he has worked to elect are pro-abortion, and have consistently voted to expand federal funding of abortion. In response to teenage pregnancy and the AIDS crisis, his candidates have followed the Planned Parenthood approach of distributing free condoms. This, of course, is in direct contradiction to the Biblical prohibition against sex outside of marriage. Each of Neil's candidates also supported the original version of the ABC Bill (Act for Better Child Care) which would have required churches to remove all religious objects from any room where day care services were being provided.

The left wing of the Democratic party is openly hostile to evangelical Christianity, believing that people have a right to practice their faith but should have no say in public policy lest they trample the wall between church and state. Liberal Democrats of the Biden, Simon and Lautenberg brand will tell you that Government has to be neutral on religion. However, is the Government being neutral when public schools teach atheism and elevate homosexuality as an attractive alternate lifestyle? These liberal politicians promote a libertarian viewpoint on morality, one where everyone does whatever he wants based on his own interpretation of right and wrong—and the "constraining" morality of the Bible is ignored.

Neil MacBride should realize that his friends on the liberal left have very little in common with true believers. When a person accepts Jesus Christ as Personal Savior and becomes born again, the Holy Spirit fills that person's heart and enables him to understand morality from a Biblical perspective. Unfortunately, the moral perspective of the candidates Neil supports are in direct contradiction to Biblical morality.

It is ironic that the *Houghton Milieu* would feature an article about a recent graduate who has gone on to help liberal candidates under the caption "In God We

Trust. . ." Please note, liberals trust in man not God.

Sincerely,
Janet (Tonnesen '85) Gregory

Dear Editor,

In a recent "Perspective" article, Neil MacBride offers the conventional Democratic wisdom regarding the 1988 presidential campaign, to wit: that "Meaningless campaign rhetoric, vicious personal attacks, the crude exploitation of political symbols, and the nearly insurmountable advantages of incumbency. . ." swept George Bush into office. (Neil, you would be disappointed if I agreed with you, so I won't let you down.) I will argue that the '88 campaign was a clear example of a system at work, functioning within the highest hopes of the Founders.

In James Madison's superb political tract, *Federalist* Number 10, we find the means whereby factions (which every good Whig agreed was the cause of political strife), can be disarmed of their pernicious effects. Madison writes, "There are two methods of curing the mischiefs of faction: the one, by removing its causes, the other, by controlling its effects." Madison argued that the controlling of the causes cannot be achieved by either "giving to every citizen the same opinions, the same passions, and the same interests" or the elimination of liberty, since the first cure is "impracticable" and the latter remedy "is worse than the disease." Besides, the causes of faction are "sown into the nature of man." Depending on "enlightened statesmen" is not an option as such "will not always be at the helm." Therefore, Madison concludes, as factions (and the clashing interests which they represent) are concomitants of liberty, the solution lies in controlling their deleterious effects.

The Founders offered the Republic as the controlling agent. By twin virtues of representation and size a Republic avoids the petty strife that mars direct democracy, and yet allows a forum for the clashing interests ever-present in the body politic. But while the Constitution offers a cure for faction, it does not address the problem of mediocrity.

The American system of government, and its reflection in politics, is a machine engineered to produce mediocrity. To those hearts and consciences that are sensitive to excellence and the need for national direction (and at this point I must state that the Democratic party reflects this more than the Republican), the machine is a constant disappointment. For the primary function of the Constitutional mechanism is not the provision of justice, tranquility, common defense, or welfare—rather its fundamental purpose is the containment of faction and thereby the protection of liberty.

The Republicans, wittingly or unwittingly, believe that government is at best a negative power—that "that government is best which governs least." They do not see government as an institution of beneficial change as they fear the resultant deleterious effects on liberty.

George Bush stepped up to the rhetoric government activism; but reality erodes his claims. Yet the election of '88 pit the philosophies of "government is a necessary evil" against "government is our salvation," where the rhetoric of either side seemed inappropriate to each side. Therefore for every laudable end listed on the Democratic platform

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Returning World War II veterans brought with them ambitions, expectations and visions that forever changed ideas of "normalcy" in American society—and on campus.

WHETHER they waded ashore at Anzio or engaged Japanese Zeros in dogfights over a Pacific atoll, 12 million Americans fought the big war's battles.

At home politicians grappled with what might happen when they returned home. Would there be enough jobs or would the depression resume? Might the deadly skills they'd acquired make them a dangerous pressure group?

As it turned out, the GI Bill of Rights—officially the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944—not only eased the transition to peace time, but changed the course of American higher education. The GI Bill went beyond mustering out pay to include a one-year unemployment benefit, home and farm mortgages, job counseling, health benefits and business loans. Still, the

education benefit is its best remembered feature.

It provided a year of college for 90 days of military service, an additional month for each month in service up to 48 months. The GI Bill also paid for fees, books and supplies, plus a living allowance. Few in Congress expected the response the bill's educational provision received. Many thought the Veterans Administration expectation of 700,000 takers was high. Instead, Congress, and the nation's campuses were stunned when more than a million veterans signed up the first year! By 1951 nearly 2.5 million veterans (60,000 women among them) had enrolled in college under the GI Bill of Rights.

Before and during the war Houghton's student population had hovered around 370. Scarcely a year after hostilities ceased, the campus population had jumped to 750—students living in trailers, taking over space in the adjacent campground dormitories and in the old church turned recreation hall. Some veterans were single, others were newlyweds, a few were established family men.

They arrived with clear visions of what they wanted from life and saw education as the way of getting it; or as another recalled, "my military experiences had drained my brain of all I'd learned in high school. I couldn't write a decent paragraph. I was bitter, tongue-tied in class."

Business manager Willard Smith recalled how he and President Paine began the process of preparing for the veterans at an Albany meeting of college officials with Governor Dewey soon after the GI Bill was passed. One proposal for veteran housing at that meeting was conversion of the former German POW facilities at Letchworth State Park, but that was rejected as too complex and expensive.

Of the plan that was adopted, Smith recalled: "It included two tracks: suggestions of what the colleges could do for themselves, and a proposal concerning what government would do. At subsequent regional meetings they detailed the documentation of applications for housing assistance and a setting of conditions for successful cooperation between the colleges and the state and federal agencies.

"On June 11, 1945, the Local Advisory Board voted to lease, winterize, and equip Dow Hall (camp dorm) to house 48 students. This work proceeded with great haste and was used

during the '45-'46 school year. Dr. Smith recalled that Deer Hall (pictured below) was completed in December of 1945 and occupied second semester by single men who had temporarily been housed in the old recreation hall. (It was located just above the intersection of Seymour Street and Luckey Drive.)

Vetville itself was a much larger project. Negotiations with government officials begun in 1945 resulted in a contract in February 1946. The college originally applied for 25 units, but the flood of veteran applications at the registrar's office soon caused Dr. Smith to make a supplemental request. Eventually, the government approved 10 barrack buildings, two with three apartments each, eight with four apartments. (The larger apartments had an extra bedroom, which it was expected that childless couples would make available to single vets). Essentially these structures were to be rehabilitated barracks, dismantled, trucked in from Camp Reynolds, PA, re-assembled and modified.

The design for developing the college land into lots had already been completed by Allen Baker, a surveyor and Houghton graduate. He also established street routes and boundaries. In July of 1946 a contract was let for a water and sewer system and fire hydrant installation. Dr.



Left and below: Vetville displaced Prof. Wright's cow pasture, and when completed, was said to have the best road in the village. Above: Deer Hall was built to house single veterans.



Vetville—"a one-of-a-kind experience in very close community"

JEROLD ELLISON was a navy recruiter in Michigan when he married Margaret in 1943. Though without any church background, he'd become a Christian as a teenager and increasingly felt called to ministry. After the war the couple and their two children came to Houghton, among the first group to move into Vetville.

Margaret recalls: "Jerold and some other veterans were still painting as I moved the suit-

Smith recalls, "Providentially this work cleared the way for answering questions concerning title to property, elevations and utility services. The road layout crossed LeRoy Fancher's property and the projected placement of the barracks building showed that some Fancher property was needed [to augment the college parcel]. In return for development of the road and utility lines to serve his property, LeRoy gave us an easement for use of the land."

Progress on construction was delayed when elevations of four buildings had to be changed. Legally this could not be done without new plans from the Federal Housing Domitory Administration. Too, materials were in short supply and there was a running battle among college and university projects as to which would get strategic materials. Such delays pushed completion into the winter of 1946.

Several couples who'd been promised Vetville apartments were instead placed in summer-type camp ground buildings. Dr. Smith wryly noted: "They could tell horror stories of cold and inconvenience." Eight trailers were also situated on the campground which veterans used for several years as overflow. An October 1947 *Houghton Star* commented on the Sunday afternoon walks of such couples who would "wander up towards Vetville and cast longing eyes toward the cozy apartments, counting the days until their name comes up on the waiting list."

Overcrowding plagued the old Gayo dining hall too. Double servings of all meals was instituted. But because so many men were still



cases and the kids in. Then he asked me to make supper for the guys." To save money on milk and make a little cash, Jerold and two other vets bought a cow. Jerold did haying in exchange for hay and the men bought some of the college corn crop. None of the city boys knew how to milk a cow, but they learned. They sold the milk their families didn't drink. Too late they discovered that cows shouldn't eat too much

overseas even after the war ended, getting sufficient food was a major challenge for dining hall manager Mildred Gillette. *The Houghton Star* pointed out to its readers that providing meals for a day took "200 quarts of milk, four bushels of potatoes and other vegetables, 130 pounds of meat and as many as 61 pies. [Still] we pay only \$90 a semester for board. . . Before you com-



Mess halls become an ar

While housing was the most urgent challenge to the college as enrollment doubled, it was only one of many. Classroom space was at a premium and for a time classes were held in the basement of Houghton Wesleyan Church. But



Working around heavy academic schedules with long hours of study in cramped quarters, vets still enjoyed family time. Bonnie Ellison, pictured above with her parents and brother, was among dozens of children populating Verville. She matriculated at Houghton in 1963 and was named Homecoming Queen in 1967 (right). Today she lives in Massachusetts as Mrs. Keith Greer.

clover. The promising milk supply became roast beef and hamburger.

A coal-fired pot-bellied stove heated each of the apartments. Margaret well remembers when theirs blew up! She also recalls hanging clothes outside and having them freeze on the lines. Despite such difficulties and coping with two small children in a tiny apartment while pregnant with a third, (Dr. McMillen delivered their third

plain about dorm food, be thankful you have it."

An alumna of the time recalled, "The second story auditorium in venerable Fancher Hall, crammed with folding chairs and packed well beyond capacity, recorded the transition. [To relieve crowding, seniors attended on alternate weeks]. The balcony in Bedford Gym creaked ominously; seating at the library study tables was

child at the old Fillmore Hospital "on election eve.") she says, "I took voice and German lessons . . . and we entertained many students." The wives also held weekly prayer meetings.

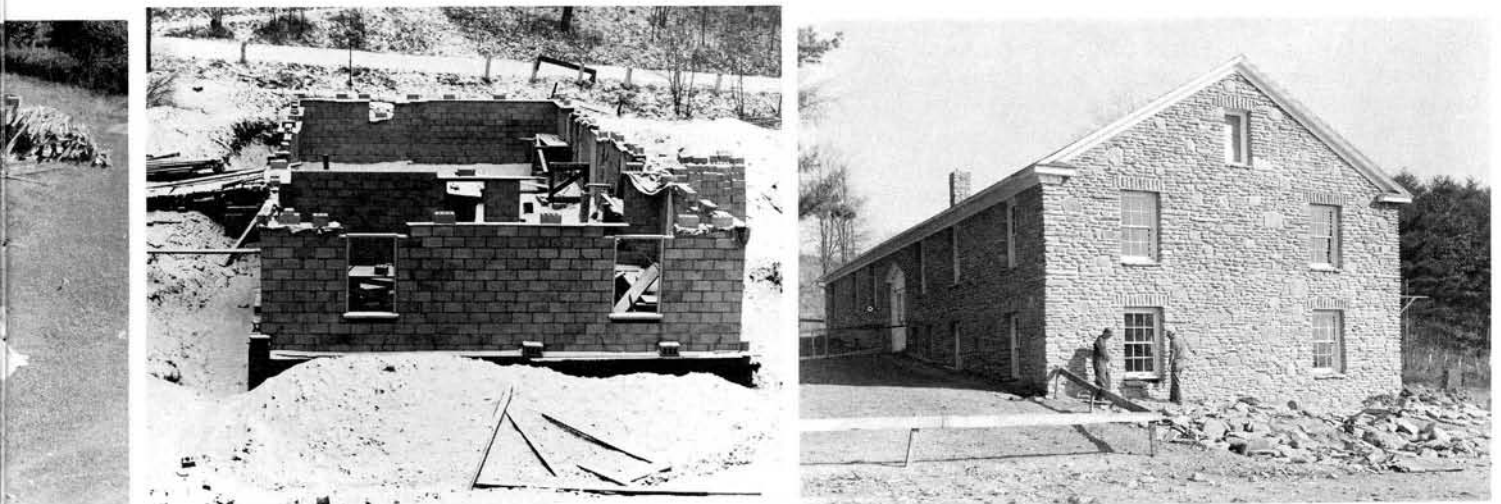
Margaret sums up their Houghton days: "It was a one of a kind experience. We were a very close community there and it was a good time for the children, but we were anxious to get on with life."

Get on with life they have, raising four children. After graduating from Houghton, Jerold completed seminary at Princeton in 1953. In the intervening years he has pastored just three Presbyterian charges, retiring last fall after 22 years at Leverington Presbyterian Church near Philadelphia, PA. He and Margaret have been summer missionaries to Japan, visited Israel several times and he has served on the board for Ludiana Mission Hospital in India's Punjab.

Now moved to Ephrata, PA, they're adjusting to life in a first home of their own while continuing ministry and mission involvements.

at a premium. Music students had to sign up for 6 a.m. slots in the practice rooms."

Houghton was very receptive to the veterans, but allowed little elasticity in its academic standards. Then registrar Rachel (Davison) Fee recalled long hours and agonizing decisions as she and the admissions committee poured over a flood of applications. While some schools



building

in 1947, the government granted the college two surplus military mess halls.

These were delivered knocked down on flat-bed trucks. Workmen worked into the winter to complete a masonry basement and re-assemble

the panels. When stonework matching Luckey Memorial Building was in place, nothing resembling a mess hall remained, and Houghton gained three classrooms, plus space that eventually housed radio station WJSL studios and the revived college art program. All this was accomplished for \$20,000.



