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A Liberal Arts Education is No Ordinary Opportunity

During this past year, we introduced the theme “No ordinary people, no ordinary place, no ordinary opportunity” in an attempt to encapsulate the whole of the Houghton experience in a single statement. For the most part, we have focused on “no ordinary people,” illustrating through the lives and service of graduates of the college what a Houghton education makes possible in the broader world.

In this issue of *Milieu*, we explore another dimension of the theme through a story about internship opportunities at the college, and what such experiences mean for students. It is interesting to note that fully one-third of the 270 members of the Class of 1996 completed some type of experiential learning experience during their Houghton years.

For many of these newest alumni, “real world” experience came via student teaching. For others, it was an internship in a business, a church, or a social-service agency. For some, experiential learning took the form of a one-on-one research project with a Houghton faculty member, as was the case for eight young scholars who, this year, completed a senior honors project.

For all, the hands-on nature of the experiences allowed students

to put themselves and their classroom learning to the test in a work situation. As the alumni featured in this issue of *Milieu* report, they view being tested in this way as the key to future career success.

To be complete, a liberal arts education must give attention to both the being and the becoming of students. It is not enough simply to know. The scholar-servant must also be equipped to act.

This fact was obvious to the founders of our nation’s first colleges, the very institutions that have modeled for all others the nature and purpose of a liberal arts education. Those early colleges existed to prepare disciplined minds for the learned professions—the ministry, medicine, and law—and for civic leadership.

While the curriculum has grown considerably over the past 200 years, the goal of a liberal arts education remains much the same. Likewise, the impact of liberally-educated men and women within the world of commerce, civic life, and the church is impressive, and alumni of Houghton College are no exception.

Indeed, I believe that graduates of this college are uniquely equipped to lead and serve in today’s troubled times, for Houghton is no ordinary liberal arts college. From the earliest years

of the institution, Christ has been central in all that is taught and in all that is learned.

This college was founded on the rock, Christ Jesus, and that commitment continues today. As a result, Houghton alumni—in the words of this year’s baccalaureate speaker—have distinguished themselves “by doing in this world, the work that most needs to be done.”

As I look back on 20 commencement seasons at Houghton, I can say that for me, my years at the college have been no ordinary opportunity. And for those of you who support the college with prayers and financial gifts, you, too, have had a part in a ministry that is anything but ordinary. Thank you. ✱



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CORRECTION: In the March 1996 *Milieu* feature on the ethics of xenotransplantation by Robert Orr '62, M.D., we accidentally pictured Dr. Orr's friend and Loma Linda colleague, Dr. William Bunnell. The real Dr. Orr is pictured at right. Our apologies to both men.—*Editor*



On the cover: Eric Jeffords '96 interned at Buffalo's CBS affiliate, WIVB, Channel 4. See story on page 12.



A First for Houghton

Debra Erickson '97, a philosophy major from Portland, Ore., is the first Houghton student to be selected to participate in the Pew Younger Scholars Summer Seminars Program at the University of Notre Dame, held May 29 through June 18.

"This is a very competitive program," Houghton philosophy professor W. Christopher Stewart noted. The purpose of the seminars is "to encourage intellectually-gifted students from Christian liberal arts colleges ... to consider academic careers in the humanities, the social sciences and the theological/biblical disciplines." Classes are run in the same way as a graduate-level seminar, and students are guided through a research project. The seminar culminates with students presenting their work.

Erickson will be one of seven participants in the philosophy seminar, "Mind, World and Entitlement to Believe," directed by Nicholas Wolterstorff of Yale University Divinity School and a 1994 Houghton College honorary degree recipient. ♦

IN SHORT

STUDENT LIFE

- Two hundred students participating in a 30-hour famine sponsored by the college's World Missions Fellowship in March raised over \$5,000 to assist World Vision in feeding starving people worldwide. Students also collected canned goods for the Allegany County Food Pantry.
- During April, music professors Kelley Hileh and B. Jean Reigles directed an Opera Workshop production of Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" in the Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium at Houghton Academy.
- Some 850 people attended five performances of "A Thurber Carnival"—the debut performances in the Tysinger Auditorium at Houghton Academy. For the third year, the four college classes staged a one-act play competition with casts drawn from the respective classes. Produced were O'Henry's *The Cop and the Anthem*, Albee's *The Sandbox*, Chekov's *The Boor*, and an adaptation of Leacock's *The Mariposa Belle*.
- Under the direction of Rev. Kimberly Gladden, Houghton's Multicultural Affairs Office (MAO) has provided "awareness" opportunities via speakers, music, and "cultural escapes," such as outings to The Seneca Indian Reservation and Museum, an excursion to Rochester for "Ethnic Shopping and Dining," and a trip to *Phantom of the Opera* in Toronto. Gladden offers opportunities to become "aware" to all students who "desire to understand the struggles of different cultures."
- In an April 14 chapel, the Student Government Association presented excellence awards to faculty members Doug Gaerte, Ken Bates and Cameron Airhart; staff members Greg Bish, Shirley Jordan, Ange Szymanski and Michael Garrison-Stubber; and administrators Troy Martin, Will Krause, Rebekah Basinger, Robert Danner and James Mannoia.

FACULTY NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Art faculty member Gary Baxter's illustrated article on the creation of his narrative ceramic mural is featured in the May '96 issue of *Ceramics Monthly*. The mural, "River of Faith," adorns the entrance to the Willard J. Houghton Library.
- Having successfully completed some 1,000 hours of course work and exams in five areas of financial planning as offered by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, business professor Richard Halberg '71 has joined nearly 30,000 financial planners licensed to use the CFP certification marks.
- Recreation and physical education professor Thomas Kettelkamp spent two April weeks in Italy working with coaches at a baseball training camp for European teams.
- Chemistry department head Bernard Piersma has had scholarly articles published in the *Journal of the Electrochemical Society* and the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*.
- Assistant Professor of Biology Ming Zheng has been selected by William Brown Publishing Company to review and critique selected chapters for a new genetics textbook.
- Newly-elected department chairs at the college are Henry Biggs, foreign languages; Bill Swanson, physical education and recreation; George Boespflug, music; and Harold Kingdon, religion and philosophy.



Thanks to gifts by the Classes of 1995 and 1996, a new steel and treated-lumber, arched pedestrian bridge spans Houghton Creek just downstream from Brookside Townhouses. With ramped approaches to facilitate handicapped access, the bridge eliminates need for pedestrians to use the Genesee Street bridge to reach campus. The bridge memorializes four deceased students who would have been members of the giving classes—Chiho Yokota '95, Heather Fronhoffer, Amy Bliss and Michael Smoyer, all of '96.

Fire Destroys Student Housing

When an early-morning fire destroyed the home of Jon '91 and Nancy (Banker '90) Cole and 17 Houghton College women students on Sunday, March 24, it also sparked an outpouring of kindness, compassion and generosity from the college community. The blaze was caused by an electrical appliance.

All of the occupants, including a baby whose parents were visiting the Coles, escaped the fire unharmed, thanks to working smoke detectors. The Coles, their guests, and some of the students lost all of their belongings. Smoke and water damaged the possessions of others. The house was not a total loss, but was rendered unlivable.

