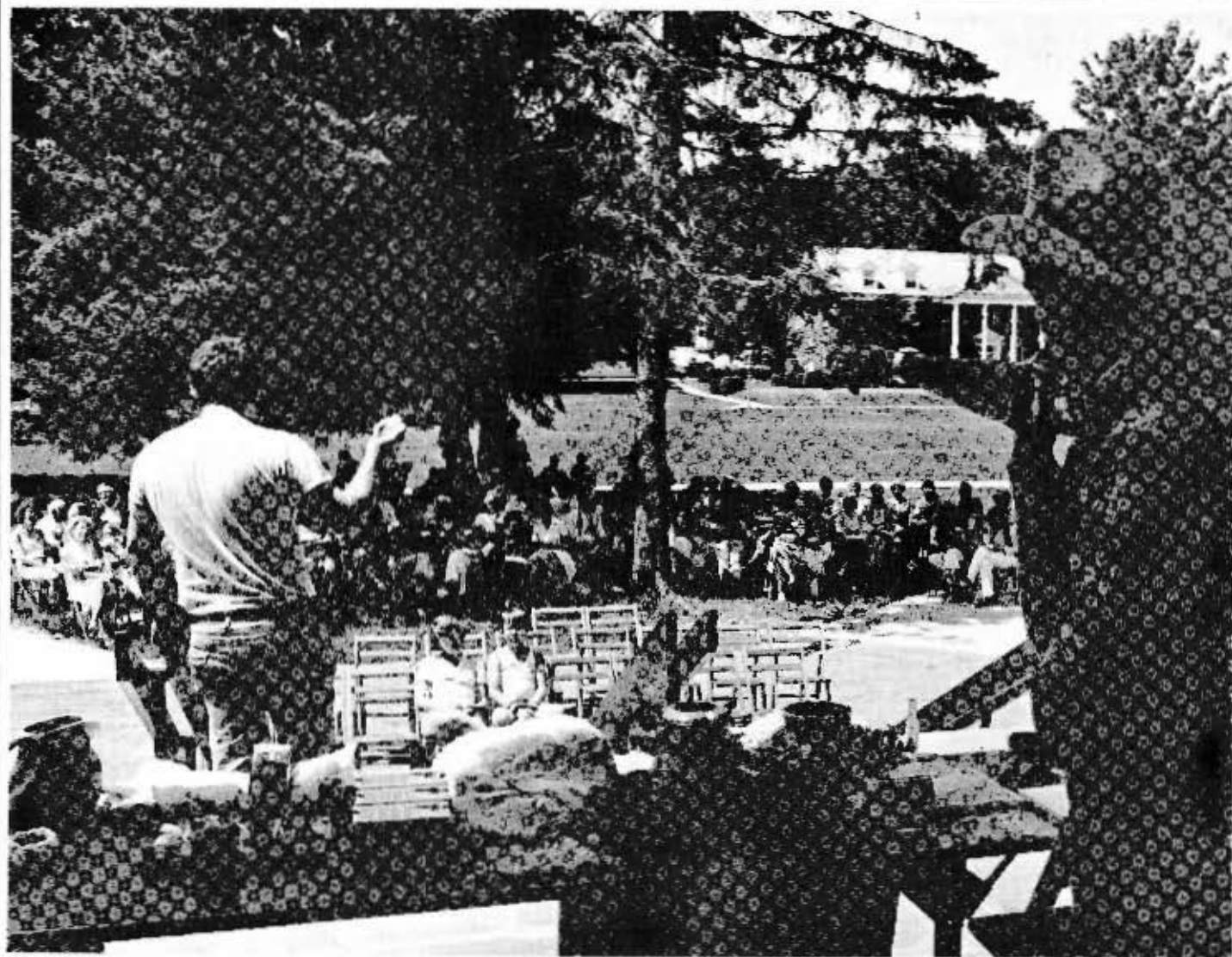


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AMERICA'S ENERGY IS MINDPOWER

Make higher education your priority

is the theme for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's 1981-82 campaign. Speaking July 16 in Washington, DC, council president James Fisher called for a national commitment to make education a higher priority as a means to "an American renewal."

1,100 colleges and universities, and 111 educational associations and agencies in 48 states are participating in the year-long program, intensive observation of which will occur October 3-11.

So what? Houghton College supports the Mindpower Campaign and plans various special program tie-ins. Significantly, these will emphasize that the indispensable catalyst to the application of mindpower to the nation's array of challenges is the unifying, illuminating and enabling force of God's Holy Spirit. The national program affords a unique opportunity for Houghton to reassert this truth to a larger audience.

We encourage you to think about the role and potential for Christian higher education in a pluralistic society particularly as reflected in *MILIEU*, and to share your thoughts through letters to the editor or in more extended forms which we'll consider for alternate publication. —Dean Liddick

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**"Students
who never
grow
too old
to learn"**

*by Barbara Hora
Conference Director*

STUDENTS ARRIVE, luggage in hand to find their room in Brookside residence. Dinner, an introduction to the college, first night's rest in an unknown bed in a strange dormitory. Morning dawns and with it the challenge of intellectual professors and academic classes. Sound like the typical day in the life of a new college student? It is—except these students are 60 to 85 years old.

Elderhostel—a new name for a rapidly growing "College for Senior Citizens." Houghton College has joined over 400 educational institutions in providing high quality classroom experiences for 133 energetic students from 12 states. Professors Donald Munro and Kenneth Boon rose to the challenge of teaching students who sit in front rows, never stop asking questions, and have the professor researching new material to find answers. David Alexander, a retired United Nations official, and a resident of Houghton motivated many of his students to "get involved in politics and make an impact on world affairs." Professor emeritus Dr. Gordon Stockin, who taught in the 1980 introductory program here, observes, "Elderhostel has been one of my most rewarding experiences. Imagine receiving a letter from a former student who indicates she wakes up in the morning longing to attend my class and hear me read Latin! In my forty years of teaching, no [regular] student has given me this honor."

The summer of 1981 finds over 37,000 older students in a one-week college experience through the Elderhostel program. The Boston headquarters projects that an additional 10,000 slots will be added in 1982 to keep up with the overwhelming demand. According to President Chamberlain, "Elderhostel is an appealing way for Houghton College to get additional experience in working with what is essentially a new and expanding market. The success of Elderhostel is a testimony to the fact that older citizens have just as legitimate educational needs as the more traditional school-going age group. Elderhostel provides useful experience to a college interested in expanding its service to older adults."