Still on the drawing board in 1947

Although the brunt of the veteran student influx was ending when East Hall went into service in 1951, the war was the genesis for its construction. Elizabeth (Beck) Feller was hired as dean of women in 1944 while she was earning a master's degree in counseling and guidance at the University of Michigan. There she received proposed plans for a women's dormitory and a letter from president Paine asking for her comment. Her three-page critique halted the project and got her the job of designing the dorm. It also shifted the direction of her graduate program, taking her to many college campuses to review existing facilities and see the drawing board dreams of other colleges. (On VJ Day she was counting bed-to-shower-to-toilet ratios in a Michigan State dorm.) Ultimately her research and resulting thesis became East Hall, and a federal government resource for lending dormitory construction money. Though tight money delayed construction, East Hall allowed the college to accept students who would otherwise have gone elsewhere.

allowed vets credits for work from schools of dubious standards, or sometimes for work experiences, Houghton held out for traditional standards, though it did accept high school equivalency certificates. Despite these strictures, only limited physical and teaching resources kept enrollment from passing the 1,000 mark.

Mrs. Fee recalled that among the extra staff hired during this period, some of them veterans spouses, several became valued long-term employees. Through part of that time she also taught, and says that among the veterans were the most conscientious students she ever had, some of who are close friends to this day, per-

sons who've made solid professional reputations and led exemplary Christian lives.

Although the war was over, Houghton students remained active in alleviating the suffering of its aftermath. Veteran wives, in particular, prepared and mailed packages for relief efforts in Europe. In a final drive, students raised over \$5,000 for rehabilitative care of wounded veterans.

Considering that 30 percent of the enrollment was veterans, there was little friction among the groups. While most veterans responding to a *Milieu* questionnaire said they were well received, many also observed that there was social distance, partly because so many vets lived off-campus, partly because of differences in age, experiences and responsibilities.

In a 1946 *Star* editorial, a veteran argued against "pampering" veterans, noting that "such action only cripples the men" in adjusting to a competitive society." In an editorial titled "Standing room only . . ." another writer lambasted a few veterans who he viewed as complainers, not making the most of their educational opportunities. He advised them to "move over and make room for someone who will."

But one veteran writing about student reaction to a documentary, was distressed that many seemed only to want to forget the war and its cost, or were content with dramatizations of its most grisly moments as entertainment. He concluded: "War is the most heinous of all crimes against society. Let's not forget it. Let's keep fresh in our minds the squalor and fear and hate and loneliness and death that are war."

Izzie Dayton Hayes Bischoff was a sophomore in 1945. Looking back at this remarkable period when unprecedented human drama overshadowed physical change, and logistical challenges, she wrote:

"Remarkable for its simplicity and the apparent ease with which it transpired, the wave of returning World War II veterans was more of a tidal surge than a flood. Suddenly they were there, having exchanged gun turrets, mess kits, day rooms and parade fields for the serenity of a small campus in the idyllic Genesee Valley—and 8 o'clock classes, 11 p.m. curfews, lab assignments, term papers, blue books and classmates the same age as their young brothers and sisters.

"Since casual campus wear of the day was O.D. and pea coats, it was difficult to distinguish the genuine Government Issue from a Goldberg's surplus look-alike. Assimilation was quick . . . Heroes they were, but they accepted the tokens of a nation's appreciation with diffidence. With a 'Well, it beats K-rations' attitude,

they seldom complained. This conveyed to the rest of the students a sense of how little current campus crises mattered in the grand scheme.

"We knew little of where they had been and less of what they had experienced in a war that was not played on television's 'Nightly News'. They did not talk about it. Students who had transferred from other schools that year were often mistaken for the returning vets. It was nearly mid-year when I discovered that my chapel seatmate had spent the last two years, not in the South Pacific, but at Bob Jones!

"We felt their impact in intangible ways: a heightened regard for scholastic pursuits and academic involvement, and a certain sense of purpose and optimism. The faculty recognized this and responded to the maturity level with subtle changes in classroom direction. . .

"[And] once more there was a men's section in the a cappella choir, enough athletes to allow each class to field a team in intramural sports, a greatly improved boy-girl ratio."

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"Those very special guys who made it look so easy, "to use Izzy Dayton Hayes Bischoff's phrase, have the last word — eloquent insights from the perspective of 40 years distance.

Milieu had asked, "Were your GI benefits sufficient to cover costs?" Most who answered affirmatively were single. Some dipped into savings, many worked or had wives who taught in area schools or worked at the college. Luke Boughter rebuilt a landing strip at college farm and gave flying lessons.

How did veterans respond to college rules? One noted: "We came from the '40s and military backgrounds. The rules made sense." Others kept "most of them," or "played some games with them." Phil Birchall said, "My background was ultra conservative . . . Houghton was a glorious liberating release from stilted and unnatural legalism."

Speaking for some others, a Normandy landings veteran explained: "Rules meant nothing at first. I and like-minded vets hid in the woods above Luckey Building and smoked up a storm (and downed some Schenleys) but after the first revival services I was changed. Rules were fine."

Asking "What was Houghton's spiritual impact?" triggered answers such as "Eternal — every minute was valuable," and; "Coupled with academic discipline it shaped my entire outlook on life, set the standard by which I should live and established goals that have ever since been my criteria."

"It facilitated my growth, especially in knowledge of the Scriptures through the McMillens."

"Houghton helped me to verbalize my beliefs, and ferret out why I believe what I believe."

"Chapel speakers were carefully selected and im-

pacted my knowledge of trends in the evangelical world . . . I was impressed by the many who were here because of God's call."

"Houghton forced me to consider the inner man and my very ugly self (though I'd thought of myself as) a good Methodist.

Did military experiences modify educational goals?

Former missionary physician Gus Prinsell noted: "Serving with the Navy in so many areas showed me the great need for medical missions."

Phil Birchall summed up: "My military experience gave me a world-view that transcended the provincial milieu in which I had been reared. An education became essential rather than a mere luxury or privilege reserved for the elite. It revealed to me that God was involved in history, that there was purpose for life . . . I saw the utter necessity of an education if I were to realize any fulfillment of God's purpose of service in His kingdom.

Doc Jo's wild motorcycle ride

Bill Barker '48 spent four years as a seaman aboard a destroyer on the Atlantic. After the war he accompanied his cousin to Houghton when she enrolled. Observing that "application and acceptance were simple then," he added, "I decided to stay." Bill began college single, married after his junior year and lived his last year in Vetville. Asked what special pressures he faced as a veteran, he quipped, "The most significant pressures I faced were Drs. Stockin, Moreland, Burnell and Rork." Bill then shared the following.

"Every day in Soph Lit, Doc Jo [Rickard, a maiden lady teacher of serious purpose] badgered me about my motorcycle, complaining about its noise and being careless where I parked it. One day she asked to see me after class.

"Could I ride on your motorcycle?" she asked. I assured her she could, but that she would need slacks. 'I can borrow slacks, but you must promise not to exceed 30 miles an hour.' I promised, but told her I couldn't get out of third gear at that speed. (We eventually got up to 50.) Our mission was to visit the cemetery in Fillmore.

"Upon our return to Houghton, she asked me to go up the back way, thus avoiding the town and most of the campus. At great risk of grade and the newly established comradeship, I ignored her request and went through town and campus. I interrupted a softball game which John Sheffer was pitching and drove around the bases with Doc Jo hammering on my back for my wreckless disobedience.

"I had a photograph, but at a Houghton alumni meeting where we were sharing pictures, my picture of Doc Jo riding behind me, her black hair flowing as she hammered on my back, disappeared when it came to Doc Jo."

... And the walls come tumbling down

THE INTENSE INTEREST in and implications of the momentous changes taking place in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in recent months make it both fascinating and necessary to analyze the issues involved and determine their relevance to Christians around the world. Public consideration began this year with Poland, then Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.

Most of the time we centered on Germany and the Berlin Wall—the gradual destruction of which has become the symbol of the end of an era. This last month our attention was forced to Romania. Demands for democracy and an end to one party rule have even come from within the Soviet Union. Along with these demands have come calls for independence from a number of Soviet Republics raising once again the nationalities question in the Soviet Union.

It is wise to remember that communism was not an indigenous movement in Eastern Europe; rather, it was imposed on the region by conquering Soviet armies whose leaders sought to create a buffer zone between the Soviet Union and Western Europe.

Therefore, when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev began adhering to a new policy of non-interference in Eastern European affairs, and indeed, pushed Eastern European leaders toward political reforms, the peoples of each nation seemed spontaneously to realize that freedom was within their grasp.

Communist governments and parties fell and continue to fall—from peaceful Poland to blood-red Romania—because their power has always been based in Moscow. History had already shown this weakness, substantial mass-supported revolutions within the East Bloc such as the 1956 Hungarian uprising and the 1968 Czechoslovakian reform movement could not be put down internally since they represented the will of the people. It took invading Soviet armies to brutalize the populace into submission.

But now we have Mikhail Gorbachev, hailed the world over as the only man of vision, the man of the year, the man of the decade. Yet what he has done in Eastern Europe is essentially negative. He has spread *perestroika* and *glasnost* which, if they are to

be effective, mean the repudiation of communism—at least the only type of communism this world has ever seen practiced. Moreover, the Soviet leader has chosen not to intervene in this region to save any communist governments, no matter how enlightened. It is in *not* acting that Gorbachev has won hearts and minds, but in doing so he has not proven the superiority of communism or socialism. On the contrary, as one repressive regime after another falls, the principles of democracy and freedom triumph.

West German student Helmut Kostreba believes that consolidation of these changes will take several decades. I believe that events and changes in Eastern Europe will proceed relatively quickly. It would not surprise me if in a matter of just a few years Western Europe with the United States and Japan as junior partners—poured massive, Marshall Plan-type funds into a newly democratized east. Within 10 to 20 years an economically, if not politically, unified United States of Europe—both east and west—could be a reality. It will begin with huge West German

loans to East Germany—the strongest eastern economy. The object will be reunification, which I believe will occur before this decade ends.

We can be optimistic about the future of democracy in Eastern Europe because the communist regimes there have been so thoroughly discredited. New and improved—“Reformed”—communist parties have little chance of retaining control or dominating influence since they carry the albatross of their former selves. They have lost the fear of their people, the support of the armed forces and have never



A Letter from Berlin

THIS is one of the most exciting places that I can think of to be at this moment in history!

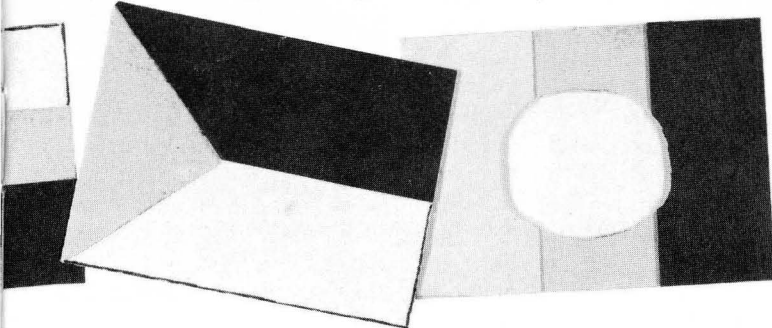
Last November, Berlin was caught up in a whirlwind of political events which changed many lives, including mine! Though most of the changes I lived through were not as politically momentous as what East Germans experienced, they have affected my daily schedule. Getting a seat on the subway is now a thing of the

past and I have still not gotten used to being pushed from all directions as everyone loads onto the already-packed cars! Walking has proved to be a better option despite the cold!

Grocery shopping has also become a challenge due to overcrowding and the quick disappearance of such items as Coke, coffee, oranges and batteries. Long lines at the Berlin banks stretch around the block as East Germans wait for their 100 Deutsch Marks (DM) from the Berlin

Beth Allen (in circle) at Checkpoint Charlie

Few present Houghton students were born yet when the Berlin wall went up in 1961. Events in Eastern Europe during 1989 led to a November 17 session here in which 100 students heard a brief history of the region since 1945, and interacted with moderator Dr. William O'Byrne, political science professor Benedict and West German student Helmut Kostreba. Aspects of that discussion were the basis for Dr. Benedict's following commentary.



maintained a popular following of over 10 percent in any one country. Without Moscow's heavy hand, there can be no going back. The new emerging leadership, coming from every strata of society, have many talents to contribute. Even more importantly, the people have the will to make it work. Although aging, under-utilized and in need of modernization, industry infrastructure does exist in Eastern Europe. The key to rejuvenation will be the amount of resources the West is willing to invest. Most analysts believe this will be substantial—even

to the possible detriment of western aid to third world countries.

Change will proceed much more slowly in other communist countries, including the Soviet Union, China, North Korea, and Cuba. Since the communist movements in these nations were indigenous, they will be more difficult to dislodge. Depending how far Gorbachev feels he can take *perestroika* and *glasnost*, we may see the breakoff of nations now included in the Soviet system, but which before 1945 were independent states.

by Elizabeth Allen '86

government. Despite this free money, reports of increased theft in department stores show that a mere 100 DM (though a small fortune in the East) does not stretch very far against Western prices.

On the positive side the generally "chilly" attitude of shopkeepers has warmed considerably as they welcome their fellow countrymen. Even the taxi drivers have joined in by offering reduced rates or even free rides to visitors. And there has been a tremendous

increase of people here who wear those famous Russian fur hats! It is common to see these furry capped shoppers toting heavy bags full of our Coke and oranges back across the border!

With some embarrassment I must admit that since moving to Berlin I'd become used to the Wall, to simply expect it at every turn. This view abruptly changed on Friday night, November 10, when I joined a huge crowd of excited West Germans gathered at Brandenburg Gate. They were singing and demanding that the Wall come down that very

by B. David Benedict '73

Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are the most likely Soviet republics to assert their independence in the near future. Others like Georgia, the Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Armenia have been part of Soviet-Russian empires for a much longer time.

But within the Soviet Union, Gorbachev can be expected to hold out against all attempts to de-throne the communist party from its preeminence. Communism—with or without a human face—must be preserved at home, even while it is allowed to die abroad. Of course it has long been Soviet policy to sacrifice foreign communist parties (Greece, China, Indonesia,) to promote Soviet national interests. In this case the "interest" at stake is the very survival of the party and the country. Gorbachev has no alternative but to hoard and marshal all Soviet resources for reform of the Soviet economic system.

As in all times of great upheaval, what this means for the church is great opportunity. Eastern Europe is and will be open to the gospel more than ever before. Even the Soviet Union is requesting that

Americans and other westerners bring their technology, education and business skills and come and help them. The Soviet Union, like China, has opened opportunities for technicians, educators, English teachers, businessmen and diplomats to be part of their reform. Many Christians are seizing these opportunities as tentmakers for the Lord.

We must take advantage of these openings while they exist, for as with China and the events of this past summer, we know that temperate climates of reform can change to tundras of repression overnight.