For colleges facing declining enrollments, finding alternate student housing would pose little problem. However, for Houghton, where record enrollments have caused the college to construct new student housing facilities, finding homes for the displaced students was a challenge. But, as has happened so many times in years past, the Houghton community came through.

That Sunday morning, while volunteer firefighters battled the blaze at the Cole house, worshipers at Houghton Wesleyan Church volunteered to open their homes to those left without housing. Owners of The Inn at Houghton Creek hosted the students, free of charge, for the week remaining before Easter break, giving the student development office time to make interim housing arrangements.

The Allegany County Chapter of the American Red Cross helped meet the emergency personal needs of the victims. The college's counseling services staff provided emotional support in dealing with the traumatic experience and the loss of possessions. In concert with the academic dean's office, faculty worked one-on-one with students who lost computers, books and notes. The campus store replaced books that were destroyed. The community will hold a household shower for the Coles sometime in August. ♦

Ohio Pastor Receives Ries Award

During the college's annual Institute of Theology, in April, the Rev. David Holdren became the 29th recipient of the Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award. Rev. Holdren currently pastors the Cypress Wesleyan Church of Columbus, Ohio. A nearly quadrupled congregation, plant expansion, program innovation, preschool, Christian school and lay ministry training are indications of his effective service since 1982.

Rev. Holdren is a respected leader in his community, his district and in the denomination. He is also a Houghton Trustee and a member of the denomination's General Board of Administration. He and his wife, Marlene, have two grown children and three grandchildren. ♦



The Rev. David Holdren was given the Pastor of the Year Award to recognize his leadership in The Wesleyan Church, and to honor the late Claude A. Ries who taught Bible and theology at Houghton from 1924-63.

Grants, Awards and Other Kudos

- For the seventh consecutive year, Houghton College has been named to the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for character-building colleges. The list names 124 colleges in 34 states. Houghton is one of just four in New York.

- The E.T. and Anna C. Manley Memorial Trust has approved a \$15,000 grant in support of renovation of the lower level of Reinhold Campus Center. The proposed \$200,000 project will enhance the campus snack shop and game room area, and provide better access to student offices.

The project has been championed by the President's Advisory Council on Excellence and could be executed this summer if the balance of the funding is secured in foundation grants and individual gifts.

- Earlier this year, 1,000 readers of *Campus Life Magazine* were asked to list up to 15 Christian colleges/universities and Bible colleges. The respondents were then asked to "grade" each school in 12 different areas of strength. And what those high schoolers think of Houghton is just as the Admission Office would want.

Houghton's name is near the top in several categories, including academic reputation, cultural programs, faculty reputation, career preparation, and spiritual atmosphere. ♦

Strong Gift, Survey Response for *Milieu*

As of May 23, 1996, readers had contributed \$14,030 toward 1995-96 production costs of *Milieu*. This amount is sufficient to put one issue in 17,000 recipient households worldwide, and to pay for the voluntary subscription fund (VSF) survey mailing.

Some 87 percent of survey respondents said the magazine is excellent or good. While anywhere from 12 to 45 percent of the sample said they hadn't read a *given* article, with four exceptions half or more of the respondents found all 29 features printed during the survey period "very interesting" or "interesting." Readers strongly endorsed the overall topic mix, while encouraging increased coverage of student issues, opinions and financial news.

While mail and phone are the strongly preferred ways for readers to talk back, more than a third are—or plan to become—part of the information superhighway. ♦



New Era One Year Later

Houghton College is among 31 not-for-profit organizations that have filed a lawsuit against Prudential Securities Inc. for its role as an escrow agent of funds deposited with the Foundation for New Era Philanthropy. President Chamberlain explained that Prudential purchased a U.S. Treasury bill in Houghton College's name using deposits made by the college totaling \$1 million. Houghton has written notification giving the number of the T-bill purchased and stating that, at any time, the college could verify the T-bill Prudential held for them.

According to President Chamberlain, when New Era collapsed, Prudential used the money toward loans the company had made to John G. Bennett Jr. "They had no right to do that," he said. "We have solid evidence that our money was still owned by us and available to us." He added that Prudential's reputation had lent credibility to New Era's matching grant program and was a significant factor in the college's decision to participate.

The other parties bringing suit along with Houghton are Beaver, Baptist Bible, Central (Kan.), Messiah and Spring Arbor colleges; Biblical, United and Westminster theological seminaries; Center for Urban Theological Studies; Daystar U.S.; The Detroit Institute of Arts; Focus Inc.; The Free Library of Philadelphia; The Fuller Foundation; Haggai Institute for Advanced Leadership Training Inc.; Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Inc.; International Missions Inc.; International Teams; John Brown University; MAP International; Missionary Aviation Fellowship; Mission to the Americas; Philadelphia College of the Bible; The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship to Handicapped and Disadvantaged Youths; RBMU International; Scripture Union; SIM U.S.A. Inc.; United World Mission; Walk Thru the Bible Ministries Inc.; and WHY Inc.

In separate proceedings associated with New Era, bankruptcy trustee Arlin M. Adams has recovered over \$30 million and anticipates making an initial distribution of the funds within the next few months. ♦

Basketball Squads Look Ahead to 1996-97

The Lady Highlanders basketball team made yet another post-season appearance, falling to Geneva (Pa.) 61-55 in the Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference play-offs. Junior April Batt of Eldred, Pa., led Houghton in scoring for the '95-'96 season at 15.9 points per contest. Brenda Johnson (fifth in scoring at 9.3 ppg) of Sinclairville, NY, was the Lady Highlanders' lone-starting senior. Joining the women in their debut NAIA Division I season, the men (12-14) redefined *heartbreak* when they failed to qualify for the KECC play-offs, losing at the buzzer to Westminster (Pa.) 76-75. The Highlanders will lose the services of seniors Jason Weyforth (Baltimore, Md.), a member of the 1,000-career-point club, and Judson Odell (Seneca Falls, NY), the team's 6'8" post player. Freshman Tomas Kersis (Prattsburgh, NY) was named the KECC's Freshman of the Year.

1995-96 Highlander NAIA All-Americans

Highlander All-Americans for this year include Akim Antwi (Accra, Ghana), men's soccer honorable mention; Heidi Gugler (Fullerton, Calif.), women's soccer honorable mention; and Michael Brundige (Buffalo, NY), men's basketball Division I honorable mention. Several athletes were named Academic All-Americans. They are Leslie Roberts (Belmont, NH); Alan Belford (Philadelphia), and Phil Niemi (St. Marie, Ontario), cross country; Heidi Gugler (Fullerton, Calif.) and Lesley Nichols (Windsor, NY), women's soccer; and Bob Schwaner (Wayne, Ill.), men's soccer.

In addition, Krista Ruth, a native of Boyertown, Pa., became the first Houghton Highlander runner to earn All-American honors. She achieved this prestigious ranking during the NAIA Indoor Track Championships in Lincoln, Neb. Her 10:24.89 performance in the 3,000-meter event shattered the previous Houghton record by nearly 30 seconds.

Highlanders Remain Among NAIA's Elite

The Houghton College athletic program stood in 11th place in overall performance (specifically national tournament results) among the more than 300 NAIA colleges at the conclusion of the winter athletic season. *The Sears Cup* will be awarded to the top NAIA and NCAA colleges following the completion of spring athletic competition. Regular updates appear in *USA Today*.