SCHOLARSHIPS—Anna Steadman and Dorothy Jameson, recipients of \$140 scholarships sponsored by Elderhostel and Houghton College. Residents of a nursing home in Rochester, Anna and Dorothy, relived their youth as they studied, pondered, and proved to themselves that "we are still able to think."

Three

Helen Cooper of Williamson, New York, found the most rewarding part of Elderhostel "the freedom to learn; not because I have to, but because I want to. Various topics that I would normally bypass and not go into in any depth can now be pursued because an interest has been sparked by new ideas presented here. One could call it recharging the old battery!"

Louise Gebraad, a retired secretary from Pierson, Michigan, was motivated by David Alexander's class, *Understanding the World we Live In*. "I want to find ways in my own community to keep abreast of and dig into the why and wherefores of what's happening in our world today. I want to do what I can to improve it."

Wallace Watt, retired 12 years ago from teaching, keeps busy "doing things I had previously had no time for." From Lansing, MI, Mr. Watt spent this past year working with the Michigan State Legislature to pass bills affecting elderly people such as nursing home reform, probate code, Blue Cross-Blue Shield reform and hospice legislation and tax

reform. The most rewarding part of Elderhostel for Mr. Watt is that it is "mind-stretching." After classes in Bio-Ethics and the United Nations Mr. Watt said he is returning home to "look for opportunities to continue to learn in local institutions and by correspondence with members of Congress and the United Nations."

Elderhostel is making an impact on Houghton College. After the initial uneasiness of facing a classroom full of students who have no concern for marks, professors stretch their own minds by going into greater depths in an area that sparks the interest of their students. Dr. Munro says, "one word to describe this group is that they are 'interested.' I don't have to worry about covering all the items on a syllabus so the student can pass an upcoming test." Topics are determined by the classroom participants in the growing field of Bio-ethics. Genetic engineering, mind control—these topics motivate them.

"Not much interest in abortion or birth control," quipped the head of Houghton's biology department.

Field trips at 6:00 a.m. found several bird lovers ready to carry binoculars and tramp through the woods in search of an unusual specimen. Professors Ken Boon and Victor Carpenter spent many hours in the classroom and in the backwoods fascinating their students with the delight of these feathery creatures. Many students say they'll return home to dig out their bird records and "re-live" the new discoveries about sights and sounds they learned here. Perhaps John Cowman, a retired Royal Air Force officer from Hamilton, Ontario, best describes the purpose of Elderhostel. "The strength of Elderhostel is in providing opportunities for bringing together all classes of peoples, whether they be rich or poor, highly educated or of average education, so they may talk, discuss, socialize and generally enjoy a more happy retirement."

One week of Elderhostel in 1980, 3 weeks in 1981, possibly 5 weeks in 1982—Houghton College is rising to the challenge and delight of meeting the intellectual needs of senior students who never grow too old to learn. ●



John Cowman finds Elderhostels stimulating as it "gives me the opportunities for learning experiences which were denied me during my youth."

Questions from Elderhostels stretched the minds of the Letchworth guides as the senior students explored the sights and sounds around them.

Ken Boon, Biology professor, points out the marvels of the rock formations at the scenic "Grand Canyon of the East" at Letchworth State Park.

Colson Carr, a retired publisher from Alexandria Bay, NY, searches for unusual specimens during a bird trek through the woods surrounding Houghton.





Some Internationals
assess Houghton:
"Examples were louder
than words"

In May MILIFU noted the formation of a formal international student organization on campus, designed to broaden and upgrade services to the internationals, reduce the feelings of isolation while mutually enriching all students educationally and culturally, and perhaps more explicitly to foster development of international Christian leadership. To learn how the college has served this diverse group over the past 30 years, MILIFU questioned 50 international alumni from Germany to Japan. The 25 percent who've responded so far provide the substance of this piece.

HOUGHTON FACULTY MEMBERS taught me to dedicate my life to Christ. Their examples were louder than their words."

"I found Houghton a charming campus, but felt I was completely isolated from the heartbeat of America, stranded in the pastures."

Those quotes represent the two most commonly expressed assessments of Houghton by a dozen alumni from six countries, separated in their Houghton experience by up to 25 years. Today the college community strives to maintain the first condition and mitigate the second.

Among the first international students to reach Houghton after World War II was James Ridgway, an Australian who felt need for more training after completing Bible college and three years in a Wesleyan pastorate at home. Traveling eight weeks by sea, he arrived in New York penniless, but with the promise of some tuition and work scholarships. He'd chosen Houghton over other Wesleyan schools because of its accreditation. Here he paid his way as a janitor and dining hall worker during the school year and spent his summers as a touring denominational representative. He found Houghton "larger than expected and very cold in winter," though "the buildings were stiflingly hot." Cultural adjustments included need for a larger wardrobe than he'd planned and overcoming "difficult, casual dating customs." Surmounting the first strained his budget,

but overcoming the second yielded him "the perfect wife", the former Melva Leroy '55 of Ontario.

Jim recalls being "impressed by the registrar [Rachel Davison Fee] who knew my requirements to the last detail, and the praying faculty." He remembers his worst experience was "watching the mass exodus of students my first Christmas and having to remain on campus virtually alone."

In retrospect he says, "Houghton met a very real need to broaden my academic interest and sharpen skills... and met my expectations for academic and spiritual excellence."

After graduating in 1954 Ridgway earned an M.A. at Wheaton, an M.Div. at Asbury and a Ph.D. in psychology and religion from Drew University. Before returning to Australia he pioneered a Wesleyan church in Glasgow, KY, then built an inner city ministry in Jersey City, NJ, for which he received Houghton's Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award in 1970. Today he is principal of Kingsley College in Melbourne and national superintendent of the Wesleyan Church in Australia. He and Melva have four children, three grown.

Also in the Class of '54 was Siegfried Buss, a German, whose parents were missionaries in Japan. His coming to Houghton, based on the recommendation of missionary Gordon Wolfe '38, was "a stab in the dark" and Buss was

hampered by arriving on campus two weeks after classes; though the late "Professor [Elwood] Stone went out of his way to help me with English." Buss recalls, "study and work kept me busy and out of mischief. A few classmates took a special interest in me... and helped me find a summer job in Ohio where I stayed until my senior year." He cites "friendships, a living faith and a friendly church" as his best memories, "poor guidance and counseling", as his worst, noting, "I ended up taking zoology to meet graduation requirements in science—competing with premed students was just a little too much."