As student, professor and diplomat, Dr. Benedict has concentrated on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, China and East Asia. His Ph.D. dissertation concerned, "Franklin Roosevelt and The Polish Question, 1943-1945". Presently, Dr. Benedict is professor of political science at Houghton. For the past 10 years, he has been an American diplomat serving in the US Department of State as consul and political officer. Last spring he returned from his post in the People's Republic of China. Dr. Benedict has served in Taiwan, Mexico, and as an analyst of Soviet Foreign Policy toward Latin America in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

night! After two hours or so of watching, I too wanted the Wall to come down, to see an end to the separation of a land and of a people. As if hoping to hurry the process, I pushed my way to the front and with the aid of a single ladder and helping hands from atop the Wall, I scrambled up onto the thick stone ledge.

What an incredible view! In front of me, thousands of people all yelling in unison, "*Die Mauer muB weg!*" "The Wall must come down!" Behind me stood row after row of young East German guards, arms linked, nervously keeping an

eye on everything. Mixed images from that evening crowd my mind—endless camera flashes going off, champagne corks popping all around, reporters perched high on TV equipment, the pushing of the crowds, the ringing sound of hammers as people pounded away at the Wall, and the single ladder busy with climbers (sometimes four at a time!).

But the sounds and motions that I remember most strongly came from the rows of the soldiers on the East side—a nervous shuffling of feet and a stamping of boots as they tried

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Milieu—January 1990/11

Nearly a year has passed since Milieu reported that a New York State commission charged with selecting sites for storing low-level radioactive waste had included five possibilities in Allegany County, one of them just across the river from Houghton College. A few alumni felt concerns expressed then were alarmist. Others asked how they could help fight a local siting. Following is an update on the situation.



Faculty, student dump protestors

Low-level radioactive waste dump update

DURING 1989 The issue of low-level radioactive waste storage became major news in western New York, particularly after the siting commission narrowed 10 potential sites in seven regions down to Cortland and Allegany counties.

Primal concerns beyond the wisdom or folly of choosing a specific site are at issue. First: many experts feel the federal government should review its 1985 action making states responsible for disposing of low-level radioactive wastes.

A major economic reason for that belief surfaced in a report given to Congress last November by the Office of Technology Assistance. It states that production of such wastes by utilities and industry is 55 percent of what it was in 1980, and is again expected to decrease by half by 1993. Clearly decreasing waste volume, coupled with high site construc-

tion and operating costs suggest that proliferating sites needs rethinking. Proliferation also increases the possibility of on-site and transit accidents. But pending such review, planning continues.

Area residents question the depth and accuracy of the commission's investigation of local factors critical in siting decisions because of facts they know have been overlooked or ignored. These range from area geology and infrastructures to population. Another concern is that expediency could redefine "low level" waste. Too, there is no plan of action for coping with leaks, spills or natural aging of facilities.

One local official observed that the commissioners' bottom line appears to be finding a site that is *licensable*, whether or not it is the *best* site.

Houghton College's opposition has

gone beyond the original resolution trustees approved last year to include a letter signed by half the faculty, visits to Albany and discussions with the siting commission chairman by college trustees, administrators and faculty. As a county legislator, college finance vice president

Teaching via Optel breaks down barriers, expands opportunities

SPANISH SPEAKING students from a Buffalo inner city school are helping students in suburban Wheatfield-Chili and rural Fillmore environments with their Spanish. Those students reciprocate by helping the inner city students with their English.

Last summer three Houghton students tutored a dozen students in math at a Buffalo alternative high school. It's all been made possible without travel because of Optel, a phone and computer/slate link the college has been using in various situations over the last two years, partially in preparation for tutorial services it will institute when the King Urban

Life Center opens in Buffalo next fall.

Professor Connie Finney of the Buffalo Campus first used the system two years ago to teach advanced placement math to students at several schools. The new focus is tutorials for at risk students. Houghton registrar Willis Beardsley said the program will also be evaluated for its effectiveness in promoting positive cross or sub-cultural awareness, students self-confidence in working across cultural lines and with electronic devices. And planners expect that students exposed to native speakers via the Optel system will accelerate their second language skills.

The system evidences some of these effects. Perhaps because of its novelty, students prefer writing one another on the electronic "slates" to talking on the phone, so the writing process receives emphasis. Because participants do not see each other, stereotypical reactions are avoided until contact has been established on the basis of a shared task. Observers noted that students were several weeks into the program before they asked about each other's race. Then the answers were dismissed as unimportant. A severely overweight student gained peer acceptance over the system which he had often been denied in face to face class situations.

This semester the college is expanding its use of Optel to include an inter-cultural and language class between Houghton and students at Wesleyan Academy in Puerto Rico. The Houghton students will visit Puerto Rico during Easter break.

DISTANCE LEARNING for adults is another way in which Houghton uses Optel technology to serve where conventional contact would be impractical or too expensive. For the past two years Christian ministries professor Harold Kingdon has taught Optel courses in New and Old Testament to adults of the Albany, NY, area.

Each Tuesday evening—first semester a year ago, and again in the fall of 1989—Dr. Kingdon sat in his Houghton office, lecturing and interacting via phone and computer screen to as many as 16 students enrolled in courses offered by Albany Bible Institute at Loudonville Christian School, some 300 miles away. Phone line charges were just \$17 per hour! Kingdon said the course grew out of a request by the institute that Hough-



Left: Fillmore students "talk" with Buffalo students. Right: Dr. Kingdon teaches in Albany from his office.

Kenneth Nielsen, with other legislators visited a supposedly similar privately operated dump site in Barnwell, SC. Nielsen said the group found the site markedly different geologically, and that restrictions on waste were more stringent and clearly defined.

Faculty members are active in local opposition groups and participated with students in a protest when the commissioners were last in the area to examine sites. Some are considering civil disobedience, should matters come to that pass.

The president said the college prefers legislative relief, a national solution to a flawed law, with more disposal responsibility placed on producers. But at press time, land across the Genesee from Houghton remains a prime choice of the commission, although protests, normal bureaucratic delay and the possibility of alternatives mean that lead time to a final decision and construction will grow.

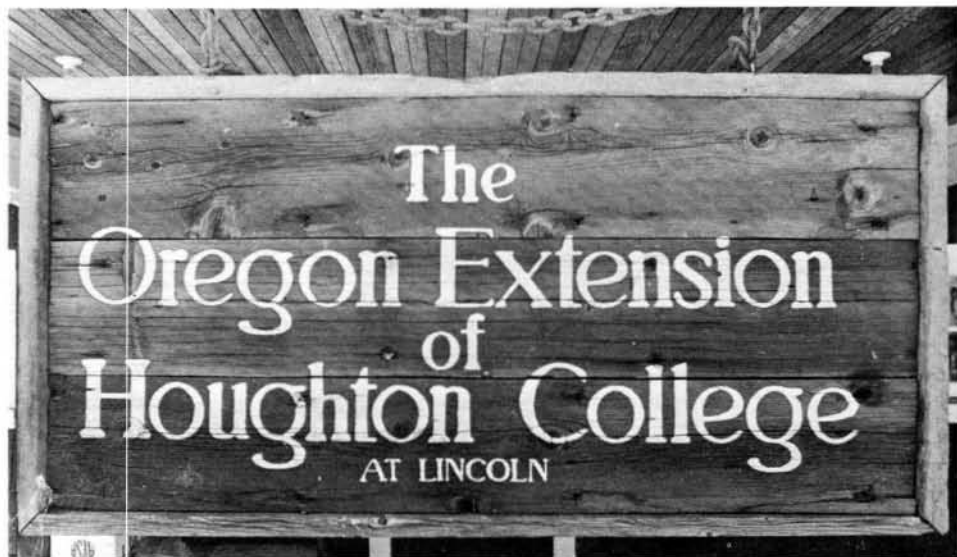
ton College credit be allowed some of their students who wished it. The college responded that it would give credit if a Houghton faculty member taught.

Most sessions were conducted by Optel, but to establish and maintain rapport, Kingdon met his students face to face at the beginning of the term, in the middle, and again near the end. At the beginning they also furnished him with personal background summaries and statements of expectations from the course, then gave evaluations at the end.

Kingdon spends hours devising multi-color charts, graphs and other visual aids to illustrate his courses. These are stored on computer disks to be called up on demand using the "slates" mentioned earlier and pictured adjacent. Homework and handouts are transmitted by mail.

Dr. Kingdon notes that Optel enables Houghton to serve a populace rarely found in conventional classrooms. Among his students have been an elementary school principal, other educators, secretaries, a structural draftsman, a labor/management relations specialist, a trainer of standard bred race horses, an auto plant worker, a horse shoer, a computer software engineer, a chemical engineer and a custodian.

Most of the students took the course for personal enrichment, or to make themselves more effective in church roles.



MENTIONING Houghton College's Oregon Extension to alumni commonly draws variations on one of three reactions:

Most frequent—"What's that?" or, "There is such a place?"

Occasional (wary)—"Oh, yeah, I've heard about them!"

But a returned OE student paraphrasing songwriter Bruce Cockburn says fondly, "I just said goodnight to the closest thing I have to home."

The OE is situated in the Cascade Mountains, some 20 twisting, climbing miles off of I-5 east of Ashland (noted for its Shakespeare festival) at Lincoln. Houghton is a flatland metropolis by comparison. Five faculty members and their families comprise the permanent residents of this one-time logging camp. Loggers covetously eye nearby timber stands, but the bumper sticker on a car parked in the school lot reads: "Soda Mountain Wilderness—If We Log It We Lose It."

Driving east toward Klamath Falls on Highway 66, you know you're in Lincoln when you see the split rail and stone fences. Behind the fence on the left stand faculty residences and several cabins following the mountain's slope north. Across the road are the academic facilities and assembly rooms, backed up by flower and vegetable gardens, a paddock with grazing horses, a rusting barkburner, and beyond these, an elevated four-apartment bunkhouse. All structures are stained a dark brown.

Eastward beyond the parking lot, a trail leads into the forest, and a five-acre lake shimmers next to the remains of a sawmill and mill races. An overturned canoe rests on the man-made beach as breezes stir the evergreens in aural imitation of the Pacific Ocean a hundred miles west.

The founding visionaries for OE are faculty members Thomas (Sam) Alvord, Doug Frank and Jim Titus who first met in the '60s working at Camp Sandy Hill in Maryland with which Houghton's Ken and Doris Nielsen were associated.

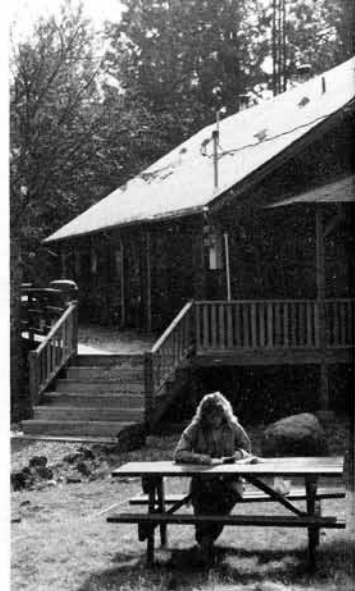
Alvord and Frank's relationship continued at Trinity College where they met John and Nancy Linton. Alvord was a seminarian, the other three were on faculty. In 1974 Alvord and Frank toured the northwest, seeking an appropriate spot to establish the kind of program OE has become. They chose the old Lincoln Camp. With creative financing and hard work by a 17-member group called the Deerfield Learning Associates, OE opened in the fall of 1975 under Trinity College sponsorship—a responsibility Houghton College assumed in 1987 after investigation by Houghton philosophy professor Brian Sayers and the late Beaver Perkins. The Southern Oregon State University library at Ashland augmented the school's own 6,000 volumes.

How is the faculty qualified? Alvord has a B.A. in English from The Kings College, an M.A. in Christian education from Trinity Divinity School, and an M.A. in literature from Northeastern Illi-



From top left:
Mrs. Linton, Mr.
Alvord, Dr.
Titus, Mrs. Lin-
ton and Frank.

Right: Llama
augments the
horses at Dave
Willis's disposal
for backpacking
trips.
Bunkhouse.



nois University. Frank earned his B.A. at Wheaton College, M.A. and Ph.D. (all in history) from SUNY Buffalo. (He also once worked for Houghton College security). Lintons joined the faculty in 1982. John has a B.S. in chemistry from Wheaton College, an M.Div. from its graduate school, his M.A. and Ph.D. in Hebrew and Semitic studies from the University of Wisconsin. Nancy has a B.S. in physical education from Wheaton and an M.S. in education from Northern Illinois University. Jim Titus earned his B.A. in zoology at Houghton, an M.Ed.

from SUNY Buffalo, and a Ph.D. in vertebrate ecology and behavior from SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry at Syracuse. (Jim's sister is also Doug Frank's wife.)

At capacity OE accommodates 32 students, usually drawn from Christian College Consortium campuses. The faculty earn their modest income out of the single session's tuition. Generally, their income is augmented by working spouses, among them a nurse and educational-specialist authors. The couples have six children.

OE's curriculum grows out of four main topics: Social Issues, Social Analysis, Human Condition and Christian Faith. All students and faculty study various aspects of a theme both as a group and tutorially. This allows enrollees to address topics from the perspective of their own major, but also assures an interdisciplinary approach. Lecture, reading, discussion and writing are the chief tools.

Accepted students are generally juniors or seniors with a minimum 3 gradepoint, most often with humanities backgrounds, persons adjudged mature enough to as-

Retrospective impressions of OE

I CARRY A COLLAGE of images from my semester in Oregon. The camaraderie among the students was consistent. From such locales as British Columbia, Napa Valley, Nova Scotia, and Miami, we were of Mennonite, Dutch Reformed, Wesleyan, and Baptist backgrounds and represented 8 colleges.

We enjoyed capture-the-flag and throwing each other into the mill pond, held involved discussions in our cabins about grace and faith, and woke up to profs behind the podium after slumber parties in the library. Students completed reading assignments on time and actively contributed in discussions. Everyone seemed genuinely concerned about academics at O.E. We were free to borrow books from the library—no stamps, no cards, no deadlines, no limit. The

profs trusted we would return books when we were finished.

Although studying was the focus and priority of our time spent together, it was not all that happened at the O.E. On weekends and in between segments we travelled. We climbed Mt. McCloughlin, fished in the Rogue River, backpacked for a week in the high Sierras, swam at the Oregon coast, and visited San Francisco a week after the earthquake.

Deforestation is all the rage in the Pacific Northwest. Countless logging trucks rumbled down Highway 66 daily. Even the land on the running loop adjacent to O.E. was ravaged in a semester's time as we watched and heard the forest being clearcut.

At our forestry conference, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, the

timber industry, and local environmental groups were represented. I will always remember Bobcat, beard to his navel, ponytail to his butt, in bright yellow sweatpants and a brown corduroy suit jacket, admonishing us to save plastic bags to insulate our homes. Eccentric maybe, but he loves the land.