Head Volleyball Coach Named

Former Lady Highlander volleyball standout and Academic All-American Nancy (Banker '90) Cole has been named interim head volleyball coach for the 1996 season. An assistant coach for two years, Nancy helped lead the squad to the NAIA regional finals last fall. The team finished 19-6. Former volleyball head coach Skip Lord will remain head women's basketball coach and director of intercollegiate athletics.

Three Ways to Be A Good Sport

Highlander Phoning Program

As Houghton's 1995-96 fiscal year drew to a close, so did the books on this year's Highlander Sports Association Phonathon. In total, 143 good sports contributed \$6,782 to Houghton in support of the athletic program. According to Athletic Director Skip Lord, funds from the phoning program helped underwrite the salary of an assistant coach for cross country and supported the men's soccer team as they traveled to the NAIA National Tournament.

Read More About Us

For those fans who don't get enough news about Houghton's athletic programs through *Milieu* and the occasional box score in *USA Today*, help is on the way in the form of *Locker Room Notes*, a twice-a-year summary of seasonal play. To read more about Houghton athletics, call Barbara Bates at (800) 777-2556 and ask that your name be added to the list of *Locker Room Notes* subscribers.

Check in by Telephone

During the academic year, immediate news about Houghton athletics is just a dial-tone away thanks to the Highlander Hotline (716/567-9529).



Mr. Harrington, the Howards 30 Years of Service

Two members of the Houghton faculty and a staff member have completed their service to the college as of June 30. Don Harrington finishes seven years as the Buffalo campus custodian. Dale and Edna Howard (main campus), counselor and education department faculty, respectively, have contributed a combined 13 years. The college recognized these individuals at a dinner in their honor on May 18.

A native Buffalonian, Harrington has been the lone maintenance-custodial staffer at Buffalo. Don has gone beyond his myriad specific duties to be a friend to students, whether that be in such practical ways as car repair, or as a listening ear and counselor. He is active in MidTown Bible Church where he teaches a Bible doctrine class for seniors. He's also a board member of Jewish Awareness.

Before coming to Houghton Don was a Korean war veteran and gave 31 years to Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories in Buffalo where he was a security officer. For three years he operated his own business. Harrington gave his life to Christ when he was 43 because of the witness of his wife. The Harringtons had four children, the youngest of whom lost a battle against leukemia some years ago. A son died last year.

In retirement Don and his wife Tanya will remain in Buffalo, while continuing extended annual trips to see different parts of the country and discover avenues of ministry. Don's retirement citation described him as "an ambassador of good will, an evangelist, and a man who hates snakes!"

Dale and Edna Howard came to Houghton in 1988 so that she could become education and psy-

chology department head—the result of an agreement the couple had reached

when they completed their doctorates from the University of Alabama in 1985 and '84, respectively. Edna had followed and supported Dale through a quarter-century of C&MA pastorates. This time, they agreed, whoever got the first good job offer, the other would go along. Although Edna's position was what moved them east, Dale actually began work first, as senior clinical counselor at the Wellsville Counseling Center.

Beyond the C&MA pastorates Dale earned a B.A. at Loretta Heights College in Denver, then was director-coordinator of the college recruitment program at Alliance Academy in Quito, Ecuador, where he also did counseling and was school chaplain. He was also active in raising six sons. In 1991 Dale began counseling collegians quarter time. In practice he often donated much more time in order to keep up with demand. Two years ago, failing health and related surgeries caused him to quit the Wellsville clinic, but he's continued at Houghton. At the same time he's turned the Howards' Belfast home into a showplace, using skills he acquired when, as a pastor, he'd augmented his income in home construction. The Howards will continue to live in Belfast, while traveling to visit children and grandchildren. They are amenable to further mission work

Edna met Dale when they were growing up in the same Wadsworth, Ohio, church. Both



Retirees Dale and Edna Howard and Don Harrington

completed degrees at Nyack Missionary Training Institute, planning to become missionaries. But for the next 27 years they pastored in Texas, Nebraska, Illinois, and Colorado. Edna completed a B.S. at Southern Illinois University and an M.A. at the University of Northern Colorado, also teaching at the elementary and secondary levels while raising their boys. When Howards finally reached a mission field in 1978, Edna became elementary principal, then assistant director for the 550-student Alliance Academy in Quito. During this time they began correspondence course work toward their doctorates.

After returning to the United States they completed their doctoral programs and she became a high-school assistant principal, then was named principal at another school. In the back of her mind lay the thought of finishing her career in higher education. Ultimately she chose to pursue an interview offer from Houghton rather than accept a firm opening at a state university in Colorado. She reasoned that if she got the Houghton post she might influence more people to develop a Christian voice in public education.

After eight years here, Edna Howard is proud of a department which combines theoretical expertise and knowledge with practical application and caring pedagogy. She's pleased with the growth of the overseas teaching program which now includes Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa. ♦



Identity and Success Through Christ

by Cynthia Smith '96

Although it is an event I've witnessed for as long as I can remember, watching the ball drop in New York City last New Year's seemed like a first-time experience for me. More important than signifying the second half of the nineties, 1996 marks a milestone in my life. The shouts and cheers of the city crowd may well have been "pomp and circumstance" when heard through the filters in my ears. Nineteen ninety-six, the year of my college graduation, is a year I always anticipated, but never really believed would come.

Four years ago, a confident high-school graduate, I entered college with the anticipation of studying a variety of personal interests and with the expectation of ultimately finding my niche in the professional world. I threw my efforts into two rigorous courses of study—music and English. This seemingly strange combination of subjects promised endless options—teaching, writing, performing, and editing, for examples. There was no question in my mind that I would graduate in '96 with a solid grasp as to what career direction I was headed. This solid grasp of my "niche" was all I needed in life—this was all I needed in order to be "successful."

But Someone else had another plan for me... Someone I had never given much thought to... Someone who told me my identity doesn't depend upon "success"... Someone who whispered that success isn't based upon finding my "niche"... I heard His whisper, and not knowing how to approach Him, I pushed Him away. But then that Someone sent His whisper through a human vessel, and this vessel reached out to me. Through her, I met God... I met Jesus, and I fell in love. I gave Him all of me. And in return He gave me a new perspective, a new desire. He gave me Himself, and immediately, He became the most important thing to me. All else slipped into second place.

And so, as I celebrated the arrival of 1996 with my friends and family, I thought about the direction my life would take within the next year, and I evaluated the experience and education I had gained in college. I had come to college with the hope of finding a direction, a purpose, and a goal in terms of a professional career. What am I leaving with? Perhaps I have grasped an idea of the direction my eventual career will take, and I thank my education for pointing me to that, but the suc-

cess and hopeful promise of a career are no longer what I need. In fact these matters make little difference now because in finding Christ I have found success, and I have found my niche. My identity will never again be defined by my course of study or, later, by my occupation; I am defined by Jesus Christ, and this is why I graduated from Houghton in May 1996 with a goal and with a purpose. ♦

Hackensack, NJ, resident Cynthia Smith transferred to Houghton when The King's College (NY) closed two years ago. This past spring semester she has interned in the media relations and Milieu offices at Houghton.