After Houghton Buss taught at Wheaton while pursuing graduate studies, pastored a Japanese church in Chicago where he earned his M.A., then returned to Japan in 1961. As a TEAM missionary, he's since taught German at Japan Christian College, in seminary and in The School for Simultaneous Interpreters in Tokyo. During furloughs he's also taught in several American universities and earned a Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University in 1972.

Dr. Buss was a delegate to the Lausanne World Congress on Evangelism and to subsequent Asian conferences, serving as a translator. In addition to many board and directorship posts, he's also editor of *Japan Harvest Magazine*.

During a preaching visit to Japan in 1951, the late Dr. C. I. Armstrong,



professor at Immanuel Bible Training College, serves as chairman of the denomination's foreign mission department and district superintendent of East Greater Tokyo district.

Nigerian Asuquo Ekpe (Ben) Udo read a Houghton ad in *Evangelical Christian* magazine, received a four year scholarship from his community and arrived in Houghton for his first semester in late November 1953. He recalls being impressed by the serenity of the campus, but was "surprised by the terrific speed with which Americans behaved—as if they had a deadline within which to finish everything they did, including their talking and breathing."

Faculty and administrators helped him secure warm clothing. Most people were interested in him and Nigeria "although almost all showed poor knowledge of world geography outside America." Udo's worst academic experience was "biology, which I found rough

and which I had to take to fulfill all of Houghton's academic righteousness."

Socially, he appreciated artist series and summer school picnics, but recalls less fondly having to walk to Fillmore for meals once the college closed for the summer. "I could not hitchhike on account of my colour . . . unless I was fortunate to see someone from Houghton who knew me."

Once, "some guest speakers described as missionaries to Africa came to chapel to tell lies about their so-called African brethren. One spoke about Nigeria; and after the service, I went up to him and told him I came from that country. He blushed." Otherwise, Udo considers chapels, church services and revival meetings as "best spiritual experiences." He noted, "I miss Houghton for its inspirational singing [which] taught me not to accept anything from the throat as a song or hymn, until well rendered. [So] I personally taught singing in some of my schools when there was no qualified music teacher."

After graduating from Houghton in 1956, Udo earned the M.A. from the University of Michigan and returned to Nigeria to teach. In 1960 he became principal of secondary schools and teacher training colleges until his mandatory retirement in 1977. He's also served in the federal parliament and

former pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Church, described Houghton College to Dr. David Tsutada, President of the Immanuel General Mission of Japan. Within months Dr. Tsutada had sent his son John and Benjamin Shuichi Saoshiro to Houghton "for ministerial training and for testimony of God's grace wrought in our hearts and lives."

Such are Saoshiro's recollections of the circumstances of his coming here. "When I arrived in January, 1952, the entire campus was in the midst of revival, a mighty visitation of God. Everyone, I felt, was so friendly and warm hearted." Ben's chief struggle was with the English language and English literature, but his ministerial course "was truly a joy and blessing." Essentially he credits Houghton for "a vision of world missions, the authority of the Word of God and a life of holiness."

Back in Japan after graduating in 1955, he's served four pastorates, is



Left to right: Siegfried Buss, Joy and Ben Udo, Benjamin Saoshiro, Leonard Gucha and family.



Dr. Paul Pang '64

been an active trade unionist. In that role he traveled extensively in Africa and Europe. Today he operates Udo-fam Stationery Depot and lives on a street named for him.

Of his U.S. experiences he says he learned "of the dignity of labour which enabled even my professors to drive tractors, work on farms and roads and help in household work . . . My attitude toward certain professions has changed; and I have joined the crusade against the colonial type of education that made some of our leaders believe that the top could not be reached except through the white collar job . . . Dedication to duty by Houghton faculty and administration has made the greatest impact on me."

Ayodapa Orebo (Joy) Bodunrin was a 1960 Houghton graduate, today married to Ben Udo. She learned of Houghton through missionary Leslie Tullar '23, who served in northern Nigeria. Arriving in the States, Joy first attended all-black Jarvis Christian College in Texas. Unhappy experiences there and in segregated work situations led Rev. Tullar to move her to Houghton. In contrast to the initial "shock and depression" caused by her treatment in Texas—"even inside a church that gave moral and financial support to Rev. Tullar," at Houghton Joy "made friends easily in the college kitchen and among Dow Hall residents—having close affinity one with another as poor students." But she was moved to Gaoyadeo Hall during the winter after suffering repeated falls on the icy paths to Dow Hall.

Joy paid her college expenses by



Mr. and Mrs. Kagbo greet guests at a reception held on "environmental constraints to rice production in West Africa."

working in the kitchen, "marking Bible Intro quizzes, taking speaking engagements, summer jobs," and reading to a blind student. These "plus anonymous cash gifts paid into my account saw me through college." She enjoyed her history, classics and public speaking courses, but found lectures in ethics, psychology and art appreciation "too abstract. A C grade was quite an achievement in each." Joy's social and cultural life was limited, but she "enjoyed every moment of living with Dr. Frieda and Miss Mildred Gillette" during her senior year. Through Dr. Gillette's recommendation, she received a tuition scholarship to the University of Rochester where she completed her M.A. in 1963. Since then, she's been vice principal and later principal of a teacher training college, principal of a secondary school, earned a diploma in educational administration from Reading University in England, briefly returned to teaching, and is now a supervisor of schools.

Looking back she feels her liberal arts education "equipped me for life in such a way that I can always make myself useful . . . never idle when there is work to do."

Leonard Kaguru Guchu of Kenya received information concerning Houghton College and Academy from Ray Bantle '41 of Fairport, NY, through a mutual friend. Ministerial preparation was his goal. He arrived in Houghton in October of 1956 and was met by then Principal J. Walden Tysinger. "That very evening there was a dorm prayer meeting," Lenny recalls. In those days Academy and college students shared dining facilities and classrooms space so he quickly became familiar with both institutions. He recalls being invited to various homes in the community and says that the best part of his Houghton experience was the spiritual emphasis. When he graduated from college in 1962 he attended Westminster Seminary and Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia where he earned a B.D. Back in Kenya, he served as an educational advisor to a church, returned to the States for more study and was on staff at Philadelphia College of the Bible. Today Guchu is Principal of Raymond Swales Memorial Bible School. He's pictured with his wife and family on

page five.

Paul Pang '64 came to Houghton on the recommendation of missionary alumna in Hong Kong. He came with a burden to reach that city's children for Christ through education. In college and during doctoral studies at SUNY Buffalo he maintained and shared that vision. He chose to attend Houghton so "I could learn Bible and have the opportunity to see first hand what a Christian school is." He "was greatly impressed by the Christian character of faculty and administration in their ways of doing things."