At dusk it became a ritual to step outside and watch the spectacular sunsets behind the Cascades. I have never seen a night sky comparable to those spangled with stars above the O.E. Moonlight nights even included howling coyotes. This is a smattering of the collage I will carry for years to come.

—Deborah Munro '90

A catalyst for new awareness

FINISHING my fourth year of college last spring, I knew I was not prepared to focus on

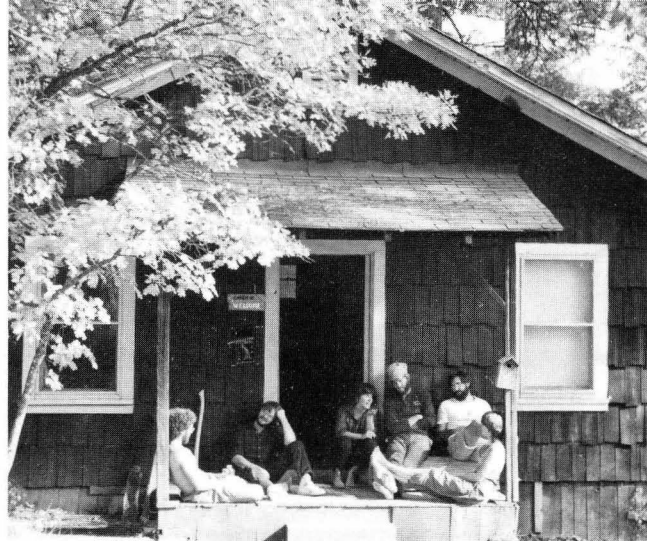
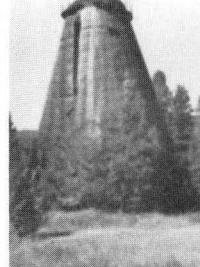
graduate-level studies, nor was I ready to sell my soul into a mechanistic nine-to-five syndrome. Eight semesters of college had whipped my insides into a whirlwind of ideas and emotions. I felt very little grounding in my self or in my world, though I sensed some healthiness in my turbulence.

Two Oregon Extension professors visited Houghton during my last semester and both lectured in a Brian Sayers class I was taking. Their unusual perspectives intrigued and challenged me, as did their humble approaches to life. I decided that OE might be an excellent place for me to study and think for a semester.

Several months later I drove



Munro, Huizen



From top center: student cabins, barkburner, "informal learning" session, main buildings for academics, meetings.

sume considerable self-direction. Campus literature warns that OE means intense study for its 15 credit hours. It's not a retreat for the emotionally disturbed to get their heads together. And while there may come emancipation from some notions of what Christianity is about, the overriding purpose is "enhanced commitment to Christian living, informed by a renewed sense of the relation of God to our world, and the needs of our neighbors near and far."

There are no exams. Faculty evaluate effort and progress based on very close

contact—"spending weeks with a person listening to them whine about inadequacies," Sam Alvord laughingly noted. Says Doug Frank, "the subterfuge quotation is low . . . Generally the grades assigned "produce relief and surprise." Because students may call on the faculty 18 hours a day, Frank adds, "We burn out by December." That's also why there is no spring term. It's also why faculty have their own houses rather than living communally, though they pool their individual skills to administer and maintain the campus, and raise some of their own food.

Each is involved in the community, through the local secondary school, in helping to organize area ecological efforts, and via a home church. The church also draws logger, retiree, artist, rancher neighbors; among them "lapsed Catholics, Unitarians, and agnostics who think they'll come to know Jesus eventually." Frank calls the services, "the heart of our community and our lives."

In a companion piece, four Houghton students or alumni who have studied at Oregon Extension offer assessment of their experiences.

through a brilliant mountain sunrise and arrived in tiny Lincoln, Oregon, for four months of learning. And learn I did—far more than I expected. I grappled with some huge ideas and issues: the civil rights movement, the human condition, my conception of God, the meaning of morality. I was not able to abstract myself from the ideas, and I engaged much of what I studied on an extremely personal level.

The OE faculty chose some excellent core books (by Dostoyevsky, Walker Percy and Ernest Becker, among others), and the resulting diverse discussions with peers encouraged a new openmindedness on my part. I also

found that the faculty members—about twice my age—listened openly when I voiced honest thoughts and emotions. I rarely felt pressured to fit any intellectual or spiritual molds. Because of that unusual freedom, and because of several years of introspection, I could finally begin to discuss and label certain confusing patterns in my life.

But more basic than either intellectual endeavor or self-knowledge, for the first time I was able to hear the gospel of God's unconditional grace in all its vibrant radicalness. Throughout the semester's reading I repeatedly encountered the notion of pure grace in Luther, Pascal, Kierkegaard, Barth and many other authors. Discussions and Bible studies only heightened my awareness of the subversive nature of grace. I am starting to apprehend a God whose love cannot be halted by humans or human encum-

brances, i.e. perversion, power structures, death, emotional aberrations, even institutionalized churches and theologies.

At my stronger times, I truly believe that God's grace outstrips and yet encompasses all that we are. For me that means incredible psychological liberation and the incentive to live with great hope and honesty. The Oregon Extension was the catalyst for this new awareness.

—C. Nolan Huizenga '89

Rhymes with Ho Chi Mhin

FIRST I'D like to straighten something out. "Oregon" is pronounced similar to "Ho Chi Mhin." In other words, the last syllable does not rhyme with "dawn" but with "din." This, however, does not have much to do with the Oregon Extension. . .

It is difficult for me to ar-

ticulate just why my semester at the Oregon Extension was so special, but certainly one significant aspect was the people I was surrounded by. As the weeks passed (all too quickly) I realized that I was in a unique situation: an academic setting with only 30 students and five faculty in which I was challenged to discuss ideas and issues concerning both the world "out there" and the one within me.

The small number of students enabled the profs to spend much more time with us individually than I'd ever experienced before. We often had "conferences" with one prof or another during which the conversation generally involved personal business as much as or more than academics. The profs also invited us to visit them any time we wanted or needed to talk. Similarly, there were plenty of opportunities to interact with and get to know the other



Brown, Perkins

A Letter. . . (cont. from page 11) to warm themselves, the occasional flash of light as one lit a cigarette, and always the nervous waiting, and the cold lack of response to the crowd's cries of "Come on over, you're on our side now!"

For me, aside from all the political excitement, the most fascinating thing to observe was the human drama played



Beth on the Wall

out in the faces and comments of the East and West Berliners as they reacted to the sudden

changes around them. I will never forget my conversation with a weeping grandmother as she told me about the war days in Berlin and in between shouted at the East German guards, "We are one people!" Nor will I forget how moved we all were when we heard of a woman who, after getting her first look at a West Berlin fruitstand, promptly burst into tears and cried, "They have deceived us for 40 years!"

We all experienced the frustration of the crowded walks and stores, and perhaps more than one West Berliner could echo the worried words shouted by an old man: "We will continue to get poorer and poorer because of all the money our government is giving away!" One Easterner with a police record was heard to say repeatedly as he crossed the border, "Is really the West?" "Right here where I am standing is the West?" And a guard, when asked what he was going to do when this was all over, answered in one word—"Sleep!"

Despite the obvious problems that have occurred here

with such a great influx of visitors (over 2 million on the first weekend), the mood in Berlin remains generally good. Still, there are many unanswered questions, and the rumors fly as to the possibility of German re-unification.

One very practical question on everyone's mind is what to do about the severe housing crunch that now grips Berlin. The many newcomers have only aggravated the problem. One group of people is very worried about losing homes and jobs because of preferential treatment being given to Germans. Many Turks I have spoken to believe that they will eventually be asked to leave. One man announced to a member of our team, "Give them five years, and everything that I have worked for and built here will be taken away from me!"

Despite the changes our Turkish ministry continues, but we have extended our focus at least for now to include the East Germans. Our church has sponsored an open house on the weekends for all those shoppers who wish to come in

from the cold and grab a cup of coffee.

As we hoped, most stay long enough to engage in good conversation. They have shown a great interest in spiritual things as evidenced by the recent sale of 10,000 DM worth of books in one afternoon at a nearby church! And in our neighborhood over 1,000 tracts were passed out in less than 40 minutes! We have also taken in visitors who needed a place to sleep for the weekend. Several of these young people have come back and friendships have been started.

Beth Allen graduated from Houghton in 1986 with majors in German and history, and a minor in politics. For 18 months she worked at the college development office, then spent four months at Houghton Academy. Last January she joined Operation Mobilization's Berlin Team which focuses on evangelizing Berlin's 200,000 Turks. Beth lives in the heart of the Turkish district "where there are over 50,000 Turks and plenty of German and Turkish political activism." She does friendship evangelism, and handles all team computer work. She also studies German and Turkish.

students, whether in class discussions or outside class. The living arrangements (four to a cabin), various group trips (whether hiking Yosemite or sightseeing in San Francisco), and the frequently free weekends (to find creative things to do such as volleyball, bike-rides or progressive dinners) were all conducive to drawing the group together. More importantly, the valuable time I spent with these friends (and the friendships that were formed) compel me to regard this past semester as my best yet.

—Eric Brown '91

A scrutinizing peacemaker

I DIDN'T make many new friends at the Oregon Extension, although I could have. It's a snug, isolated place which made me want to like all the other students. Looking back, I regret that I didn't take advantage of this.

But I don't claim that college is most importantly for making friends. It's for learning, and the professors at Oregon taught me how. No readings were left undiscussed, and rare the dictum, grown brittle

from years in Sunday School, that wasn't tapped apart, the pieces spread out for scrutiny.

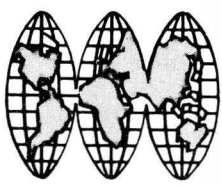
Scrutiny is the basis for education, and the Oregon professors knocked our heads into our open books and made us scrutinize. When we surfaced for air, they had us talk about what we thought. The same ambience that made me want to like my peers also made me trust them to read intently and speak honestly.

While there was an emphasis on diligent learning, there was a de-emphasis on the purchase of a Christian

salvation through diligent good works. That focus on grace has stuck with me during the three years since I studied in Oregon. It's made me more of a peacemaker, less likely to dismiss others on the basis of their actions as being in a state which I'm not in myself.

On the surface of my personal earth, two or three pinpoints of light mark the places where, although I was away from my family, I became a more mature person. In southern Oregon shines the brightest one.

—David Perkins '88



ALUMNI IN ACTION

Dr. Marshall Stevenson



1920s & 30s

'27 **DORIS (NEAL) SMITH** has sold the house she and her husband lived in for 50 years and is now living in a retirement home in Rushville, NY. She writes that she cares for herself, drives a car, and is in reasonably good health.

November 12 marked a big day in the history of the Potsdam (NY) community and in the life of **MARSHALL STEVENSON '31**. That day is now officially "Dr. Stevenson Day." A family practitioner, he has delivered approximately 6,000 babies at the local hospital, and treated many times that number of patients. He also served as health officer for Potsdam and a number of surrounding towns for many years, was the Clarkson hockey team physician and is past president of the county medical society. His medical degree is from Downstate Medical Center. Besides a community reception honoring Stevenson for his 50 years of service, the newborn nursery at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital was named the Dr. Marshall L. Stevenson Nursery. Along with the article about Dr. Stevenson Day, the *Daily Courier-Observer* contained nearly 40 ads from local businesses thanking Dr. Stevenson for his faithful service. Now in semi-retirement, he is still seeing patients at his office. How does he feel about all this hoopla? "I'm a low-key person. I told my wife I'd like to fade away quietly."

In July the *Brighton-Pittsford Post* (NY) did a thorough article on **ANDREW VINCENT '37**, beginning with his interest as a young boy in electrical things. We see a 15-year-old boy who liked Boy Scouts but preferred to be working at the bench his father made for him in the basement. After college, and working for \$100 a week and inventing a door opener, a crossbar switch and a high-speed camera shutter, Vincent became his own boss. Around 1970 Vincent Associates was launched. They continued making the shutters, which was a popular item for hospitals. In 1984 he sold his firm and lives in Pittsford. The reporter described the Vincents as a "most hospitable and

gracious couple." Vincent summarized, "Through the years, I have learned you do not force people to do things. I did not have time clocks in my facility. If you treat people like children, that is what you get back."

1940s

After serving as pastor in Lansing, NY, **LLOYD ELLIOTT '41** is semi-retired. He and his wife, **MARGARET (FOX '43)**, are associate ministers of visitation at the Canandaigua (NY) Baptist Church. Several Houghton alumni and current students attend.

'43 **GORDON ANDERSON** and his family celebrated the 35th anniversary of Tele-Missions International and Focus on Faith productions in October. Headquartered in Valley Cottage, NY, the organization sponsors evangelism, produces video programs and gives scholarships to needy students preparing for ministry. Hundreds of friends, business associates, educators, broadcasters and clergy honored the Andersons at a banquet. They received many telegrams and letters from across the country, including a congratulatory letter from President Bush.

'43 **JAMES MARSH** wrote that the October 17 earthquake in California was "an experience we don't wish to repeat very often." Though many lost everything, the Marshes were fortunate and only lost two drinking glasses. They've been helping where needed and James has been giving earthquake presentations in local schools to help diffuse some of the fear. His letter concluded, "In spite of everything, we will chance the occasional earthquake, rather than put up with New York's yearly snow."

'44 **JOHN EDLING** and **PRISCILLA (PERKINS '45) EDLING** retired from missionary service in Haiti under Wesleyan World Missions in mid-1988. Now they live in Leesburg, FL, where they continue part-time ministries to the Haitian immigrants there. Their son, Gary, lives with them after nearly 10 years of voluntary service in the medical records and statistics service of the La Gonave Wesleyan Hospital in Haiti.

Missionaries **JIM PINNEO '47** and his wife, Lois, have left for Bangladesh where they will serve for 10-12 weeks at Memorial Christian Hospital, the major surgical resource for 10 million people. Then they will return to Niger.

1950s

'50 **MARJORIE (HELPER) BAER** retired in September from almost a quarter-century as a nursing educator. She spent more than 20 years on the staff of the Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing (PA) and for the last year was director. She continues to edit the newsletter of the honorary nursing sorority, Sigma Theta Tau, at Villanova University. She received a master's degree in nursing education from there in 1986.

'50 **HAROLD BLATT** has been named vice president for institutional advancement at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (PA). He was vice president at Alvernia College in Reading, PA.

'50 **DEAN GILLILAND** has been promoted to full professor at Fuller Theological Seminary (CA). He is professor of contextualized theology and African studies. Word Publishers has just released his third book, *The Word Among Us*. **LOIS (HARRIS '50) GILLILAND** is in her fifth year of private practice in Pasadena as a marriage family and child counselor.