Jumpstart on the Future

In today's competitive job market, an internship is the perfect complement to a college degree.

"But he doesn't know the territory!" complains the salesman on hearing of "Professor" Harold Hill's successful salesmanship in *The Music Man*. Slick presentation and fast talking may have worked for Hill, but for newly graduated collegians entering the job market, knowing the territory is a more effective door opener, arguably more important than an impressive GPA.

Helping students get to "know the territory," to gain that springboard before graduation, is the goal of a proliferating number of internships, practicums and other off-campus experiences Houghton offers its students. About half of Houghton's Class of '96 will graduate with practical experience

in a field of their choice; many more could have availed themselves of such an option.

The largest and longest established group is, of course, students preparing for careers in education. Their "real-world" classroom immersion lasts a semester and may also include some junior-year experience. From Scotland and Australia to Germany and Malaysia, 12 of the 76 education majors added an international component to their student-teaching experience.

Twenty years ago the business department instituted the first non-education internships at Houghton. Of the 15-21 students now placed each year, business professor Richard Halberg observes, "Our students are highly

regarded because of their work ethic and because they're quick learners." One intern's corporate supervisor said, "If he didn't need to complete college next semester we'd hire him now." Dr. Daryl Stevenson, who coordinates Houghton's psychology internships, estimates that 40-50 percent of his department's interns are later hired by their host organizations.

At radio station WJSL, six student managers qualify as interns each year. Other communication students gain experience as announcers and writers, while still more arrange their own internships at home-town stations during summer breaks.

Now in its 18th year is the

Abe Burdick—graduated from Houghton in May 1995. Currently holding a legislative position under New York State Senator Jess Present in Wellsville, Burdick, who hails from Wellsville, says his internship as a legislative assistant helped him obtain his current job.

For the first five months of last year Abe interned at the New York State Assembly with Assemblyman David J. Fessenden. Owing most of his early legislative experience to this internship, Abe states, "Internships should be a requirement."

He enumerated advantages of his internship. "Working with people in the political field aided my knowledge and skill in dealing with laws." The internship "gave me necessary experience to do my job on a daily basis. I feel that internships are more important than class work... It gave me better communication and writing skills to prepare me for this job."

Darren Boice—knew he wanted to work in a helping profession, but he was unsure about what

form that would take. "Bachelor's degrees in psychology are a dime a dozen," he says.

When Darren was a junior psychology major at Houghton, psychology professor Daryl Stevenson arranged for him to do an internship at the Allegany Rehabilitation Associates (ARA) in Wellsville, NY. Boice led psycho-educational and treatment groups and carried an individual case load. "The internship showed me that social work was where I wanted to be. It gave me a career track. At Houghton I really appreciated Professor Stevenson's teaching and guidance." Darren's work so impressed the ARA that they offered him a full-time job upon his graduation in May 1989. Since leaving western New York, Boice has served in other community mental health roles.

Currently a resident of North Carolina, Boice completed a master's degree in social work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in May. As partial fulfillment for the degree, he in-

terned this past year at a local non-profit United Way agency in couples and group counseling. The agency has offered him a full-time job, which he has accepted.



Allisha Chapman '96 and Attorney Terrell

Allisha Chapman— of Derry, Pa., an intern under the American Studies Program, is a senior major-

three-week medical-dental practicum which places a half-dozen juniors in those disciplines with alumni physicians and dentists nationwide. Biology professor Karen Cianci notes that early beneficiaries of that program are now among the hosts. Generally such students live in the hosting professional's home, gaining a full-orbed view of lifestyle.

The religion department places a dozen students a year in Christian educational ministries ranging from youth work and Christian education to pastoral ministry, while the art department places interns with college design services. A majority of all interns live at Houghton's Buffalo campus during their field experience.

In recent years the career development and admission and alumni offices have cooperated to create an externship—a Mayterm course which allows students, particularly sophomores, to gain a week's field experience with a Houghton alumnus after a week of preparatory classes.

Houghton continues to develop new programs for practical experience. Equestrian center director Jo-Anne Young's contacts and the help of alumna Michelle Long, who is head trainer and instructor for Dogwood Springs Farm in Alabama, have made it possible for Houghton students to work and receive quality training at well-known stables in New York, Michigan and Alabama.

Such training sites may send competitors to the Olympics, or offer riding programs that provide emotional therapy, such as the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc.

Houghton affiliates with other programs offering practical experiences; among them the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities' American Studies program in Washington, DC, and film studies internships in Los Angeles.

As the adjacent profiles illustrate, internships are indeed a jumpstart on the future. ♦

ing in English with a concentration in pre-law. Last semester, she was placed with attorney Donald Terrell, a general practitioner in Washington, D.C., whom Allisha says "poured his time and energy into the internship." During her months with Terrell, she served as his assistant, went to court, met with clients, had her own cases, and even saw some results from these cases.

Working under a mentor "didn't shelter me or hold me back," Allisha states. "I became independent and confident in what I was doing. The internship was beneficial in giving me a perspective of what I'm really going to be doing, an aspect I don't get to see at Houghton."

Eric Jeffords—Senior business major Eric Jeffords held a business internship in communication with WIVB TV, Channel 4, in Buffalo. As a business major hoping to develop his communication skills, Eric chose to work in television rather than in a business setting.

Conversing with reporters, meeting with editors and producers to decide stories, shadowing reporters on stories, observing producers, writing stories, and working alongside movie critic Michael Calleri and reporters Al Vaughters and Mylous Hairston, are among the experiences he gained while with WIVB.

Eric has this to say about education in the context of internships: "Both the internships and the classroom have their own place... I think you need everything from the classroom in order to fulfill the expectations of an internship."

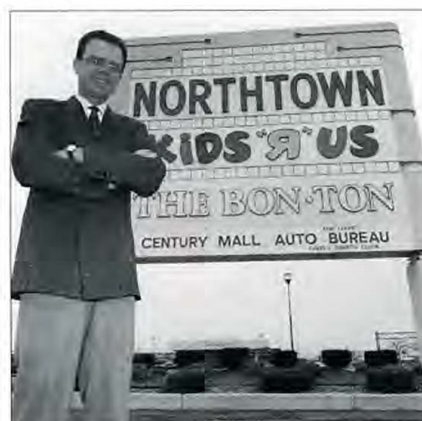
When asked how he feels the internship will benefit him, he replied, "Communication is an important aspect of a person's development. It is especially helpful in business: the better you are in communicating, the more successful you will be." He commuted

thrice weekly from his home in Fillmore, NY.



Eric Jeffords '96 smiles for the camera.

Jonathan Luther—As president of Northtown Plaza, Inc., a real-estate business located in Amherst, NY, Jonathan Luther '78 notes that he is required to "wear many hats," a situation for which his years at Houghton were the ideal preparation. "The liberal arts education I received at Houghton gave me the breadth of knowledge that I need in my work."



Jonathan Luther '78 (without a hat) in front of his western New York shopping plaza

Looking back to his student days, Luther also credits his internship at Western New York Industrial Park under Henry Kautz as crucial to his current success. "As an intern, I was able to 'sample' the various facets of the shopping center business: leasing/financing, construction and operations. The internship helped me see that I really did want to be in the real-estate business.