Today as principal of United Christian College, a secondary school of 1,300 students, he says, "Houghton showed me a way of life, especially how to manage a Christian school." Dr. Pang is partially supported by the Foreign Missions Fellowship.

Robert Ben Kagbo, whose work as subregional coordinator for the West Africa Rice Development Association, The Gambia, was described in *MILIEU* (March 1980), learned of Houghton in a Sierra Leone Wesleyan secondary school whose principal was alumnus Harold Chapman '52.

He sensed mixed attitudes about his academic ability as a Black, but found people interested in his background and culture. He enjoyed sports and speaking in churches about Africa, but disliked campus "emphasis given to outward appearance—type of dress and beard policy."

Kagbo transferred and graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1972, earned an M.S. and Ph.D. in agronomy and soils from the University of Hawaii, then did post doctoral work.

Asked about chief impacts Houghton and other US contacts had on him, Kagbo cited "some doubt with regard to accepting certain missionary activities in Africa considering the racial tensions in the US", but he also "developed a sense of dignity for labor" and observed that "Americans are generally willing to assist needy individuals, particularly foreigners." He believes that greater US church aid to African students would help produce "Well educated Christians to fill key positions in our developing countries and minimize corruption and victimization of individuals." ●

International Families

Seven



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS with families pose new challenges to the college and community: securing affordable housing, overcoming language barriers, meeting needs for transportation, social services, child care and community involvement for spouses.

Last year three Nigerian couples were resident here. In January Amos Nwokenna graduated and with his wife moved to Azusa Pacific College for an M.A. program. Appollos Ihedigbo received a fellowship to pursue an M.A. in educational leadership in Amherst, MA. (There Dr. Ward Hunting '46, helped the Ihedigbos find an apartment and a church.)

Both couples were still in Houghton when Chibuzo Mbubaeghu and his wife, Selina arrived in January of 1979, cold, with limited funds and expecting their first child. Chib had been a pastor and evangelist in Nigeria. His wife is a nurse. They had been trying to reach Houghton for more than a year on the recommendation of an American missionary.

During those first weeks here, the Mbubaeghus moved three times. First they shared a campground cottage with Amos's family, then moved to a college owned house in the village. High rent forced Chib to appeal to treasurer Ken Nielsen for help. When a college staff member with a car was willing to move farther away, Nielsen and (then) Dean Massey arranged a move into relatively inexpensive Leonard Houghton Hall, half a mile from campus.

Nigerians already here helped Selina learn the art of shopping in an American supermarket. Spinach, lettuce, watermelon, pumpkins, squash, beans and rice form the basis of a suitable diet.

Houghton Church is organized into "undershepherding groups"—units of six to 10 neighboring households—organized to more personally care for one another's spiritual, physical and social needs. Chib and Selina became part of such a group, which helped them secure rides to stores and hospital for prenatal care. The couple was first embarrassed, then pleased to learn that baby showers are an American custom as crib, baby clothes and other necessities appeared in their apartment.

Before they left Nigeria, a friend of Chib's studying in Chicago had written them of the high cost of childbirth in the U.S. But the Lord's timing of financial aid and of Selina's pregnancy after six years of marriage—a whole story in itself—convinced them to make the trip and trust God. Late last September doctors discovered that the baby was in the posterior position. As labor began on October 2, they performed a cesarian section. Informed of this development Chib was shaken at the prospect of the extra cost. A nurse observed his concern and arranged an interview to see what aid might be had. Medicaid help was available and faculty members helped Chib file the forms.

Still, challenges to the Mbubaeghus' faith were not over. Little Gracious was

born with a club foot. Referred by a Rochester specialist to the Belmont Clinic, the couple commuted for four months—trips scheduled through the church van service—while doctors used casts to straighten the baby's foot. The effort was unsuccessful and surgery was prescribed. After it was scheduled Chib learned there was no further aid available so cancelled the operation. But he recalled, "because of how we got him, we felt sure God had a plan for Gracious." The physician informed them that he'd set a new surgery date and without explanation argued, "don't think about the money, it will be cared for." As it turned out, some Medicaid funds did become available and these plus unused credit from a gift Anna Houghton Daughters had made at Gracious' birth, paid the bill.

Considering the potential for problems, is family accompaniment a good idea? Chib says, "If I had come alone, I could not have done better in school. My mind would have been divided. We have grown closer sharing the pain of childbirth and of combining study, family life and work . . . the Lord has provided through this community and college." (He's had a Lee scholarship and worked as a custodian.) Now he's been accepted for graduate work at Wheaton. He concludes, "We believe God will open doors."

Another Nigerian couple with children arrived in Houghton during July. The challenges will continue, but so will the flow of trained Christian leaders from the campus. As outgoing Dean of Students Roberta Dunkle observed, "the values of educational and cultural exchange do not come easily, but must be consciously provided for and worked into the program of the college." ●



Alumni in Action



General Neltz ex'50

In Memoriam

'29 **GLADYS (BROWN) BROWN** of Akron, NY, died May 14, 1981. She is survived by her husband **ELLSWORTH '30**, three children and 10 grandchildren.

'33 **ALTA (BENSON) ARMISON** of Houghton, NY, died April 9, 1981.

'33 **EDNA STRATTON** of West Chazy, NY, died January 21, 1981 at her home. A member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, she was a high school teacher and librarian in the Chazy and Peru school districts over 34 years until her retirement in 1967.

Ex'36 **ROBERT B. HARBECK** died May 6, 1981 at Kalamazoo, MI, where he lived and owned an accounting service for 18 years. Prior to that he had been an Internal Revenue agent for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son.

Ex'82 **ELIZABETH KELLIHER** of Ballston Spa, NY, died in an automobile accident February 27, 1981 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Down the Aisle

Paul & Marie (Wagner '73) Baldwin
Tom & Dana (Lehman '80) Britton '81
Norman & Lori (Stoddard '80) Carter '75
Marilyn (Murphy ex'81) & Mr. DeHaven
Anne (Fountain '69) & Mr. Hofmann
Mark & Jill (McCarthy '79) Kalata '77
Jonathan & Shirley (Bareiss ex'81) Keith '81
Robert & Marilynne (Jones ex'82) McCarthy '76
Jeffrey & Sandra (Fryntire ex'76) Patton
Andrew & Janet (Noble '79) Rhodes
Stephan & Marianne (Eckler ex'83) Roscher
Brad & Mary Kay (Snively '80) Smith '81
Jeffrey & Janine (Filmer '81) Spear '79
Robert & Lynette (Kreckman H.S. '53) Storms ex'43
Ray & Robin (Fonda ex'76) Tetrault
Donna (Hume '75) & Mr. West

1930s

Founder of the Houghton College Choir and former dean of the Indiana University School of Music, **WILFRED BAIN '29** received an honorary doctor of music degree during Indiana University commencement ceremonies last May, his second from IU.