'50 **DAVID HUBERTZ** was elected as a fellow to the Radio Club of America last summer. A formal presentation of a certificate and pin was held November 17 in New York City.

'50 **SOPHIA (ANDRYCHUK) PEASE** is serving her third year as vice president of the Gideon Auxiliaries for Arizona. The Gideons International convention will be held in Phoenix in 1991, she said. She teaches sixth grade in Tempe.

'51 **HELEN LEWIS** is co-author of a book *Clay in the Classroom: Helping Children Develop Cognitive and Affective Skills for Learning* published by Peter Lang Publishing. The book is a result of extensive research in Israel and the United States. In July she spoke at the Association for Childhood Education International's summer conference in Taiwan and also spoke at the international conference on early childhood education in the 21st century in Hong Kong the next month. She has taught in the education division at Indiana University at South Bend since 1971.

'51 **WILLIAM RUECKLE** retired as vice president of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (PA) on July 1. During his ministry as pastor and then 30 years as a Christian fund raiser for American Baptist Churches, USA, Eastern College and Seminary, he raised millions of dollars for missions, college and theological education.

'52 **TED HAZLETT** writes that 39 poems taken from the writings of his late father, former Houghton English professor Ray W. Hazlett, have been published by the family, "fulfilling a long time dream" of his widow's, **FRANCES (McCORD '27) HAZLETT**. Titled, *To the Alumni of a Small College and Other Poems*, its preface was written by son **RICHARD '50**. Hazlett grandson **BRIAN '78** edited the manuscript and had the books printed. Ted had them bound and covered. Copies may be purchased from Ted Hazlett for \$5 by writing to him at 56 W. Wright Ave., Waterloo, NY 13165.

'52 **DOUGLAS PEASE** is operating his own small soil consulting firm. Also, he teaches physical geography and geology at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ.

In September **GRACE KEHLER '54** was appointed director of the School of Practical Nursing in Bourne, MA.

'54 **ROBERT LEWIS** and his wife have opened a bed and breakfast on Keuka Lake called "Gone With the Wind."

'58 **THOMAS SHREVE** is pastor of Porter's Chapel United Methodist Church in Mississippi. He retired from the Air Force Chaplaincy in 1982.



Richard Mouw '62



Celebrating his big 5-0: Bechtel, Titus, Kidder all '62

Down the Aisle

Henry & Anne (Valkema '88) Beekley III '89
Pascal Lucien & Janet (Johnson '74) Devaux
Randall & Jacqueline (Christiana '88)
Duttweiler '88

John & Susan (Emerson '87) Edwards '87
Norbert & Kris (Calcutt '89) Ehrich '88
Terry & Lauri (Lanier '88) Gordon '88
Scott & Nanette (George '86) Higgins
Tim & Jennifer (Hice '90) Kangas '88
Deborah (Peters '86) & Mr. McCrary
Paul & Kara Lee (Veith '84) Manda
Michel & Mary (Maxwell '88) Hache
Richard & Shirley Skiff '80
Cyrus & Frances (Wightman '42) Sprague '38
John & Lynne (Jayne '86) Turner

1960s

In July **DAVE DAY '60** retired from the U.S. Air Force after 26.5 years. He was a Lt. Col. and wing commander for three AWACs crews. He has moved to Saudi Arabia where he is working for Advance Electronics Company as a classroom and simulator instructor for AWACs instructors until 1992. Many of those with whom Dave is working were former Air Force acquaintances. When his wife, **EVELYN (SMITH '63)**, gets her visa she will join him.

'61 **RICHARD MOUW** was named provost of Fuller Theological Seminary (CA) in September. Seminary president David Hubbard said the relief he felt at Mouw's appointment "comes from the optimism his appointment brings to the future of Fuller. . . . He has the ability and desire to keep us on course because of his strong evangelical commitment, the breadth of his academic experience, his grasp of the need for church renewal. . . ." Mouw earned an M.A. in philosophy from the University of Alberta and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Chicago. He is considered "the second highest ranking administrator of the world's largest interdenominational seminary," according to a news release from the seminary.

For **JOHN BECHTEL'S '62** 50th birthday, classmates **PAUL TITUS** and **ROLLY KIDDER** flew their own planes to see him in Pennsylvania to surprise him. The next day, November 4, Bechtel left on a trip to Hong Kong.

'63 **MANFRED BRAUCH** has had a book published, *Hard Sayings of Paul*, by InterVarsity Press. He is professor of Biblical theology at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he is also serving as acting president and dean. **MARJEAN (BEDSOLE '63) BRAUCH** has completed her residency in family medicine at Temple University and has joined the Paoli Family Medicine Group as a family physician.

'65 **MARILYN (BURROUGHS) FRANCIS** was subject of an AP Laserphoto circulated in the northeast and used in the *Schenectady Gazette*. Marilyn is shown working with Salvation Army clients at Thanksgiving. She has served with the Army for 24 years.

'66 **KARLENE (HAINGRAY) FIORELLO** and her husband are featured in a Buffalo News article called, "Even with disabilities, IRS couple find love isn't taxing." The article said, as veteran IRS employees, the Fiorellos have helped thousands of western New Yorkers with their questions about the ever-changing income tax laws. Blind since birth, they have reared two boys, now ages 9 and 6. Mr. Fiorello holds an IRS administrative position and now has a national reputation for his knowledge as well as his coolness under fire. Tax information printed in Braille and special computer software have allowed the Fiorellos to work around their handicaps and keep their careers moving. Mrs. Fiorello is a taxpayer service specialist.

'67 **ROY BRUNNER** was awarded first prize for the highest grade in the Associate Certification Examination given by the American Guild of Organists. He lives in Philadelphia where he teaches organ at Philadelphia College of Bible, Settlement Music School, and is minister of music of the United Methodist Church of the Redeemer.

'67 **JOSEPH HASSEY**, who has been on the faculty and administration at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield (IL) since 1975, was appointed vice president for student life and institutional planning for Trinity College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He and his wife, **PEGGY (STERN '65)**, live in Lincolnshire, IL, with their three children.

'69 **BERN LYTLE** is in his third year pastoring a new church on the west side of Indianapolis, the Rockville Road Wesleyan Church. **KATHY (SORRENTINO '69) LYTLE** is teaching fourth grade at Mooresville (IN) Christian School.

1970s

'70 **LARRY BURD** is in his seventh year as senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Bethlehem, PA. He continues to conduct evangelistic and deeper life meetings about four times a year. In January 1989 he went to Cameroon, West Africa, ministering to missionaries and Cameroonians.

'71 **DAVID** and **DONNA (SKAANNING '71) BROWN** are still serving with the Evangelical Alliance Mission in West Chicago, IL. Donna is involved in Bible study and church music.

'71 **MARIELLYN (JONES) HILGEMAN** has received a graduate assistantship and is attending the University of Maryland, working towards a master's degree in early childhood education. She and her husband, Tom, are missionaries with Gospel Missionary Union and are on deputation.

In 1988, **DUANE WHEELAND '71** was elected treasurer and vice president for finance for Christian and Missionary Alliance, overseeing all financial matters and serving on several boards for the denomination. In August 1989 he and his wife, **NORMA (KEYSER '71)**, and their children moved to Colorado Springs, CO, as the denominational headquarters moved west.

'72 **BILL CHURCH** graduated from Toccoa

Falls College in May and in July he and his family moved to Hoosick Falls, NY, where they have planted a C & MA church.

'72 **DOUGLAS PETERSON** is senior pastor of Norwalk Alliance Church in Norwalk, OH. His wife, **LINDA (McDONALD '73)**, teaches music at Norwalk High School.

'73 **STEPHEN B. CLARK** is executive director of the Delta Lake Bible Conference Center in Rome, NY, a Christian and Missionary Alliance year-round camping and retreat ministry. **PAULA (DOUGHTEN '73) CLARK** has served as bookkeeper for the center, but is now a kindergarten assistant at Fort Stanwix School in Rome.

'73 **SANDY (BARTON) FRIEDRICH** is parish secretary for the West Avenue United Methodist Church in Rochester, NY.

'74 **SUSAN (BABBITT) De JONG** is president of Critical Care Nurses Association in Philadelphia, PA.

'75 **NANCY EDLING** is in her fourth year teaching Sunday School child evangelism methods to teachers in Haiti.

'75 **RUTH (WEISS) HAFFLY** lives in West Berlin, Germany, with her husband, Stephen and their two daughters. He is serving with the U.S. Army. They had been in Frankfurt for three years before moving to Berlin in October, just before the wall opened up. "What an experience!" Ruth said.

'76 **DEBRA (McKAY) CANFIELD** delivered a paper in San Francisco at the conference of the International Association of Hewlett-Packard Computer Users attended by 2800 representative from around the world. Her paper was on "Ethics Issues in Managing Information Systems." For six years she has been employed by Dairylea Cooperative Inc. in Syracuse, NY, as manager of information systems. She and her husband, **CHRIS '77**, reside in an historic house which they have been restoring on the Oswego River near Fulton.

'77 **DAVID OLSEN** is a partner in the firm of Chester M. Kearney, certified public accountant in Presque Isle, ME. He is one of the founders and is treasurer of a Christian radio station, WREN which went on the air in 1987. He has also served as president of the Presque Isle Rotary, a member of City Planning Board, and is a deacon in the Advent Christian Church. He and his wife, **DONALD (BLACKSTONE '81)**, have three children.

'77 **LOIS (PISCOPO) WELLS** coordinates the Early Childhood Program at Wesleyan Academy in Puerto Rico. The program received special commendation as a model program from the visiting committee of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Lois teaches first grade reading. **DAVID WELLS '77** is currently fulfilling the residency requirement in a doctorate program in educational administration at Interamerican University. He is also working part time as an educational consultant. David was recently included as an approved speaker by the Thomas F. Staley Foundation.

'78 **MELODY (HOLLEN) BLANK** has been appointed director of alumni-parent programs at Alfred University (NY). She is in charge of alumni



Michael Edgett '84

events on and off campus, including alumni reunions, homecoming and chapter meetings across the country. She will also be responsible for Parents' Weekend and Handbook. Melody had been director of alumni relations for four years at the State University of New York College at New Paltz.

'78 JANET (WEBER) McNEIL is completing an MBA at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

'79 MARK LINDLEY has joined an internal medicine practice with ten other internists in Ann Arbor, and he is on the staff of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. PRISCILLA (CHAMBERLAIN '80) LINDLEY earned an MD from the University of Michigan in June and has begun a residency in pathology. The Lindleys will probably be in Ann Arbor, MI, for at least five years.

'79 SHELLEY (PEASE) WOODWARD received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Fuller Theological Seminary (CA) in June. In September, she and her husband, George, were transferred from Andrews Air Force Base (near Washington, DC) to Incirlik Air Force Base in Turkey. Shelly is the only clinical psychologist serving all three U.S. Air Bases in Turkey.

1980s

'80 SCOTT DEMAREST is a psychologist for Human Affairs International, a provider of employee assistance programs. Nearly three years ago he was diagnosed with cancer but since then has been cancer-free. In March of 1988 he was divorced and has since remarried.

'80 SHERRY (KINGDON) JOHNSON is on maternity leave from her position as director of Bethany Christian Services, Inc. of Tennessee, a nationwide adoption and abortion alternative agency.

'80 BECKY MARSHALL is a captain in the United States Air Force, and recently returned from a two-year tour in the Philippines, where she worked as a flight nurse. Now she is stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and is a neonatal ICU nurse.

'81 TIM NICHOLS is assistant dean of students at Nyack College (NY).

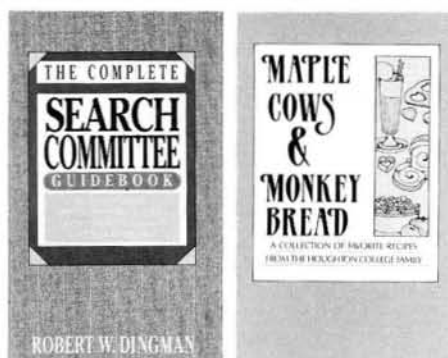
'83 LISA (BURNS) BUZZANCO anticipates receiving her LPN certificate in February.

'84 MICHAEL EDGETT has been promoted to research and development supervisor for Richardson Foods of Macedon, NY. He is responsible for formulating and developing new and improved products for the maker of ice cream toppings, Nance's Mustard and other food products.

'84 KARALEE (VEITH) MANDA is a speech-language pathologist working with children ages two to five in Albany, NY. She and her husband, Paul, a carpenter and steelworker, are members of Grace Bible Church in Latham.

'85 PAUL BUSSI has begun work on a master's of social work degree at Hunter College in New York City.

'85 EVA GARROUTTE is writing her dissertation for her doctorate on 19th Century religious



Alumni Authors

The Complete Search Committee Guidebook, (Regal Books, Ventura, California, 1989) by Robert W. Dingman is an excellent "How To" volume on selecting the right leader for any organization. Dingman brings impressive credentials to his writing. Since graduating from Houghton College in 1950, he has spent more than 25 years as an executive search consultant, the last 11 as President of Robert Dingman Company. While most of his experience has been with secular businesses, he has conducted numerous leadership searches for Christian colleges, para church organizations, and local congregations. In this volume his special focus is upon evangelical Christian organizations with the greatest attention to the pastoral search.

Dingman's basic thesis is that "very few groups can rise higher than the abilities and inspiration of their leader. God seems to work then through human leadership of groups of believers. This makes the leadership selection task of crucial importance, does it not?" He then asserts that choosing a Christian leader is (or ought to be!) a rational process with a spiritual dimension; thus, the task should be characterized by careful thought and thoughtful prayer.

The author stresses several important activities which should precede any search. First, he sees this as an ideal opportunity for a congregation to review and, if necessary, revise its mission statement. He also provides many helpful suggestions for maintaining an organization's momentum, even when a search is prolonged. The search process itself is covered with painstaking detail.

Dingman then concludes with a collection of 21 appendices, which are worth the price of the book (\$6.95). These include checklists, sample letters, reference forms, and numerous other tools which will help organize and expedite the search process.

This is not a scholarly monograph written for other professional talent searchers. Instead, Dingman has written a very readable volume which is conversational and often colloquial in its style and tone. The reader feels that a knowledgeable friend is standing by saying, "Let

me share some suggestions with you which I believe can assist you in successfully completing this important task of finding a new leader." The delightful cartoons, the liberal use of illustrations from the author's experience, and frequent injection of humor make this book enjoyable as well as informative.

Surprisingly, the author does not recommend that a congregation secure a consultant to conduct the pastoral search process for them, though I am sure he would suggest you purchase his book! I would endorse that suggestion and further recommend that a copy be purchased for each search committee member. It will be a useful guide for serving on a search committee as well as a pleasant reminder of an important and valuable experience. Following Dingman's advice will not make the task of a search committee simple but will make it thoughtful, thorough, and much more likely to produce a result that is satisfying to both the organization and its new leader.