"It's absolutely important for students to get out and get their feet wet in the real world. My internship was one of the best experiences I've ever had," Luther states. He's quick to add a word of appreciation and gratitude for mentor and friend Edward Willett, emeritus professor of economics, who arranged for and supervised his internship. "I'm happy to recommend Houghton College to prospective students, and I would urge them to take advantage of internship opportunities," Luther concludes.

Judith Markham—"I hated it. My stomach was always in knots." That's how Judith (Errick '63) Markham recalls her student teaching stint during the first semester of her senior year at Houghton. She kept her English major but, at the prompting of then Professor Alfred Campbell, began to think about the field of editing. "The Lord used [student teaching] to steer me in another direction." In the years since that eye-opening experience, Judith has done much more than think about being an editor.

After working for four years in curriculum and magazine publishing, she spent 19 years with Zondervan Publishing House, where from 1983-87 she had her own imprint, Judith Markham Books. She's worked with such well-known Christian authors as Charles Colson, Philip Yancey, and Houghton's own Jack Leax '66. In 1987, Markham left Zondervan to

join two friends in forming their own book producing and editorial service company, Blue Water Ink. Markham said 98 percent of their work is for major religious publishing houses.

This Grand Rapids resident and 1985 Alumna of the Year credits the liberal arts education she received at Houghton as helping her in her editorial roles. "It's ideal for the kind of work I do. I work with many different kinds of authors, books and subjects. At Houghton I received a well-rounded education. I've always been grateful for Houghton."

Lynette Rundell—Senior communication major Lynette Rundell of Girard, Pa., assisted with public relations, development, events planning, and promotion at Houghton Academy. Working under the leadership of Shelley (Smith '94) Noyes and Tim Keith, some of her tasks included writing press releases, alumni news, and radio commercials for Houghton College's radio station WJSL.

Lynette feels that internships are important particularly for communication majors because "learning how to work with people is essential." All of Lynette's tasks at the academy included communicating to some degree; a crucial skill is knowing how to deal with different people in different situations.

As an overall assessment of her internship experience, Lynette states, "When you're forced to put into practice what you learn, you figure out where your weaknesses and strengths lie, and you begin to evaluate what it is that you really want to do."

Ernest Schenk—After returning from his internship in Washington, D.C., with the American Studies Program, senior Ernest Schenk stated, "Houghton needs to emphasize its internships more. A person can get a job a lot easier



Ernie Schenk '96 and Congressman Norwood

with internship experience than by sitting in a classroom."

Working in Washington, D.C., under Georgia Congressman Charles Norwood, Ernie served as a legislative assistant intern, researching bills and legislation and "weeding through" information that needed to be distributed to various politicians. In short, he was the means for communication between constituents and Congress.

Ernie says he can't emphasize enough the importance of internships: "You have to get out there and experience it!" He and his wife now call Washington home.

Janice Stewart—Senior history education major Janice Stewart combined her student teaching with a cross-cultural experience. Traveling to Aberdeen, Scotland, she taught seventh, eighth, and 11th grades at the American School, a long way from her Horseheads, NY, home. Considering the experience a "definite do-over," Janice feels that it will "no doubt help me get a job...As a history major and future teacher, I got to see a lot of historical sites firsthand." In addition, she feels that her cross-cultural teaching experience will portray to her future employers "character and willingness to meet new people and adjust to different situations."

Megan Timura—of Hopkinton, Maine, is a senior communication major who chose a practicum in her minor, family studies. This semester she spent her Wednesdays at the Department of Social Services in Belmont with a child-abuse prevention worker. Her main task includes making home visits in which the needs of the family are assessed. Outside agencies are brought in to help meet these needs.

Megan has found that her courses of study have prepared her for the practicum. She is especially thankful to her family systems class and to her interpersonal communications seminar. "These have prepared me very well in learning how to assess families and learn what their problems are."

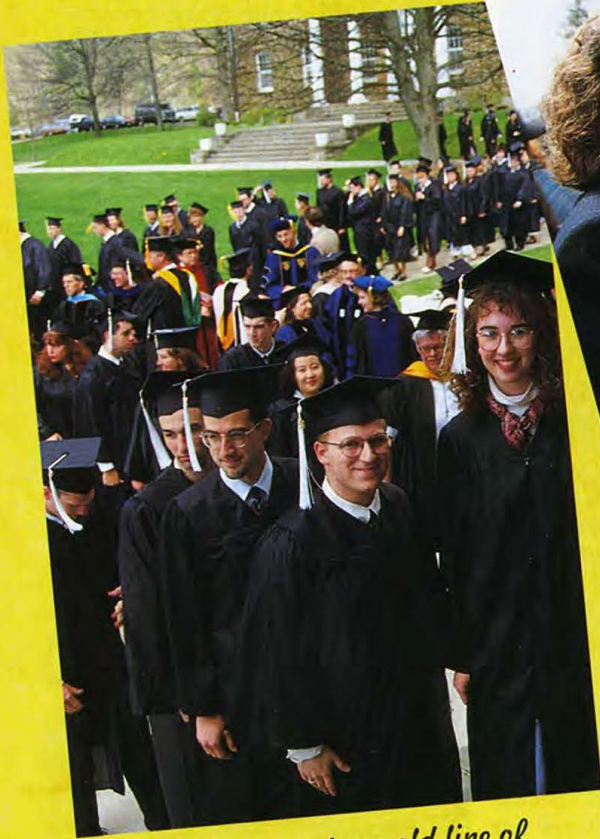
As for the practicum, Megan states, "The hands-on experience and the observation of family life become very real when you're out there; there's no sugar-coating...To actually experience it is invaluable...I got what I wanted, and more." ♦



Megan Timura '96 at social services in nearby Belmont, NY

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President Chamberlain and Baccalaureate speaker Dr. Eddy Hay



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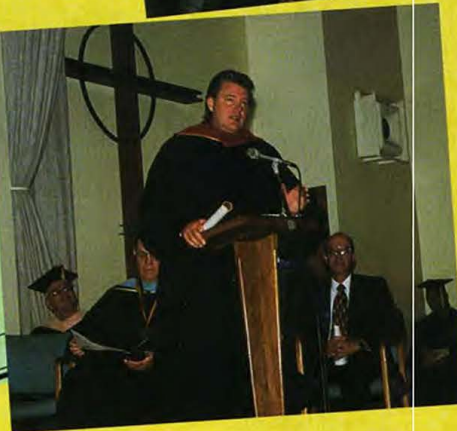
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Thinking backward from your goals will determine your actions, Dr. Garlow tells the grads.