'31 **ALICE (FOLGER) FISK** is Assistant Librarian at Middleport (NY) Free Library.

A retired 30-year teaching veteran, **HELEN (HURLBURT '31) ROBERTS** attended Geneseo, Buffalo and Cortland State Colleges, and in 1967 was voted Teacher of the Year at the Academy and Central School in Oxford, NY, where she currently resides with husband Glenn.

A former Houghton College Dean of Women (1939-42), **LUCELE (HATCH '31) WILSON** resides in St. Petersburg, FL, where she assists her husband Orville in his Pasadena Community Church pastorate. For the last 14 years she worked with her husband as a staff member of the board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church,

traveling to conferences, assisting with budget and building programs, and serving as consultants.

For 32 years **RITA ALBRIGHT '36** worked at the Crouse Hinds Company in Syracuse, NY, as an office clerk, key punch operator and assembler. She and her sister now live in the Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Kissimmee, FL where she sings in the community church choir, delivers meals to shut-ins and is engaged in a home-to-home canvas for her church.

Associate Pastor of the Epworth Christ United Methodist Church, Jamestown, NY, **GLENN DONELSON '36** was Superintendent of the Erie Conference for 16 years, retiring from full-time pastoring in 1977.

Senior Master at the Stony Brook (NY) School, **MARVIN GOLDBERG '36** teaches science and coaches track and cross country. Recipient of five National Science Foundation fellowships, he is President of the local Parent-Teacher Association, and is writing a book on the natural history of Long Island.

Since retiring after teaching at Ellicottville (NY) Central School for 30 years, **VERA (BAY '36) HUMPHREY** teaches an adult Sunday School class in the St. Petersburg United Methodist Church and travels extensively with her husband Charles.

'36 **LENA HUNT** is a laboratory technician and teacher at Lewis Gale Hospital, Cloverdale, VA.

'36 **ESTHER (BREWER) MIETZ** retired in 1973 as second grade teacher at Bridgeport (NY) School.

Professor Emeritus of Education and Classics at SUNY at Albany, **HARRIET (SARTWELL '36) NORTON** enjoys knitting, caring for 15 month old grandson Stephen and proofreading for a local Christian newspaper.

1940s

Pastor of the First Free Methodist Church in Watertown, NY, since July 1977, **WESLEY NUSSEY '40** retired at the end of June, 1981 after 40 years in the ministry. Houghton College Registrar for 14 years, he also served nearly 20 years as a trustee and trustee chairman. A native of Canada, Rev. Nussey will move to the Kingston, Ont. vicinity where he plans to do some part-time pastoral-ministerial work, take courses at Queens University and write his memoirs.

'42 **RUTH (HALLINGS) COLLAMER** is a data entry operator for the Superior Court of Phoenix, AZ.

Since 1976 **RICHARD ELMER '44** has been Acting Director of Library Services, Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, VA. His wife **RUTH (WRIGHT '41)** is church organist and Sunday school teacher at Pleasant View Baptist Church.

A self-employed piano tuner-technician, **RAY ALGER '46** retired in 1975 as Director of Music for the West Seneca Central Schools.

A part-time instructor of Inservice Education in nearby hospitals of Boston's west suburban area, **FAY (HUNTING '46) BENNETT** is freelancing an anatomy and physiology update entitled "Life Process" designed to prepare diploma R.N.'s

for challenge exams at the baccalaureate level.

'46 **EDWIN MEHNE** is Chief of Surgery at the Gallup (NM) Indian Medical Center.

'48 **VIOLA BLAKE** is coordinating editor of *Decision* magazine.

'49 **MAX FANCHER** is Director of Human Services for the Copper River Native Association in Copper Center, AK. His wife **GLADYS (TOTTEN '51)** teaches fourth grade at Glennallen (AK) Elementary School.

'49 **HAROLD HINDERLITER** teaches theology at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio.

1950s

Stationed at Eufaula, AL, **CHARLES GATTY '50** has been promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army.

President Ronald Reagan has appointed Brigadier General **ROBERT NEITZ ex'50** to be the first Adjutant General of the territory of Guam. Since 1976 General Neitz served at the National Guard Bureau, most recently as the Special Assistant to the Chief of the Bureau.

Since 1973 **ELIZABETH (LEWIS '51) KNECHT** has taught first and second grades at Dade City (FL) Christian Academy. From 1974-80 she served as Florida District President of the Wesleyan Women's Missionary Society. Her husband William retired from the pastorate three years ago.

'51 **LEE LEDERHOUSE** continues as Principal of Niagara Wheatfield Junior High School, Sanborn, NY, a post he has held since 1965.

A registered nurse, **LOUISE (CHILDS '51) MOSS** is a member of the American Association of University Women and the International Platform Association. She recently authored the book, *Stuck in the Mud but Moved by a Star*.

Pastor of the Perry (NY) Baptist Church, **MATTHEW RENNIE '51** is Vice-President of the Western New York Conservative Baptist Association.

'51 **JOHN ROMMEL** is Professor and Department Chairman of History at Central Connecticut State College.

'51 **DOROTHY VAN CLEVE** teaches social studies at Methods Social Christian School and Grace Brethren College in Winona Lake, IN.

A resident of Rock Hill, CT, **MARILYN GRAVINK '52** has been appointed Commissioner of the Mental Retardation Department.

Since September 1980 **CHARLES STUART '52** has been Director of Academic Division Program — Special Student Services at Westchester (PA) State College.

'53 **FREDERICK IRISH** has completed residency requirements for a master's degree in pastoral care and counseling at Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

'56 **SHIRLEY BAUMGARTNER** is Assistant Director of Medical Records at the Maine Medical Center, Portland, ME.

For the past 16 years, **WAYNE KEMP '56** has pastored the Forest City Baptist Church in Rockford, IL. His wife **ELAINE (KAMMER '56)** is a substitute teacher at the Living and Learning

Preschool there.

Ex'56 CLAUDIA (SPEICHER) LEVINESS is an occupational health nurse for the Torrington (CT) Company.

Next fall **MARILYN (MARTIN '57) STOWELL** begins her fifth year teaching special education classes in the New Castle (DE) County School District.