—Daniel R. Chamberlain

Maple Cows & Monkey Bread may well contain something for everyone. If you define everyone as friends and alumni of Houghton College, its 500-plus recipes certainly come from everyone. From appetizers to desserts, for intimate little parties or for groups of 50, this 189-page compilation of food favorites prepared by the college relations office staff, brings together the kitchen wisdom of scores of contributors, many with international experience. Some recipes feature tales of their origins or other unusual background anecdotes.

At \$10 each (postage included) an order for *Maple Cows & Monkey Bread* will broaden your gustatory horizons, probably offer you insight into the eating habits of some old friends, and benefit the college scholarship fund. The books are indeed available for immediate delivery if you send your order and payment to the Office of College Relations, Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744. Pre-publication orders were filled Christmas week.

SPRING CHAPTER MEETINGS

Kentucky	2/3	Dr. Chamberlain
S.W. Florida	2/3	Dr. Dowden
Orlando	2/10	Mr. Alderman
W.C. Florida	2/17	Mr. Alderman
Miami	2/24	Dr. Chamberlain
Albany	3/2	Mr. Alderman
Ft. Myers	3/3	Dr. Chamberlain
Atlanta	3/3	Mr. & Mrs. Cook
NY/NJ	3/4, 5	Mr. Alderman
Puerto Rico	3/8	Mr. Velazquez
Phoenix	3/10	Mr. Brennenman
Haiti	3/16	Mr. & Mrs. Cook
S. Carolina	3/16	Mr. Alderman
San Diego	3/17	Dr. Chamberlain
N. Carolina	3/17	Mr. Alderman
San Francisco	3/31	Mr. Alderman
Harrisburg	4/7	Dr. Chamberlain
Syracuse	4/11	Mr. Alderman
Toronto	4/12	Mr. Alderman



'89 NATE and AMY (DURKEE '87) POLLOCK were commissioned in November as Habitat for Humanity International Partners. The commission marks the completion of 11 weeks of intensive training for overseas work. The Durkee Pollocks will begin three years of service in the Solomon Islands.

movements. She is enrolled at Princeton University. Eva had a book review published in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* in March, and has two other articles being considered for publication by other sources. For the second year she has received the Mellon Humanities Award. Last semester in Boston, Eva delivered a paper on mysticism at the Eastern Sociological Society meetings and was invited to sit as a critic on an author-meets-critics panel for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion at their Salt Lake City conference in October.

'85 CYNTHIA (KINARD) MACHAMER and her husband, Tom, are expecting their first child in April. She continues to work in the public relations department at Houghton College, and Tom is plumber foreman there. They are rehabilitating an old house in Rushford, hoping to move in next fall.

'85 ERIC MOYER received a Ph.D. in synthetic polymer chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in November. DENISE (DeGEORGE '85) MOYER received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from that school in November also. The Moyers have moved to Midland, MI, to work in research and development at Dow Chemical Company.

'85 CHARYL ROPP is a graduate student at the University of Florida, where she received an assistantship, working as a field advisor supervising undergraduate student teachers. She is working towards a master's degree in middle school math.

'85 PETER SCHULTZ is a mental health technician at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, NJ. Also, he is a pastoral counselor and Bible teacher at Market Street Mission in Morristown. Concurrently Peter is working on a master's degree in pastoral counseling at Iona College (NY). At Grace Fellowship Chapel in Basking Ridge, he leads Sunday evening worship and leads the college and career age group.

In December 1988, BRYON SMITH '85 received a master of divinity degree in church music from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (KY). In April he will assume duties as minister of music and youth pastor at the Bethel Park Free Methodist Church in Flint, MI. On May 13 he anticipates marriage to Jacqueline Allen.

'85 RICH STRUM was a graduate intern in the education department at Shelburne Museum in Vermont. With a master's degree from the College of William and Mary, he is looking for employment as a museum educator. Rich serves on the Warren County (NY) Democratic Committee and is running for town councilman in his hometown of Hague, NY.

'85 BARB VAN PELT choreographed the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" for Young at Heart Theater, Inc. in Hingham, MA. Besides teaching music, she is working part-time as an instructor at the Gymnastics Academy of Boston.

In May, MICHELLE (O'HARA) KOBI '86 graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary. Her husband, Paul, is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church of Minnesota. Michelle

Future Alumni

Carl & Lisa (Overway '88) Beals '86
Scot (F) & Lisa (S) Bennett
Steve & Karen Berger '73
David & Amy (Konz '83) Brautigam '72
Dave & Linda (Bowen '78) Edwards
Steven & Deborah (Schuit '77) Hoeckele '77

Anthony & Sharon (Regal '85) James
Allen & Sherry (Kingdon '80) Johnson
George & Marti (Gainger '72) Johnston
Thomas & Bonnie (Sweeney '87) Kaminski
Mark & Priscilla (Chamberlain '80) Lindley '79
Andrew & Janet (Weber '78) McNeil
Gregg & Ellen (Olson '87) Nesemeier III
Roy & Toni-Lynn (Maffucci '80) O'Shaughnessy '80
Gene & Marge (Knowlton '81) Palm
Mark & Jan (Zebulski '78) Parsons
Jeff & Sandy (Frymire '77) Patton
Arthur & Betty (Ganger '85) Schmidt
Glenn & Cindy Slothower '76

Jeffrey & Janine (Filmer '81) Spear '79
Norman & Linda (Moore '68) Spencer
Cass & Ruth (Travis '82) Stacy '82
Thomas & Linda (Chaffee '80) Taylor
Tyke & Cindy (McPherson '78) Tenney '79
Timothy & Anita (Karpach '80) Velardo
Douglas & Denise (Towle '86) Winks '84

Taylor Address 9- 8-89
Claire Elise 1- 5-90
Justin Elliot 5-15-89
Sarah Elisabeth 1-21-89
Stacey Lynn 6-20-89
Andrew Steven 9-29-87
Scott Thomas 6-23-89
Camille Rose 10-25-89
Spencer Kyle 11- 2-89
Samuel Gainger 8-30-89
Daniel Thomas 8-30-89
Clarissa Annette 11-15-88
Edward Creigh 6-17-89
Sarah Marie 7-29-88
Graham Bowers 11-16-87
Jennifer Nicole 10-31-89
Lydia Beverly-Ann 5- 6-89
Michelle Kathleen 8-24-89
Nathan Andrew 4-20-89
Jennifer Ruth 10-31-87
Timothy Philip 7-28-89
Rachel Eileen 8-23-89
Asa Chromoy 10- 3-89
Andrew David 5- 4-89
Thomas Luke 9-17-89
Jill Ann 8- 5-89
Jillian Helen 9-24-88
Matthew Douglas 9-30-88

plans to go back to school for licensing in marriage and family counseling.

'86 MARY JO ROTH is in her second year of doctoral study at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory, majoring in piano. She is on the faculty of the University Preparatory department teaching piano and is active in the Mt. Auburn Baptist Church.

'86 JIM SPIROPOULOS works for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in the division of criminal investigation.

'86 LAURIE SPICER is a therapeutic specialist at the Upstate Home for Children in Oneonta, NY. She works with 48 severely handicapped youth ages five to 21. Laurie's been there for three years.

'86 LYNNE (JAYNE) TURNER is certified as a medical technologist by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the National Certifying Agency for Medical Laboratory Personnel. She works in the clinical chemistry department of the laboratory at the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital in Elmira, NY.

'86 JEFFREY WEST has reported for duty at Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt, Exmouth, Western Australia. He joined the Navy in September 1988.

'86 DENISE (TOWLE) WINKS cares for their son at home and concurrently teaches 18 piano students and is working on a master's degree in counseling at Liberty University. She is a member of the local, state and national chapters of the Music Teachers National Association. DOUGLAS WINKS '84 was recently promoted to staff

sergeant and continues to play with the United States Continental Army Band at Fort Monroe in Virginia. He is also playing trombone in the Virginia Beach Pops.

'87 JOHN and SUSAN (EMERSON '87) EDWARDS plan to leave for Japan as career missionaries with Hi-BA by August. They have begun their deputation work.

'87 NED FARNSWORTH is serving in Mexico City with Latin American Mission.

'87 MARGARET HARMAN is attending Springfield College studying cardiac therapy. She lives in Geneva, NY.

'88 JIM KINGDON is a disc jockey for Christian radio station WTGN-FM in Ohio. DEB (SCHENK '88) KINGDON is a caseworker for severely mentally disabled people.

'88 HOLLY LANG is a teacher and counselor in a wilderness camp for emotionally disabled youth, under the auspices of Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives.

'88 GIOCCHINO JACK URSO is employed by Russell Sage College as an academic counselor, program coordinator and HEOP transition counselor for New York State Correctional System. He also works as a political commentator for WQBK-AM in Albany, NY.

'88 STEVE "PUNQUE" VANCE is employed by the Smugglers' Notch estate office at the resort in northern Vermont. He hopes to achieve head ski instructor status in the ski school after completing a registration exam. Punque is also in the recording studio part-time, working on his first solo demo album. Release is scheduled for March.

CHAPEL CHOIR TOUR 1990

Wednesday, April 11th

Christian & Missionary Alliance
Fulton, NY at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12th

Trenton Wesleyan Church
Trenton, Ontario at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday the 13th

St. Peter's Anglican Church
Toronto, Ontario, Canada at noon

Good Friday evening

Still open

Easter

Town Line Lutheran Church
Alden, NY at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday evening

Hamburg Wesleyan Church
Hamburg, NY at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Gifts

C. NOLAN HUIZENGA by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Klotzbach, Dr. & Mrs. David Oetinger, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Halberg, Mr. & Mrs. Forest Crocker, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kohler, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Wagner, Mr. & Mrs. William Greenway, Dr. & Mrs. Ben King, Melvin & Hallie Dieter, Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Lloyd, Dr. & Mrs. Gustave Prinsell, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Regenes, Dr. David Anderson, Ellen Kreckman, Dr. & Mrs. David Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Strong, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bullock, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Hine, Dr. & Mrs. Clarence Bence, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Wilt, Priscilla Ries, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Shoemaker, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Kuhl, Community Bible Church, Nancy Donegan, Harriet Steck, Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Paine, Dr. G. Blair Dowden, Mr. & Mrs. William Grooters, Helen and Linda Judd, Mr. & Mrs. David Alexander, Dr. & Mrs. John Nystrom, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Rozendal, Dr. & Mrs. Harold Kingdon, Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Mayhle, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Becker, Betty Effland, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Keppinger, Gloria, Kirsten, David and Nolan Huizenga, Dr. & Mrs. Ken Lindley, Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Taylor, Charles and Jean Detwiler, Mr. & Mrs. Lindol Hutton, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mullen, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Knol, Margaret Meeker, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Feller, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Evenden, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Hiddema, Madelyn S. Robinson, Mr. & Mrs. J. Edwin Hostetter, Mrs. Cynthia Huizenga, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Kleppinger, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Knox, Mr. & Mrs. William Roeske, Dr. & Mrs. F. Gordon Stockin, David Swanson, Mr. & Mrs. David Scales, Mr. & Mrs. Allen White, Mr. & Mrs. Stephan Saunders, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Alderman, Dan and Mary Swanson, Mr. & Mrs. Don McCarthy, Mr. & Mrs. Deyo Montanye, Ann Wagner, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Galloway, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Luckey, Dr. & Mrs. Don Munro, Dr. Lola Haller, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pocock, Nellie Tenbrinke, and Mr. & Mrs. Abram Mohr.

ETHEL HADLEY by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Goode.

PAULE ECKER by M. & Mrs. Thomas Zaran-

ski.

RALPH BLACK by Mr. & Mrs. William Hawkes.

DOUGLAS WALTERS by Mr. & Mrs. James Walters and Dr. & Mrs. Brian Hazlett.

PAULINE CHRISTINE STEVA by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tropf.

LEONARD NIELSEN by Mr. & Mrs. Deyo Montanye, and Dr. & Mrs. Robert Luckey.

MARY (PAINE) HOLD by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Luckey.

PETER STEESE by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Luckey and Paul and Ruth Steese.

NINA (LAPHAM) FREEMAN by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Luckey.

MARION CARR by Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Wheeler.

BEAVER PERKINS Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Weinberg.

LEROY FANCHER by Clinton Boone, Ralph and Rowena Dwyer, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pocock.

WILLIAM HAZLETT by Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Brown and Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson.

JOSEPHINE RICKARD by Gudrun Kartevold, Mr. & Mrs. John Rommel, and Mrs. Harriet P. Scott.

CLAUDE RIES by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Todd, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde McMonigle, Rev. & Mrs. Willard Cassel, Chaplain & Mrs. Dale Stewart, Dr. & Mrs. George Failing, and Mr. & Mrs. John Rommel.

GEORGE MORELAND by Dr. J. W. Tysinger, Jr., Dr. Marilyn Hunter, Dr. & Mrs. Edwin Mehne, Mrs. Frances W. Carl, Dr. & Mrs. George Fink, and Dr. & Mrs. Robb Moses.

FRIEDA GILLETTE by William Bisgrove, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Muller, George Grisevich, and Mr. & Mrs. John Rommel.

DORAH BURNELL by Mrs. Charles Torrey.
LA VAY FANCHER by Ms. Louise Minnis and Mrs. Helen Stark.

WILLIAM JOSLYN by Miss Lucy Joslyn and Evelyn Ludeman.

ROBERTA (MOLYNEAUX) GRANGE by Col. & Mrs. Silas Molyneaux.

RUDY WIDLICKA by Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Paine.

BESS FANCHER by Mr. Lester Fancher and Dr. & Mrs. Ellsworth Brown.

JAMES LUCKEY by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Vogan.

WESLEY NUSSEY by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kurtz and Dorcas Nussey.

PIERCE WOOLSEY by Margaret Horner.

ROBERT W. WOODS by Mr. & Mrs. Frances W. Carl.

DAN WILLETT by Ellen Kreckman and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Greenwald.

REV. & MRS. W. MERTON SNOW by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tyler.

JAMES EVANS by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Marsh.

JOHN ANDREWS III by Mr. & Mrs. David Neu.

VIOLA DONELSON by Herbert Gerhardt and Harold and Mary Anna Adams.

DONNA DAYTON by Ellen Kreckman.

PAULINE SCIRIA by Mr. & Mrs. Thom Zaraniski.

CLYDE and OLIVE MOON by grandchildre
MILDRED GILLETTE by Mr. & Mrs. Jo Rommel.

CRYSTAL RORK by Mr. & Mrs. John Rommel.

LUCILLE BARNETT by Mr. & Mrs. Forest Crocker.

LILLIAN SHANNON by Mr. & Mrs. Forest Crocker.