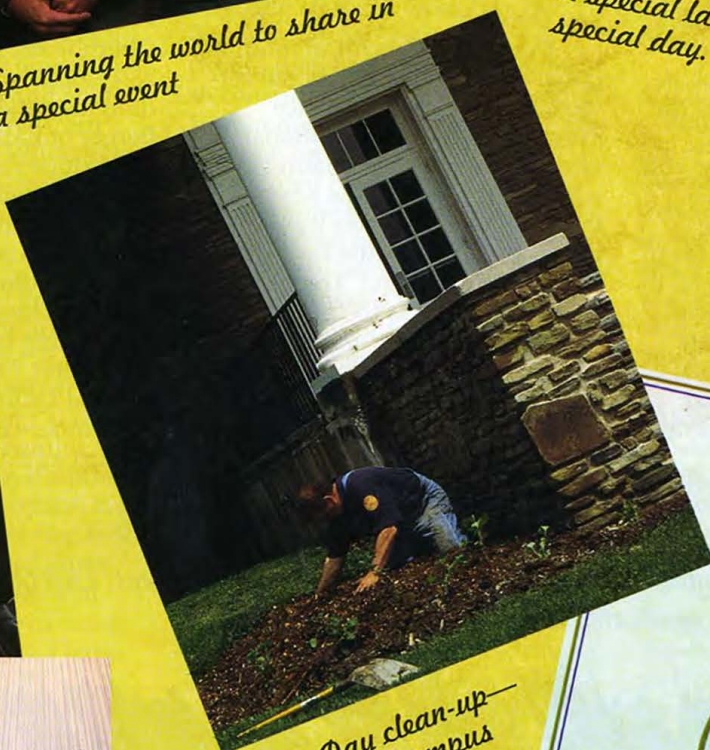
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Arbor Day clean-up—making the campus beautiful for Commencement



Guests enjoy refreshment at Tea on Baccalaureate



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1996 Graduates Urged to Ponder Ultimate Question:

"Am I Ready to Meet my God?"

"The older you get, the more you realize how few things are really important," the Rev. Dr. James Garlow told 270 seniors and family members gathered for commencement the cold, bright morning of May 13.

Garlow, senior pastor of 3,200 congregants at Skyline Wesleyan Church in San Diego, said that at the end of life what matters is the answer to the question, "Am I ready to meet my God?" To be able to answer the question affirmatively, Garlow encouraged the graduates to think backward from where they wish to be at the end of life in terms of six things—decisions, courage, discernment, endurance, laughter and optimism.

Garlow urged graduates to seek discernment, understand the times, know what the church ought to do and seize the opportu-

nity. "The prize goes to those who endure," he asserted. Laughter, he suggested, helps one to endure and retain perspective. Finally, he defined optimism as "a radical confidence and trust in God that His Word is true, and He will carry you through."

Evvy Hay, director of international health and educational services for Medical Assistance Programs (MAP) International, offered Sunday's baccalaureate address on May 12. She advised the graduates, "As you leave Houghton, don't settle for a job. Invest in a vocation... The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

President Chamberlain presented an honorary Doctor of Sacred Theology degree upon Garlow, citing his roles as pastor

and educator. Hay received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree for her contributions to MAP and as a nurse in the United States and in Sierra Leone.

Class valedictorian was Heidi Oberholtzer, daughter of alumna Dorothy (Miller '67) and Ray Oberholtzer. (See story on page 28.) Salutatorian was Beth Berger, daughter of Arthur and Gail Berger of Barto, Pa. The elementary education major participated in a pilot student-teaching program implementing use of the multimedia portfolio, and also taught a bilingual third-grade class. She has been a resident assistant, Young Life leader and a representative for the Multicultural Student Union. She hopes to teach in an inner-city school and work toward a Ph.D. in psychology. ♦

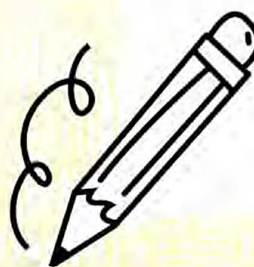
Class of '96: *number of grads that majored in each department. Out of 270 students, 99 graduated with honors.*



Comprising the class, were 106 men and 164 women from 18 states and 11 foreign countries. Among the graduates were 24 married students, two sets of siblings and two sets of twins.

Life in London—An Intern's Journal

by Janelle Powell '96



6:40 a.m. The alarm clock beeps, and I snuggle underneath the warm duvet for one more minute before shooting out of bed across the icy room to grab my towel and shampoo. Not that the shower's much better... with the plumbing systems in Britain, hot and cold water don't mix well. Why am I even up at this hour? While living with a family of six, including four boys, you use the bathroom whenever you can grab it!

8:50 a.m. In transit to the office, I am like every other London commuter—silent, absorbed in the morning paper or a book, or just staring at the floor, never at other people. When people around me do speak to each other, it's often in a different language. London is an incredibly multicultural city, with faces, clothing, food, and music from just about anywhere you could imagine. I've met as many people of ethnic origin as I have "plain" Brits!

In London, rush hour comes between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.! I take the train in from Streatham, the southern part of London where my homestay family lives. At Victoria station, I transfer to the Underground and take the "tube" to Westminster. From there, I walk to the office, where I must show my security pass and stop in an enclosed glass booth before I continue to the lifts. Since the IRA started bombing again, security has become tight once more, and the trains and the tube are prone to delays, which means planning more "cushion" time for travel.

9:35 a.m. By now I've arrived at #7 Millbank, just down the street

from Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. Room #509 is the office of Kevin McNamara, Member of Parliament (MP) for North Hull. I usually start my work day by opening Mr. McNamara's post (mail), then beginning to respond to constituents' letters. These range from requesting his support for the "animal fouling on land" bill to constituent cases involved immigration appeals, housing problems, and social security concerns.

Later in the day, I'll sit in on Mr. McNamara's meeting with leaders of a political pressure group for veterans suffering from Combat-Induced Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

1:00 p.m. I run down to the cafeteria to grab a sandwich and some fruit before heading back to the office to field calls from the media. Because of Mr. McNamara's expertise and influence on issues related to Northern Ireland, almost every television or radio network wants to interview him after this evening's debate on the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

3:15 p.m. I stop typing a guest speaker's invitation to the Agreed Ireland Forum (a political discussion group on the Northern Ireland situation, of which Mr. McNamara is secretary) to turn on the television and watch PMQs—that is, Prime Minister's Question Time.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Mr. Major answers questions from the MPs on various areas of government responsibility. This often becomes a battle of the arguments, a quest for the best soundbyte, between Major and Tony Blair, Leader of the Opposition.

6:00 p.m. After rushing some last-minute faxes for my MP, I'm off to meet a friend from the student program for dinner before we go to the opera, *La Boheme*, at the Royal Albert Hall.

10:30 p.m. I collapse on the train, exhausted but with the euphoria of the music lingering. I pull out my European International Relations text and return to reality. I'm learning to make use of transit time and spare minutes, particularly for the academic work that comes with two courses—another activity to work into my schedule!

11:30 p.m. Finally at home, I plan my day off tomorrow to do all my errands "in town" before having dinner with "my family" in the evening and leaving for a visit to Oxford on Saturday. Time for bed.

After spending three years in Houghton, city life has been as much of a cultural change for me as living in Britain. In spite of the pace, I love every minute—even those spent on inconvenient security delays! I work hard and play hard, but Houghton and London have one thing in common—they are what you make of them, and both of these experiences have helped to make me. ■

Janelle Powell, daughter of Houghton alumni Sheryl (Bentley '67) and D. Alan Powell '66, of Swartz Creek, Mich., is a member of the Class of '96. A communication and international studies major, she interned in Houghton's public relations and Milieu offices last fall, then spent the spring semester interning for a British Member of Parliament in England. In July, Janelle will serve on the public relations team for the Atlanta Summer Olympics. She plans a career in international public relations.