'58 ART EVERETT has become Administrative Assistant to the Field Director of International Students, Inc., as well as Rocky Mountain Regional Director. His wife **DOTIE (GUTWEIN '58)** serves as National Contacts Division Director on a faith support basis.

'58 DAVID NEU has taught mathematics at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA. for the past 10 years.

'59 JAMES BARCUS, chairman of the department of English at Baylor University, Waco, TX for about a year, presented a paper at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature in Chicago and was among 100 faculty members recognized by the university for academic achievement. His wife, Nancy, is assistant news coordinator for the Baylor University Report.

'59 ALAN CHAMBERLAIN no longer works for Hartford Insurance, but is currently employed by Chautauque County.

'59 PETER GENCO teaches philosophy at Eastern College in St. Davids, PA.

Pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Royal Oak, MI, **WAYNE MOURITZEN '59** has been appointed Dean and Chairman of the Christian Ministries Department at Midwestern Baptist College, Pontiac, MI, beginning August 1.

1960s

'60 ROY MILLS has been promoted to Associate Professor of History at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA.

'62 MOLLY (WISHART) DAVIS lives on a cattle farm in Jesup, GA with her husband and two children. Prior to her marriage in 1977, she was a supportive supervisor for beginning teachers in DeKalb County.

An orthopaedic surgeon in Glen Ellyn, IL, **RICHARD DOMINGUEZ ex'63** has written a new book tentatively entitled *Total Body Trained* on proper exercise, conditioning and rehabilitation.

Awarded a Ph.D. in musical performance by New York University last February, **KARL STEINBERGER '63** continues to conduct and teach music at The King's College and in the Mount Vernon (NY) public school system.

'65 JUDITH ANDERSON is teaching French at Loudon Country Day School in Leesburg, VA.

'65 BOB CARR completed his Ph.D. in educational psychology in 1978 and presently works for the Michigan Department of Education. His wife **JESSIE (HARDIC '65)** earned a master's in visual impairment at Michigan State University in 1977. They have a son Matthew Levy born in 1979.

Since joining Wycliffe Bible Translators in August 1979, **STEVE & KAREN (GREER '65)**

Future Alumni

Eugene & Sandra (Johnson ex'67) Baum

Venn & Mary (Morse ex'78) Blakely '76

Kenneth & Marjorie (Kepiro '74) Boyes ex'73
Willard & Barbara (Tupitza ex'73) Boyes '70
Tim & Jean (Wanner '75) Carr (NA)
Wayne & Debbie (Braun '72) Diffenderfer '72
Steven & Patricia (Patton '69) Frederick

Skip & Joan (Emery '68) Hartman '68
Bill & Debbie (Soder ex'82) Hopseker ex'82
Ron & Cheryl (Scutt ex'stuff) Isaman '80
Ted & Carol (Tarkington ex'75) Kustas '72
Keith & Ruth Ann (Eaton '76) Morris '75
Guy & Brenda (Keller '78) Newland '77
Richard & Jean (Burmester '68) Palmer
Jeff & Joan (Hall '77) Rudloff '76
Timothy & Kay (Hirschey '71) Skjellerup

Len & Nancy (Blowers '76) Tomkinson '69
Tom & Lucy (Costanzo '75) Trautman '77

Katrina Ruth	9-24-73
Stephanie Jean	10-7-76
Laurel Marenn	5-17-78
Elizabeth Marie	4-5-81
April Renee	4-9-80
Benjamin Arthur	7-13-80
Kathryn Kristina	10-23-80
Jason Braun	5-16-81
Susan Ruth	10-22-76
John Steven	7-6-79
Pamela Jean	7-6-79
Kyle Stephen	12-21-80
Tonja Lee	5-27-80
Joel Vincent	5-13-81
Michael James Theodore	11-29-79
Mark Steven	4-10-80
Eric Jacob	5-12-81
Julie Elizabeth	4-18-81
Alyssa Sherie	1-2-81
Timothy Karl	9-17-77
Gabriel Aaron	3-26-80
Joel Mark	5-11-81
Timothy Milton	4-4-81

LYNIP '65 have returned to the Philippines to begin their third term as resource consultants in community development. Their work involves training and supervising their Filipino SIL associates in community health and development programs, which in turn, are supportive of Wycliffe's literacy goals.

'65 SHARON NEWCOMB is teaching English in the Media (PA) Christian Academy.

'67 LYNN CAIRNS is senior minister at Hyattstown (MD) United Methodist Church.

'67 DOUG FRASER works in personnel for General Motors, Detroit, MI; his wife **CAROL (BOOK '65)** substitute teaches.

'67 DANIEL MCBRIDE is pastoring the United Methodist Church in Bemus Point, NY. His wife **SHARI (CLARK '68)** is a fulltime homemaker and mother active with the church youth group.

A research chemist at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, **TOM GURLEY '68** also teaches night courses at Malone College. His wife **JAYNE (LOOMAN '68)** teaches kindergarten and is working on a new series of books with David C. Cook publishers.

Ex'68 JAMES THORNTON is Director of Residence Life and Student Activities at Arkansas College, Batesville, AR.

A captain in the Air Force, **JACK WRIGHT '68** is a flight safety officer at Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas.

'69 DAVID HOOVER has moved to Washington, D.C. where he will teach at Walter Reed Hospital.

1970s

Her masters in reading completed at SUNY at Cortland, NY, **KAY (HIRSCHEY '71) SKJELLERUP** is a Title I Remedial Reading Teacher at Adirondack Central School, West Leyden, NY.

Since resigning his job as Statistics Supervisor for the Florida Commerce Department, **NEAL FITCH '73** has been credit manager for Tri-State Supply Company.

'73 SHARYL HILL is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Hartford, CT.

'74 DAVID LAVIN, M.D., has joined Medicor Associates and will practice Internal Medicine in Erie, PA.

Since 1974, **DEBORAH RUPE '73** has been a missionary/housemother to high school girls at the Murree Christian School for missionary children in Pakistan.

Appointed to serve in Honduras by the Board of CAM International, **JUDY TILLEY '73** will teach seventh and eighth grades at Las Americas Academy, a boarding school for missionary children in Siguatepeque, Honduras.

'74 MARK ROLFSEMA was appointed pastor of the Nyssa, OH United Methodist Church at the June '81 Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference in Pocatello, ID. He previously pastored the community United Methodist Church in Ashton, ID for three years.

'75 CONNIE PRUTSMAN received her masters' in reading from Elmira College.

A microwave engineer for the Raytheon Company in Lexington, MA, **DAVID SCHMIDT '75** is doing diagnostic testing of microwave hardware on new USAF radar.