RAY HAZLETT by Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hazlett

In Memoriam

Correction: The October 1989 obituary for **Pei Steese '54** inadvertently failed to list his paren Paul '27 and Ruth (Zimmerman F) Steese, amo surviving family members. They presently live Akron, OH. Milieu regrets the omission.

'81 STEVEN ANGEVINE of Carol Stream, I died December 8 after a long illness. In 1977 graduated from Warren (PA) High School, former police officer in Chapel Hill, NC, N Angevine was currently a graduate student Wheaton College (IL). Survivors include I widow, **PATRICIA (SKIFF '81)**; his fath **JERRY ANGEVINE '55**; and two grandfath

'17 ALBERT BASSAGE died June 16 at t Clipper Home of Rochester (NH). Formerly had lived in Sayre, PA. Mr. Bassage was a U. Army veteran of World War I and was active Boy Scouting, serving on council committees the General Sullivan Council. He was a memt and former president of the Avion Travelca Club and retired from Ingersoll-Rand with over years of active and retired service. Bassage w also a member of the Sayre United Methoc Church. He is survived by a son; three daughte three sisters, Elizabeth, Nellie and **NORV (BASSAGE '38) CROSBY**; and several grar children, nieces and nephews. His wife, Leor predeceased him in 1985.

'38 GORDON CURTY, a United Methoc New Mexico Conference pastor, died Septemt 8 in Albuquerque. He was 76. Born in 1913 Canada, Curty graduated from Methoc Seminary (MD). He served in the U.S. Air For during World War II retiring as a Lt. Colonel 1958. An ordained elder, his ministerial career cluded 13.5 years as an Army chaplain. I received a Bronze Star medal for meritorious s vice in World War II, and was presented a c tificate of award for meritorious service to G and country from the General Commission on r my and Navy chaplains. He retired from t pastorate in 1972. His daughter and a brother s vive him.

'37 PAULINE (BENTLEY) POTTER died C tober 23 as a result of an automobile accident Hornellsville, NY. She was a resident Houghton. Prior to retirement, Mrs. Potter h been a high school history teacher at Fillmc Central School for many years. Besides her h band, Paul (retired from Houghton Colle maintenance staff), survivors include a broth

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two nieces, and a nephew.

'53 JAMES SPEAR, a United Methodist minister, died November 5 at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital, Syracuse (NY), of lymphoma at the age of 57. In July he had been appointed senior pastor of the Liverpool (NY) First United Methodist Church. After Houghton he studied at Asbury Theological Seminary (KY), earning a master of divinity degree. He also earned a master's degree in religious education from Syracuse University. Before moving to Liverpool, Rev. Spear had served six years as district superintendent of the Finger Lakes District of the North Central New York Conference. His ministry began in 1954. In 1986 Rev. Spear coordinated Bishop Forrest Stith's Mission to Africa and returned in 1988 to lead a work team to Zimbabwe. Spear served on several conference committees as a member and as chairman. Besides his widow, **EILEEN (GRIFFEN '52)**, he is survived by four children: **PETER '77**, **JEFFREY '79**, **PENNY (SPEAR '80)**, **WILLIAMS**, and **CHRISTINE (SPEAR '91) LEE**; a sister, **LILLIAN '49**; four nephews and a niece.

'19 CLARK WARBURTON, one of the nation's leading economists and the first to define and measure "Gross National Product," died at Fairfax (VA) Hospital following a heart attack on August 25. A resident of McLean, he was 83. Mr. Warburton founded much of American scholarship in monetary economics and his views prevail in current professional theory that the supply and velocity of money should be used to determine monetary policy. He coined the term "Stagflation." He also studied at Cornell University and earned his doctorate at Columbia. Dr. Warburton lectured in colleges and universities from California to India, served on the Federal Reserve Committee on branch group and chain banking, on the research staff of the Brookings Institution and for 30 years lead a research and statistical group at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and several professional associations. He wrote three books and some 50 articles internationally recognized as authoritative. Survivors include a son, Peter, and two grandsons. Interment was at the family farm in Pennsylvania.

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(though there were many that were not laudable), the means—government intervention—were feared for the possible breaches of the fragile amphora of liberty. "It is a fool who exchanges his liberty for security" wrote Benjamin Franklin. The Republicans are unwilling to make the trade.

Michael Dukakis's central problem (there were many), was that he was preaching salvation to the saved. Meanwhile, George Bush became the evangelist of modern history, reminding everyone of "what was" and "what is." And despite the gloomiest forecasts, over the last few years, "we is doin' fine." The Russians are giving up, the economy is moving along, gas is cheap, and there is plenty of food on the table. "Nothing sells better than success" was George Bush's pitch—and it swept him (in spite of his abysmal running mate) into the White House.

Therefore the mechanism of American politics worked again. That party which most fully reflected the assumptions of the Constitution won. (Only disaster or widespread turmoil can place the Democrats, given their present assumptions, into the White House).

So while executive and legislature feud, inspiring ideas fade in hidden committees, money is lost [and] I am able to live with a tolerable degree of freedom. Suits me fine. "But," the cry of sensitive souls goes up, "what of the homeless, the abused the neglected, the oppressed?" If I am to remain true to my principles, I should be using my freedom to help those in need. Those extra-governmental institutions to which freedom allows me to commit myself (such as the church) should help. If I do this, I am logically consistent in my belief in limited government.

Unfortunately, Republicans aren't always logically consistent. This explains the persistence of many societal problems under Reagan, and now Bush. So while I agree with Neil that Christians should "seek a third way," I think that "third way" should not depend on the political system, for the mediocrity inherent in the system will always thwart the best efforts of faith.

Sincerely,
W. Daniel McCormack '87

Dear Editor:

Mrs. Gregory and I obviously have a different perspective on the role of government and policies. I think there is room for diversity within the Kingdom of God, she apparently does not. It is true that the candidates I have worked for are all pro-choice, but to refer to them as "pro-abortion" is a misnomer.

The purpose of my article was not to promote my own political views in hopes of "converting" conservatives like Mrs. Gregory. Unlike her, I am not claiming a corner on the truth. I encourage her in her own political activism. I do not question her faith because she disagrees with me. Christians should be able to have honest differences of opinion without calling into question the faith of their fellow believers. At least that is what I was taught at Houghton College.

Respectfully,
Neil H. MacBride '87

Enjoy Europe Next Summer on a Houghton College Tour

Alumni and other friends of Houghton College are invited to participate in one of three European travel opportunities being sponsored by several college agencies next summer. If any of the trips summarized below appeal to you, write for details and application form. Prompt inquiry is important, both to establish the tour's viability, and to assure your place on it. Write c/o the alumni office.

Spain/Portugal/Morocco—May 15-29

Leading the tour will be alumni director and Mrs. Richard Alderman. Cost from New York City is \$1,391 per person including registration, airport taxes, adult supplements, all transportation from NYC, breakfasts, dinners, entrance fees, tips, taxes, travel insurance.

France—May 15-29

Leading this tour from will be French professor and frequent visitor to France, Paul Johnson. Cost from New York City is \$1,541 per person.

Bavaria/Switzerland—August 11-25

Tour leaders will be President and Mrs. Daniel R. Chamberlain and fine arts division Chairman and Mrs. Ben King. Cost from New York City is \$2,669 per person. The Oberammergau Passion Play is included.

Name _____ Telephone _____/_____

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highlander sports

by William Greenway

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

Coach Connie Finney's field hockey team finished the season with its best record since 1986: 6 wins, 7 losses, 1 tie. Despite the losing record it was a fine year in several respects. Improved team play was evident. There were some fine defensive efforts.

The team posted a record 6 shutouts, including two against previously unbeaten rivals—Mansfield State and Slippery Rock. Goalie Michelle Taylor ended her Houghton career with a record 511 saves. The offense was balanced with an average of 22 shots on goal a game. The 30 goals scored were shared among 7 players.

VOLLEYBALL

Coach Skip Lord's team was a little down this year, judging by the 11-12 record. But the players were very up and talented, and some of the losses were close. They came in second at the NCCAA District Tournament—but needed a first to return to Nationals. Stacy Dagwell and Nancy Banker were named to the All Tournament Team. Nancy Banker and Kara Christensen were named to the Academic All American Team.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Bob Smalley had a small, inexperienced team. They worked hard and each improved over the season so much that out of the qualifying Districts, three men and two women qualified for Nationals. They were led by Jon Cole, who finished 52 out of 94, and Jill Clark, who finished 36 out of 75, at the NCCAA Nationals. Jon Cole noted the exceptional team spirit and attitude of togetherness that this team experienced as they ran together.

MEN'S SOCCER

Coach Doug Burke's soccer team did what many considered the impossible—they had a losing season. This was the first losing season in 20 campaigns! The final record was 3-10-3 with 10 games on the road and against some opponents that were nationally ranked. Nevertheless, Burke's men have racked up 227 wins during his 22 year career.

A losing season is always hard on attitudes; however, this team continued to fight and had a good attitude and Christian witness in spite of this adversity.

Seniors Mike Gish and Dan Meade garnered the post-season honors: Dan made the NCCAA All District and 2nd Team All American; Mike made NAIA All Area VII, NCCAA All District and Academic All American. Burke will lose seven seniors, so the team is open for those moving up and for new recruits.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Can Skip Lord's team go to NCCAA Nationals again? It is a very young team with 12 of the 15 being froshs and sophs, and they are getting experience. The present 3-4 record is better than at this time last year and they went to Nationals then. The four losses came to a NCAA Div. II team and to two nationally-ranked teams. With more experience, this team could be very good by the time District playoffs arrive.

One of the best points about the team is that there is no one dominating player. In the early season games, high scoring honors have been shared by three different players with a lot of support from

the others. The high scorers: two sophs and one frosh. This team holds great promise for several years to come.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Steve Brooks's men's basketball program opens the new decade with great optimism. The '89-'90 recruiting year was a good one and at this point experience and consistency seem to be the key.

They opened the season by winning the Binghamton State Tournament. It was a costly championship since Sr. Capt. Tom Kirchner injured his right knee and has since played under that handicap. In spite of his injury, Tom has moved into the third spot on the all-time scoring list.

The Highlander record is a disappointing 3-5, not expected after the early wins. The team leads at half-time but seems to lose intensity, allowing the opponent to catch up and win. They were able to hold off a comeback by Pitt-Bradford to take third place in the Pitt-Bradford Tournament.

Soph. Dave Binkowski leads the scoring at 19.2 with Kirschner chipping in at 14.6. They are pushing toward making a serious run at the District 18 playoffs.

CAMPUS NEWS



Improved fire protection and increased water pressure to permit community expansion are the chief reasons for a \$1.1 million expansion of Houghton's water lines and addition of two 200,000 gallon tanks along School Farm Road.

The new lines will also eliminate three deadends in the present system and provide alternative delivery in cases of line damage. Because the improved water pressure allows for expansion of the Houghton Nursing Home, which means 19 more jobs in the community, the project qualified for a \$120,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant. Balance of the cost will be funded by a bond issue. Largest shares of the increased tax load will fall on Houghton College and the nursing home, respectively. The system will be operational next summer.

"Partners Make it Possible"

February is phonathon month. Under the theme "Partners Make it Possible" volunteer faculty, staff, students and local alumni will call nearly 8,000 homes.

Each year, nearly 400 students receive phonathon assistance—need-based grants made possible by alumni and other friends responding to annual phonathon calls.



Honorees left to right: Esther Burke, William Roeske, Ellen Kreckman, Warren Woolsey, Ray Coddington, Fred Shannon and Herbert Stevenson.

President Chamberlain cited 25 employees and three trustees for a combined 460 years of service to the college and announced one retiree who'd contributed another 20, at a January 11 recognition banquet.

Cited were: 10 years: Mr. Gary Baxter, art; Dr. Willis Beardsley, registrar; Dr. Charles Bressler, English; Mrs. Nancy Harris, library; Mr. Ken Heck, physical education; Mr. Robert Kaltenbaugh, trustee; Mrs. Betty Lyman, student accounts; Mrs. Maria Miller, payroll; Mrs. Diane Neal, development; Mrs. Dee Parker, nurse; Mr. Ray Parlett, security; Dr. Paul Young, psychology. 15 years: Mrs. Betty Bunt, library; Mr. Richard Halberg, business; Dr. Paul LaCelle, trustee; Mr. Don Taylor, custodial. 20 years: Mrs. Shirley Jacobson, computer center; Mrs. Ina Newcomb, accounting; Mr. Jean-Louis Roederer, foreign languages; Mrs. Annabelle Tullar, campus store.

Staff members Mrs. Esther Burke and Mr. William Roeske and faculty member Mr. Warren Woolsey were each cited for 25 years. Dr. Chamberlain thanked purchasing agent Burke for "dedicated service, caring attitude and your service to the community". He observed that in the past 22 years she has provided meals to dozens of her husband's soccer players. Thanking data processing director Roeske for his demanding work on the college staff team that's currently making the transfer to a new computer system, Chamberlain noted Roeske's role in the development of a computer science major and minor. The president cited Bible professor Woolsey, who in a 1981 *Milieu* article said he works in a liberal arts setting because he "believes in what we're doing", as having earned "respect from colleagues, students and alumni for the integrity and quality that has characterized your service."

Faculty members Ms. Ellen Kreckman (library) and Dr. Fred Shannon (science division chairman) received 30-year service awards. Dr. Chamberlain added Kreckman's name to his "distinguished list" of families that have served Houghton for two or more generations and applauded professor Shannon for believing "in the mission of Houghton College and [for being] a Christian brother whose highest goal has always been to serve and glorify God." Chamberlain said trustee chairman Herbert Stevenson (35 years) embodies the skills of a "Sunday School teacher, engineer, Christmas tree harvester, real estate broker, mason, electrician, builder, not to mention a devoted husband and father," and thanked him for his commitment to God, family, church and Houghton College.

Last, the president announced the retirement of print shop darkroom and offset press technician Ray Coddington, who served at Houghton for 20 years. Chamberlain saluted the former SIM missionary for "exemplifying those qualities of our Lord which Houghton College seeks to teach and model—subordination of self to higher purposes, innovation, caring for details and faithfulness without fanfare."

Buffalo Campus serves area churches

As Houghton's Buffalo Suburban Campus retools for new academic programs, relationships with area evangelical churches are getting increased attention. The campus has begun issuing its own newsletter to these groups to inform them of campus attractions and second semester courses.

Campus operations director John Dur-

bin told *Milieu* that the campus is gaining recognition via several community services. The western New York/Buffalo offices of Youth for Christ are located on campus. Last summer Family Radio established a campus studio and downlink for its 24-hour satellite programming. Public service messages are

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FACULTY NEWS

"My bathroom walls are covered with the Korean alphabet, and I'm learning phrases from flash cards," says sociology professor **Dr. Mary Conklin**, who will spend a second semester leave of absence teaching at Seoul Theological Seminary in South Korea.