Helping Out In Harm's Way—

In March and April Liberia suffered major resurgence of the Civil War that has forced it to the edges of economic and social ruin over the past seven years. At the same time neighboring Sierra Leone was having its first multi-party democratic elections in 30 years and seemed to be emerging from its own civil turmoil. Houghton alumni were eyewitnesses to the action in West Africa. Robert VanWicklin '92, who as a member of U.S. Congressman Amory Houghton's Washington staff covers international affairs, defense and energy issues for the Congressman, was in Sierra Leone as an election observer. Fourth-year University of Rochester medical student Michael Trexler '92 was in Liberia for a kind of practicum. Trexler's brief sojourn was to have an early and harrowing conclusion.

Houghton connections to Sierra Leone date to the beginning of this century and the college has alumni who are nationals or missionaries in both countries.

A Visit to "White Man's Grave"

by Robert VanWicklin '92

Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital city, struck me as the ghost of an old British colony. Originally a port for traders making their way around Africa to the East Indies, the area became a supply stop for the slave trade. Prior to the discovery of quinine, malaria claimed the lives of many visitors to the region—thus its nefarious label "White Man's Grave."

Around the time of the abolition of slavery, Sierra Leone was set up to be a nation for freed British slaves who returned to Africa (the U.S. set up a similar situation in neighboring Liberia). As I drove down the main street I could see that the city's Victorian-style buildings were falling apart, open sewers flowed down the street sides, and orphans clawed at the car windows begging for food and money. The streets were also filled with young men dressed in fatigues—many of them intoxicated and carrying automatic weapons and hand grenades.

The purpose of our visit to Sierra Leone was to observe the elections. There had been a "bloodless" military coup one week prior to our arrival, and a civil war—a five-year conflict between the

reigning military government and a group of rebels—continued to wreak havoc on the people and the economy. Some individuals served in the military by day, but raped and pillaged in the name of the rebels (called "sobels"—half soldier, half rebel) by night. Thus, there was no public trust of the military. Even the 30-year-old military dictator didn't seem to trust his own army. Troops from the neighboring country of Guinea ran his motorcade and guarded his

private Outcomes were hired by the government to protect the gold and diamond mines.

Clearly, the military was not enthused about the election, as the final result would be an end to their rule. Several times troops unsuccessfully attempted to disrupt voting on election day. One particularly gruesome instance occurred when a sobel started firing his AK-47 into the air to scare away voters and steal ballot boxes. The villagers massed to-

ward him with clubs and machetes, dismembered him, and paraded his head around town chanting "We will vote or we will die." Afterwards, they calmly lined up back at the polling station and continued to vote. Such incidents caused us to evacuate some observers.

I found it difficult to get a feel for the political climate in the country. Thirteen different candidates from 13 political parties were running for the presidency. Some were in power years ago.

Others had connections to the current military regime. There were as many newspapers as there were political parties. In fact, some papers were owned by the parties and the government, making it



Bob VanWicklin visited with "residents" of one of Sierra Leone's many displaced persons camps around Freetown.

home, Nigerian troops patrolled the airstrips and highway checkpoints, and South African mercenaries from a "combat-related service organization" called Execu-

difficult to find impartial news.

The most difficult part of the trip was visiting the refugee camps. It's one thing to see pictures of hungry children in the media, quite another to actually look into the eyes of a starving and diseased child. Many were orphans who had seen their parents raped and killed by sobels. The war made it difficult for humanitarian organizations to provide food and medicine. As a result, tuberculosis, malaria and dysentery were huge and unmanageable problems. Some seasoned relief workers told me that these were the worst conditions they had ever seen—worse than Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire or Somalia.

It would be short-sighted and unfair, however, to say that Sierra Leone has no potential. The country is blessed (or cursed?) with gold and diamond mines. The people have an iron will, forged by years of oppression. Fishing is abundant, and the beaches are pristine. With a stable government, an end to war, and international support, economic revitalization is possible.

As for the elections, the winner was Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, another former UN official. Dr. John Karefa-Smart, a Christian and former New York State resident, was a close second. President Kabbah was sworn in peacefully on March 29.

In and Out of Africa

by Michael Trexler '92

I left Rochester for Liberia on March 10 anticipating work at the SIM mission hospital near Monrovia until April 20, then returning to school for a last medical rotation and graduation in May. I was also to complete a malaria survey to fulfill a U of R requirement for an in-depth research component. Before I left the states, e-mail from missionaries in Liberia indicated sporadic fighting in the



In the course of the long, tense wait for the American evacuation helicopters, Mike Trexler chatted with an ECOMOG soldier.

country, but relative safety from the seven-year civil war in Monrovia, near which SIM's compound and radio station ELWA is located on oceanfront property.

Monrovia felt like July in western New York and the airport was chaotic and noisy—no lights, and a half dozen people trying to tell me what to do. Troops of the West African peacekeeping force ECOMOG, the Economic Community of West Africa Monitoring Group, were everywhere. Happily, I was met by an ELWA missionary. Enroute to the SIM compound the war-zone atmosphere was obvious—deserted homes missing walls or roofs, bullet-pocked walls and frequent military checkpoints.

My work at ELWA hospital began the next day. While I was surprised at the limited laboratory facilities, I was amazed at what they could do based on patient history, a physical exam and the World Health Organization list of essential drugs. The clinic staff—one physician, and a couple of physician's assistants and nurses—saw nearly 300 patients daily.

Twice I was able to make trips off the compound with missionaries and local pastors who were encouraging local congregations and ministering in refugee camps. In the latter were makeshift structures of mud and sticks with 15-20

people sleeping in each room. We passed out infant sweaters and cloth for women to make wrap-skirts.

On April 4 came reports of rising tensions between factional leaders. Distant explosions and occasional gunfire were audible. Looting began in Monrovia. By the 6th, conventional patient numbers had dwindled and the ER was treating car accident victims, plus victims of bullet and stab wounds. Easter Sunday I was on-call at the 45-bed hospital which soon became full of wounded fighters and victims. Finally, on Monday I was able to begin gathering my malaria research data with help from a national. Though a cease-fire had been declared, SIM began drawing up an evacuation priority list. I packed my "flee-bag." UN, WHO and U.S. Embassy facilities had been looted and the embassy said we'd be evacuated to Sierra Leone by helicopter.

The next night there was an armed robbery at a compound residence, but nobody was hurt. During lunch on the 11th an embassy man radioed to say we had 10 minutes to prepare for departure. Leaving three missionaries behind to operate the facilities [subsequently removed with facilities looted], our motorcade then began a dangerous 45-minute run to the ECOMOG compound and

open airfield. Enroute we met or passed vehicles bristling with men carrying automatic weapons. Fearing these men, we—75-80 people, 56 from SIM—prayed earnestly for protection the whole way. We overnighted in the vehicles and a deserted officers' club.

The next day an ELWA national risked life and vehicle to bring us food (MREs) and water. In the afternoon, three US MH53 choppers, manned by Army Rangers, arrived at 15-minute intervals. Each was on the ground less than five minutes and took out 33 people, not including their crews. After making the hour-and-40-minute flight to Freetown, they returned for the last evacuees in early evening. In Freetown we boarded a U.S. C-130 Air Force plane which took us to Dakar, Senegal, where U.S. Embassy and SIM staff met and debriefed us. (In keeping with U.S. State department policy, SIM has been billed for the evacuation of nongovernment workers.)