Her master's in music education completed at Eastman School of Music, **ELLEN RIZZO '76** teaches general music in Steuben County, NY schools.

Pastor of the Thompson, Starbuck, and Ararat (PA) United Methodist Churches, **STEPHEN COOK '77** was awarded the M.Div. degree at Drew University's May 1981 Commencement.

'79 WENDY ATKINSON teaches at Grand Island (NY) Christian School

Do you have tapes featuring Houghton notables, copies of which should be considered for an aural archive? If so, please contact the centennial committee in care of the college for evaluation.



Dr. Bain at choir rehearsal

Dr. Bain Designated Alumnus of the Year

A standing ovation greeted announcement of Wilfred Conwell Bain as 1981 Alumnus of the Year during the closing banquet of Summer Weekend, July 11.

Alumni president Priscilla Ries cited Dr. Bain as "respected alumnus (Class of '29), accomplished musician, distinguished music educator and Christian gentleman." President Chamberlain and Dr. George Gibbins '37 also made remarks. Earlier in the evening, Bain directed a nostalgic concert by former members of his original and subsequent Houghton choirs. Displayed samples of original music and costumes heightened the effect.

After college, Dr. Bain headed the music department at Central Wesleyan College (SC), then returned to Houghton for seven years as vocal and choral department head. He earned advanced degrees from Westminster Choir College and New York University. In 1938 he joined the faculty and then became dean of music at North Texas State University. Nine years later he moved to Indiana State University where he "transformed the school of music from a regional institution to one internationally preeminent in music education and performance." Under his leadership the school of music became the world's largest. The opera company he formed presented some 100 productions.

At his retirement in 1973 and again last spring, IU conferred honorary degrees upon him. Dr. Bain's myriad professional memberships, services to the nation's artistic programs and honors will receive greater attention this fall

when Houghton College confers upon him an honorary degree as he returns in October to begin celebration of "his" choir's 50th year.

He and his wife (Mary Freeman '31), now divide their time between homes in Bloomington and West Palm Beach.

Houghton at One Hundred

Theme for Houghton's year-long centennial celebration—October 1982-July 1983—is *Houghton at 100: Still building on the unity of truth*. The 14-member planning committee (see *MILLEU* December 1980), has approved several projects and is establishing priorities for a host of events. Well underway are four publications. A formal history of the college is being written by Dr. Lawrence Davis, a 1959 alumnus now on the faculty at SUNY Brockport, NY. Emerita Professor of history and chairperson of the history and social science division Dr. Frieda Gillette, assisted by her successor, Dr. Katherine Lindley, is producing a pictorial/anecdotal commemorative book, emphasizing Houghton's progress to mid-century. Miriam Paine Lemcio '64, is preparing text for a biography of Dr. Stephen W. Palne and his 35 years as president of the

college. Dr. Kenneth Wilson '41, will edit a revised and updated edition of the 75th anniversary brochure, *Consider the Years*, for serialization in *MILLEU*.

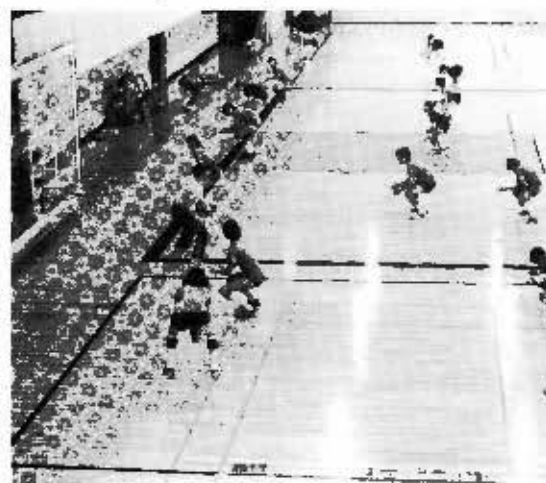
Composer in residence William T. Allen is researching and writing an opera based on the life of John Wesley. A sub-committee is securing prominent guest speakers to address the centennial theme from various perspectives.

A \$50,000 budget has been approved to underwrite these celebration goals and to augment existing programs, finance campus beautification, establish an official archives and ensure broad publicity for the record of Houghton's first century and its aspirations for future service.

STUDYING AT YALE

Religion division chairman, Dr. Carl Schultz is spending six summer weeks at Yale University studying Religion and Society in Ancient Israel under a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.

Schultz is one of 11 scholars working with Dr. Robert Willson. His area of interest is apocalyptic literature and he is researching the social milieu of the sixth and fifth centuries BC "to determine the social matrices which gave rise to that literature." Schultz previously received an NEH study grant in 1978.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXPOSURE FOR THE COLLEGE were immediate results of a successful week-long basketball school directed by basketball coach David Jack during June. This first year parents and coaches brought in 46 players daily for instruction. The students' ages ranged from 10 to 17, both boys and girls. Area college and high school coaches and several Houghton varsity players assisted. Instruction was given in large group, station and individual situations on technique in defense, shooting, ball handling and dribbling, blocking out, rebounding and other team play concepts. Each student received an instruction book, school T-shirt and basketball. Instructional video films were shown during lunch and each day ended with a swim in the new P.E. Center pool. An awards ceremony capped the week. Coach Jack envisions instruction in other sports as well as potential expansion of the basketball school, and believes this approach can produce significant numbers of new students.



Drs. Ron Strumbeck and William Tromble

Eleven

Buffalo Campus Dean, Alumni Director Accept New Posts

Mr. Ronald E. Strumbeck, Dean of Houghton College's Buffalo Suburban Campus since March of 1977, has accepted the post of Executive Vice President for the Bridgmont Foundation, San Francisco, CA, effective July 1.

During his leadership of the Buffalo Suburban Campus, Dr. Strumbeck greatly expanded continuing education curricula, also attracting many new students to the collegiate and certificate programs. Sharing credit for the academic growth of the campus he cited "the fantastic support and cohesiveness of my faculty and staff colleagues." Noting that this year, for the first time since merging with Houghton College, the suburban campus is fully self-supporting, he praised "the women's auxiliary, alumni, church people, founders and other friends who've prayerfully and financially supported us." (The spring fund drive exceeded its goal by eight percent).

The Bridgmont Foundation is an educational and fund-raising arm of Bridgmont Preparatory School in San Francisco. Its founding president, William Hautt, is a 1964 Houghton graduate. Since opening in 1975, the 200-student school has gained full accreditation and is building a new downtown facility. Dr. Strumbeck will coordinate a major development program, working with community business leaders who are the foundation's officers.