Teaching social psychology, a readings course in social work and an English conversation class will be a challenge at this school of 1,800 students affiliated with the Oriental Missionary Society. Most classes are taught in Korean. While she'll live in an OMS compound apartment, Dr. Conklin hopes to spend occasional weekends in student homes, see Korea and visit Hong Kong. Come June she expects to travel on to Japan where she spent the summers of 1986 and '87. Again she hopes to work with young people there.

Beyond personal enjoyment, Conklin sees the travel and cross cultural experience as vital to her classroom discipline here. Too, she hopes to translate and administer to Koreans, a survey instrument she and Houghton psychologist Dr. Paul Young have used here in researching so-called "fear of success," a phenomenon which causes some people to turn down opportunities for challenging assignments. Dr. Conklin also advises Houghton's black student organization.

Assistant professor of theater and conference director **Bruce Brenneman** and his wife **Kathy**, East Hall desk supervisor, were joint dedicatees of the 1989 student yearbook, the *Boulder*. Since he quit teaching high school English in 1982, Bruce has striven to build the college's conference program and make sure attendees leave wanting to return. He also observes student teachers and directs college theatrical productions. Kathie is appreciated for her extra effort to make residence life more homelike, whether that means being approachable or supplying bagels and fritters. The dedication noted: "[Brennemens'] personal touch has earned our affection and respect."

They do their best to make Houghton a home away from home."

Assistant professor of New Testament Dr. **David G. Meade** has resigned to accept the pastorate at First United Methodist Church in Salamanca, NY. He has been on the faculty since 1984.

Psychology professor Dr. **Daryl Stevenson** became chairman of the history and social science division last spring, succeeding Dr. **John VanWicklin** who continues as psychology professor and director of institutional research. Stevenson joined the faculty in 1982. Dr. **Paul Young** is now psychology department head.

As the only college professor among a group of New York teachers to complete familiarization with the state's Early Literacy In Service Course (ELIC), Dr. **Lola Haller**, professor of education and coordinator of teacher certification has been incorporating that knowledge into Houghton coursework and accepting speaking engagements to share developments in children's literature.

The ELIC stresses process reading and writing and is designed to help students K-3. Dr. Haller's knowledge of the system and whole language study, coupled with her understanding of new concepts in children's books, gained in summer studies at the University of Toledo, have been the basis for appearances before teachers' groups and superintendents' days. "I carry seven bags of books around in my car," Dr. Haller noted.



Alumnus donates noted Ortlip painting

Fifty years ago H. Willard Ortlip's evocative portrait of "Dynamite Mike" Grasso was part of the Allied Artists of America's 1939 New York World's Fair exhibit. Now, thanks to the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Howard (Eileen Gebhardt) Treichler '44, the painting is part of Houghton College's collection of the late art faculty member's work.

Dr. Treichler, a retired obstetrician from Falls Church, VA, first saw the painting in an Ortlip retrospective exhibit on campus in 1963. He told his wife, "There's one I'd be willing to own." At a reception in the home of Mr. Ortlip's daughter, Marjorie Stockin, then on Houghton's art faculty, Dr. Treichler asked if the painting was for sale. After consulting with family, she told him it was. Since then the painting has hung in Treichler's living room.

More than a year ago, Dr. Treichler read in *Milieu* that the art gallery in the proposed Fine Arts Center would be named for the Ortlips and that some of their paintings would become part of the college collection.

He decided that "Dynamite Mike" should come back to Houghton so that students could study "the masterful composition and brushwork" of its creator. Last March 31 he turned the painting—now valued well into five figures—over to the college. Himself an amateur artist for 30 years, Dr. Treichler now paints several hours each day, mostly portraits. While admitting that he'll miss the Ortlip portrait, he feels the inspiration it may afford young artists validates the decision.

President Chamberlain observed that examples of Ortlip family work will be part of a permanent exhibit, and Mrs. Stockin told *Milieu* that "Dynamite Mike" is an excellent choice to represent her father's work. Subject Mike Grasso was supervising blasting for a road along New York's Pallisades near Ortlip's Ft. Lee, NJ, studios when Mr. Ortlip asked him to pose. Shown carving a dynamite stick, Grasso said he'd never had a serious accident. In the background stands the George Washington Bridge.

Houghton Mail Service Part of Post Office's Computer Processing Survey

To test the effectiveness of computerized machinery used by the postal service in processing mail, the U.S. postal service is conducting a test in cooperation with the Houghton college mail service. Machines currently read pre-printed and typed envelopes and the test will help determine their effectiveness with handwritten addresses.

Buffalo and Jamestown sorting centers have computerized processing and Houghton's student population offered a large centralized population calculated to increase the size of the sample and make tabulating results easier. Early in November each student (including 52 with overseas addresses) was given 10 specially grided envelopes to be distributed to family and friends over Thanksgiving break.

Houghton postmistress Marcia Dembinski and college mailroom director Debbie Jeffords are cooperating to collect returned envelopes which are sent to Buffalo for analysis. Considering the number of envelopes distributed, both were surprised that only 30 had been returned a week before Christmas break. Ms. Dembinski indicated that preliminary results, while useful, can't be validated except by greater numbers. The goal of automation is to control postal operating costs while improving the accuracy and speed of delivery. The college mailroom handles 630,000 pieces of mail annually.



Clockwise from left: Dr. Conklin, the Brennemens, Dr. Haller



Dr. McKenna

McKenna to address Ministerial Institute

Asbury Theological Seminary president Dr. David McKenna will address the theme, *The Inclusive Church: Remembering the Forgotten*, during the 23rd Houghton College theology institute to be held here March 19-21.

Complementing Dr. McKenna's addresses will be seminars led by Houghton religion division faculty. Their topics will include: "The Abortion Debate: Forgetting the Middle Ground," "Are Homogeneous Churches Christian?" "Anointed . . . To Preach the Good News to the Afflicted," "Strategies for Mobilizing the Church for Human Services Outreach," "Remembering the Forgotten—the Poor," and "Toward a More Inclusive Church in Urban America."

Dr. McKenna is nationally recognized as an articulate spokesman for Christian higher education, for human rights, spiritual renewal, and public and personal morality. Founding chairman of the Christian College Consortium, he's also been a director of Bread for the World and serves on the executive committee of the National Association of Evangelicals. He's written 11 books and many articles.

Nielsen Becomes Legislator

Vice president for finance Kenneth Nielsen has become an Allegany County legislator as a result of the November '89 election. Nielsen ran for the office with the approval of the college administration and trustees. In bi-monthly sessions and evening meetings, the legislators oversee all aspects of county government from health and public safety to highways, planning and ways and means. He sees his new responsibility as another way to exemplify Houghton's service motif.

During his 29 years at the college, Nielsen has served in various area civic posts, among them the Allegany Area Economic Development Corporation, of which he was a founder and is now president, the Industrial Development Agency, the Private Industry Council, Cuba Hospital board and the advisory board of Norstar Bank.



Opened as an 80-bed skilled and intermediate care center in 1980, Houghton Health Care Center will become a 100-bed facility next spring following completion of a new wing. The \$830,000 construction project began last August. Harold McIntire, administrator of the nursing home since its opening, said the addition also permits expanded and upgraded facilities in the existing structures. The nursing home serves five area counties and generally has a three to five month waiting list. A new administrator, Richard Clark of Elkart, IN, succeeded McIntire upon his retirement in December.



ACADEMY NEWS

ACSI Accreditation Approved

On November 6 through 9, 1989, the joint accreditation teams from Middle States Association and the Association of Christian Schools International met at Houghton Academy to review a 300-page self-study document, interview faculty, students, administration and board. The six-member committee was introduced to the school at a banquet on Monday, the 6th, at which a multi-media presentation "The Planting of the Lord" was premiered, describing the history and community setting of the Academy.

On November 26, Headmaster Philip G. Stockin received confirmation from Jay Katz, Northeastern Director of ACSI, that the Academy had received full accreditation from that organization.

The Middle States Association decision will be confirmed in January or February.

● Two IBM-clone XT's and a 386 now of-

fer the administration high-speed resources in record keeping, desktop publishing, development, accounting and word processing.

Through the generosity of several Academy donors, Metafile's Results/PLUS, a sophisticated development program, is now installed in the Development Office. Instead of using college facilities to keep track of Academy constituents, the Academy will be able to run mailing lists, and keep track of all finances related to contributions.

In addition to Results/PLUS, the office is using Aldus Pagemaker, WordPerfect 5.1, and a series of Microsoft programs for spreadsheet and database work. The accounting office is evaluating programs that will best serve its needs.

● After a grueling five-game match with top seeded Batavia-Notre Dame (15-2), our girls volleyball squad claimed their

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done live and the broadcasts, transmitted from the college microwave relay tower, reach throughout metropolitan Buffalo. A community counseling service operated by professor Timothy Chambers continues to operate from campus facilities.

Grace Gospel Church uses Lyon Hall for its weekly services. Frontier Baptist Association, a church planting group, is headquartered at the Buffalo Campus, and supplies about 75 percent of the summer conference traffic. Thanks in part to their relationship with the college, Lyon Hall has new carpeting, and the campus women's auxiliary paid half the cost of 100 new stack chairs.

First semester the campus served 13 commuting students and a half-dozen residents. It was also home to 23 student teachers serving in metropolitan area schools. Interns living there included nine in business, four in psychology, one each in social work and Christian education.

Among the second semester offerings which are expected to draw more com-

muters are Bible, religion, Christian ministries and piano instruction. A highlight of the program will be interdisciplinary studies coordinated by Dr. Brian Sayers as four block courses. Meeting four hours three nights a week the courses will be worth 12 hours of credit. Each course lasts three weeks and includes a service component in which students are volunteer helpers in such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Alcoholics Anonymous, Catholic Charities, The Hunger Task Force, local churches or a project at the King Urban Life Center.

Again five social work majors from the main campus, engaged in a cooperative program with Buffalo State College, will be in residence, as will three CE interns.

Dr. Charles Massey, director for the college's Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education funded project, announces that the Herbert A. Hickman Fund of The Buffalo Foundation has presented a \$2,000 grant to the suburban campus. This a significant help in matching the \$32,514 CAPHE grant

received last spring to help the college underwrite anticipated programs at the downtown King Urban Center, the former St. Mary of Sorrows Church now being restored. Massey said that \$10,000 is yet needed to match CAPHE's award.

LEONARD NIELSEN, DONNA DAYTON SUCCUMB

Mr. Leonard Nielsen, (Pop Nielsen to scores of students who lived in his house over the years) and Mrs. Donna Dayton, wife of former president Dr. Wilber T. Dayton, died August 4 and November 9 respectively.

In his early twenties Mr. Nielsen mistakenly emigrated to the U.S. from Denmark (he'd thought the ship was bound for France). He entered the construction business following some schooling at Nyack College. In 1962 he moved to Houghton to be near his son, Kenneth. Here he superintended construction of nine houses and of the Academy men's dorm. Since 1987 he lived in retirement and nursing homes. He was 93 at the time of his death. Three children, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive.

A native of Flushing, Ohio, Donna Fisher married Wilber Dayton '38 '39. During the early years of their marriage and while she was raising their four children, she also attended Asbury College and the University of Ohio, completing a B.R.E. at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1962 she earned an M.A. in education and library science from the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Dayton taught public school and college in Indiana and Kentucky and was a librarian at four colleges, including Houghton.

When the Daytons moved to Mississippi in 1972 she taught and was librarian at Wesley Biblical Seminary and did library consulting in South America and Australia during their travels. The Daytons retired to Macon, GA, in 1987 and last year celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 24th. Mrs. Dayton died following a stroke. In addition to Dr. Dayton and their children, seven grandchildren survive.

first-ever Section Five, Class D Tournament title.

Houghton took the lead, winning the first game 15-10 but crumbled in the second and third (10-15, 13-15) as Notre Dame leapt to a one-game advantage. Trailing 8-12 in game four, Coach Phil Merrill pushed the girls to "dig deep."



Victor Miao (born in Taiwan) and Novey Chou and Jack Chen (Chinese from Tripoli, Libya) at the Chinese exhibit on Parents' Weekend, October '89. Six country exhibits, with authentic costumes, food and displays provided a taste of the international culture at the Academy for more than 100 families and guests.

Houghton rallied to a 13-13 tie and then pulled in the 15-13 victory with two strong serves from Aimee Bence. Houghton swept the fifth game (15-5) and, with Kerrie Stockin's final four serves, achieved the championship title. Bence (daughter of Clarence & Carol (Backenstoe '68) '66), Stockin (daughter of Philip & Donnalee (Berry '68) '67), and Noelle Gurley (daughter of Al & Sylvia (Cerasani '63) '64) were nominated to the All-Star Tourney.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RESIGNS

After a three-and-one-half year tenure, Judith Brown '57 has left the Development Office. She is leaving Houghton to marry and pursue a nearly full-time writing career.

Of Mrs. Brown's service, headmaster Philip G. Stockin said: "She brought the development office to the highest professional level its ever had. Her successor must build from that foundation. This makes replacing her difficult."

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Highlighting the fresh dignity of Houghton's relocated oldest building and its historic bell tower is the gift of the graduating Class of 1989—flood lighting that washes the

building's northeastern facade. Along with the new lighting, Fancher Hall gains new functions too. See below.

Admissions, Alumni, Development offices get new home

WITH classrooms in Houghton's new academic building finished and serving the students who used to throng Fancher Hall, that venerable structure begins its 10th decade of service as the new home of Houghton admissions, alumni and development offices.

The admissions offices will move into the remodeled lower floor in January when partitioning for offices, addition of storage closets, mailing room, reception area/visitors' lounge and carpeting is completed. Admissions director Tim Fuller is pleased that visiting prospective students and their families will now be able to complete much of their introduction to the col-

lege without being shuffled among offices on three floors of Luckey Building, or being forced to wait in halls or odd corners of offices.

Alumni and development office moves to the second level will follow in the spring. These offices are presently in the campus center and McMillen House, respectively. Remodeling for these offices includes additional wiring for computing and central word processing. Too, a convenient new telemarketing/phonathon room will replace the present temporary campus center facility, good news for all users of the phone banks.

Come summer, a new admissions entrance for the handi-

capped will be opened where—on the building's original site—Fancher joined Woolsey Hall by an arcade. A new window at what was the second floor arcade entrance, and a cap for a now unused brick chimney will complete exterior work.

On the top floor, what has been Fancher Auditorium, renamed Woolsey Auditorium since the demolition of Woolsey Hall, will continue to serve for college theatrical productions until the fine arts center is built. Then the college archives will be moved there from Willard J. Houghton Library. Remodeling is being financed out of current funds and is being completed by college maintenance personnel.