Dr. Strumbeck was named a director of the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce in 1979 and has since chaired its Civic and Cultural Affairs Committee. He is a Rotarian and board member of the Bemus Point, NY, Boys JIM (Jesus is Mine) Club of America. Dr. and Mrs. (Rosa) Strumbeck have three grown sons.

Former Houghton Dean of Students, Dr. Charles Massey, has assumed responsibility for Buffalo Campus operations.

After four years as Houghton College's first fulltime Alumni Director, Dr. William Tromble has resigned to become

Institutional Advancement Director at Spartanburg Methodist College, SC. At that 1,100-student liberal arts college he will oversee capital and current fund programs. "I'm excited by the challenge of it," he told the MILEU, while describing the college as situated in a textile area, specializing in social science and computer studies, enjoying a debt-free campus and seeking (through his efforts) to build a \$5,000,000 endowment.

Dr. Tromble, his wife and three children came to Houghton from Olivet Nazarene College, IL, where he was on the music faculty. A graduate of Asbury College, he earned his M.Mus. and Ph.D. from Michigan State and the University of Michigan, respectively.

During his tenure here, a permanent alumni office was established in the campus center, the alumni budget was quintupled, alumni giving grew, new programs were launched and existing ones strengthened. Low cost life and major medical insurance plans were begun, alumni were surveyed and a 300-page Alumni Information Guide (Directory) resulted. A national ballot for electing alumni officers was instituted, new alumni chapters were established and others were reactivated.

On campus Dr. Tromble sought to expand liaison between students and alumni, and cooperated with the Career Development Center to build an alumni job bank toward the goal of helping future graduates with placement. Two years ago he revived the phonathon as a fund-raising tool.

Other marks of his administration included remodeling — by the Class of '53 — and identification of an alumni dining room in the campus center, coalescing of several chapter scholarships into the Dollars for Scholars program and coordinating of numerous on and off-campus special events.

Not surprisingly, tensions surface with progress and the interplay of personal and organizational interests. Says Dr. Tromble, "the college must have the continuing support and good will of alumni to survive because alumni contribute [substantially] to the total revenues of the college and send many prospective students here. On the other hand, the alumni association needs the support and good will of the college

because loyalties are built around professors, classrooms and classmates, not the programs and activities of an alumni association." He believes that further progress by the association will require the alumni board and the college trustees to reach consensus on "a full statement of purpose about [the alumni association's] governance, programs and activities and fund raising."

Concluding, he observed, "we're beginning to move as an association, but...there must be a long-term buildup. I am hopeful that the association will prosper and grow to help Houghton College." He noted, "the real challenge in alumni affairs is people. I'll treasure the friendships I've established for a lifetime."

Dr. Tromble began his duties at Spartanburg July 13. During the search for his successor, alumni secretary Melody Sellers will provide campus continuity in cooperation with Alumni Association President Priscilla Ries and her board of directors.

College is Drilling Second Gas Well

Drilling for a second gas well began near the college airstrip in July. And the payoff is expected to justify treasurer Kenneth Nielsen's heavy time investment many times. Repayable costs of the successful first well—in service for a year now—are expected to be discharged during 1982.

The new well will cost \$250,000, all of it repayable to the New York State Energy Research Development Authority. Until reimbursement is complete, the agency will receive five-eighths of every dollar saved; the college retaining three eighths for operation and maintenance. After the well is paid for, the proportion will reverse, NYSEDA perpetually receiving a three-eighths share to finance future exploration.

Should the new well be unsuccessful or fail before drilling costs are recovered, remaining debt is cancelled. The well will be drilled to a depth of 2,800 feet; testing and fracturing expected to occur before fall. Gas could go on line before winter. The first well presently supplies nearly half the college's need.

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Summer Weekend Headliners:

Bain Choir Concert, Alumnus of Year Award

Some 300 alumni participated in Summer Weekend activities, not counting the numerous individuals who dropped in on single events, but did not register. Nine alumni led seminars on the theme, *We Serve Because We Care*.

Most popular of the events may have been the college choir alumni concert under Dr. Wilfred C. Bain, who founded the ensemble 50 years ago. Upwards of 70 alumni turned up for the rehearsal, some traveling from as far as California to participate, 21 from the original choir. They gave a concert Saturday evening before the banquet and Alumnus of the Year ceremonies (see page 10).

Friday evening, alumni president Priscilla Ries joined Dr. Chamberlain and past alumni president Silas Molyneux in ceremonies receiving a new

U.S. flag commemorating Houghton's war dead. Flown over the U.S. Capitol on Memorial Day at the request of Congressman Stanley Lundine, the flag was presented by Cmdr. Richard Schlicht, American Legion Post 1504, Belfast, NY. Other legion members and active members of the armed forces acted as color guard.

Special reunion celebrations were held by the 50-year Class of '31 (see photo) and the 25-year Class of '56. The big reunion news was formation of a Golden Agers Association, a club for alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago. Inspired by 1926 alumnus Frank Henshaw, 17 charter members met before the weekend began to share reflections and hopes. President and Mrs. Chamberlain hosted their campus banquet, a tour of Letchworth State Park and lunch at the famed Glen Iris Inn.

A Saturday afternoon auction of alumni donated items fetched \$784 for the physical education center project. The Alumni College, originally scheduled to lead off Summer Weekend July 6-9 was cancelled when only half the minimum needed reservations were made for the program. The alumni board is studying future possibilities for this service.



Top: President Chamberlain receives flag commemorating Houghton war dead. Present for the Class of 1931 reunion standing left to right were: Elmer Roth, Ethel (Culver) Thompson, Mary (Freeman) Bain, Margorie (Boyd) Bain, Lucille (Wilson) Hatch, Alfred Gross and Marshall Stevenson. Seated are: Phyllis (Estabrook) Hath, Evelyn Davies, Helen (Hurlbut) Roberts and Alice (Folger) Fisk.



Come catch the flavor of The Wild West! Homecoming '81

meet old friends and enjoy:

- Founders Address by Rev. Lee Haines, Wesleyan Church Education Secretary
- Artist Series with the Eastern Opera Theatre of New York, Lucia di Lammermoor
- Wild West theme float parade and queen coronation
- Championship Soccer, Houghton vs. Niagara University
- Alumni Banquet

Look for your reservation form and national alumni officer ballot at the end of August.

*Have a student at
Houghton?
Then mark your calendar
for:*

**FROSH PARENTS
WEEKEND**
October 23-25

**UPPERCLASS PARENTS
WEEKEND**
October 30-November 1