I and the other evacuees spent the night of the 12th at SIM and Summer Institute of Linguistics compounds and at Dakar Christian Academy, where I met Mike and Jennifer (Stinson '94) Smith '93, who teach there. I completed commercial flights to Paris, JFK and Rochester where I arrived Monday, April 15.

At this writing I'm completing the malaria research project begun at ELWA, and preparing for a June move to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center to complete my internship and residency in internal medicine.

Caring for U.S. Troops in Bosnia— A "Songtime" Saga



Getting across the pontoon bridge into Bosnia with inadequate papers, speeding through illegal Serb checkpoints, overnighting with a Muslim family who spoke no English, attending services in a church where worshipers had been wounded by gunfire—these are some memories David Donnelly '95 carries of his March 27-April 12, 1996, mission to Bosnia.

"Kids are playing again. People are in the streets. Farmers are planting crops. To me that makes [our presence in Bosnia] worthwhile."

Such was one American military man's observation and assess-

ment of U.S. Bosnian involvement expressed in conversation with David. Working for Boston's *Songtime* radio ministry and in conjunction with Black Forest Christian Fellowship of Germany, David's venture added spiritual encouragement and outreach to American troops, shoe-distribution to refugees and visitation with some of Bosnia's tiny Christian minority to the soldier's equation.

Songtime founder and head John DeBrine '47 had mounted a by-mail tape distribution into Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. The continuing impact of that effort made personal distribution in

Bosnia seem like an improvement on a good idea. Traveling overland from Germany through Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia and Croatia by station wagon, Jeep and trailer, Donnelly and his Black Forest hosts (who had UN humanitarian aid provider designation) took with them 1,500 pairs of shoes for distribution in refugee camps, and an initial 200 cassette tapes for U.S. troops. The tapes, final-edited and duplicated only after last-minute approval of the trip, feature clips by Kathie Lee Gifford, Billy Graham, Steve Green and Christian sports figures, plus a gospel message.

DeBrine's U.S. Senate contacts helped gain support for the effort, but David says access to the security-conscious U.S. military base at Tuzla was a near-miracle, since the team lacked some required paperwork. Providentially, a meeting of chaplains from several other bases was occurring there, so the tapes gained prompt and broad distribution. One soldier at Tuzla had received a tape during Desert Storm and used it to lead another person to Christ. DeBrine and Donnelly hope this largest project in *Songtime's* history—they've also filled requests for 5,000 Bibles and are getting ready to ship more—will vastly multiply that result.

In addition to visiting missionaries and believers as far south as Mostar—where the group overnights in a sandbag-protected church as munitions exploded outside—David did 10 hours of taped interviews, which have been edited for use on *Songtime Magazine* which he co-hosts. Back on Cape Cod, the former WJSL manager continues music and radio work with *Songtime* while contemplating a missions career—and a June wedding to Jennifer Cook '96. ♦

Named "Distinguished Alumni"

Gospel Musician, Professor-Author

A Sunday morning service and an alumni-prospective student reception were the respective sites chosen to present Distinguished Alumnus Awards to Beatrice (Bush '38) Bixler and to Graham Walker '79.

"The Breaking of the Bread," "I Am Not Worthy" and "It May Be Today" are just three of some 300 gospel songs and hymns composed by Bea Bixler over the past 50 years. After a long career as a pastor's wife and musician, Bea is back in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Waverly, NY, serving as pianist.

There, alumni director Tim Fuller traced her life from early piano lessons and musical ministry with her father to her entrance into Houghton in 1934 where she played for chapel services and during Friday night dinners. As a member of one of Dr. Wilfred Bain's first a cappella choirs, she gave the pitch at concerts. Despite a music scholarship she'd received, financial constraints of the Great Depression forced her to leave after her sophomore year.



Bea (Bush '38) Bixler

For the next three and a half years Beatrice was pianist and vocalist for an evangelist. In 1940 she entered Nyack Missionary Training Institute where she received a diploma and met her husband, the late Claire Spurgeon Bixler. The ensuing years included the varied duties of a pastor's wife, raising children and writing compositions. In the 1950s Mrs. Bixler was signed by Sing-spuration, which published two collections of her hymns.

Widowed 12 years ago, Mrs. Bixler continues to travel, compose, perform and minister at women's retreats. Responding to the award presentation, Mrs. Bixler recalled her "devastation" upon having had to leave Houghton and her enduring appreciation for the place, its people and the education she'd received.

Graham Walker (profiled in the March '96 *Milieu*), received his Distinguished Alumnus Award from President Chamberlain during a reception in Philadelphia.

Walker graduated a history major with minors in French, political science and economics. He was a congressional staffer and development officer, then earned a diploma at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Switzerland, returning to Notre Dame University where he completed a Ph.D. in government in 1988. Subsequently he's completed two books, spoken widely, and published many articles. After completing his present academic year teaching political science at the University of Pennsylvania, Walker will spend next year as an Olin fellow working on two more books. ♦

40 George Failing (honorary degree 1960) was the Baccalaureate speaker at Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC, on May 5.

45 Marion (Williams) Droppa went on a 10-day cruise to Hawaii with her son and his wife.

47 Mary Jane Dennis was recognized in 1995 for being one of eight poets in Pennsylvania to receive poetical award recognition in contest entry works.

48 Jeanne (Wolfe) Hendricks has had her book, *Women of Honor*, published by Vision House.

Marian (Holmes) Shannon and her husband, David, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Brooksville, Fla., on January 1. Nieces and nephews arranged the celebration which featured a renewal of their vows. Many old friends and former parishioners participated. During a four-decade career, the Shannons pastored four Wesleyan churches in western New York, and ministered in Australia and South America. Now they divide their time between Lakewood, NY, and Brooksville, Fla.

50 Robert and Mary (Perrine '51) Harter are volunteers with the Red Cross at the Dunham Army Health Clinic at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, Pa. Bob works with the Barracks pharmacy and Mary reports to medical records where they assist as needed. Mary holds a 20-year service pin with the Red Cross; Bob, who spent 28 years in the Marine Corps, holds a three-year pin.

Floyd and Virginia (Blowers) Totman retired to Asheville, NC, in 1982 where they enjoy singing shaped notes music (Christian harmony and some sacred harp).

54 Nancy (Kennedy) Pierce and her husband, Milton, are missionaries in Burkina Faso where they have served since 1958. Nancy is working with a team to finish the translation of the Old Testament into the Bobo Madare language. It is possible that the translation will be completed by the summer of 1997 when the Pierces will retire.

Paul and Nancy (Phillippe) Swauger moved last summer from Indianapolis, Ind., to Brooksville, Fla. Paul retired from a career with Wesleyan World Missions, where he had performed editorial and administrative tasks, including management of short-term missions ministries and Metro Move seminars for church growth in over two-dozen countries. Nancy, following a faculty position at Indiana Wesleyan



Former Houghton music professor John Andrews Sr. (seated) was the guest of honor at a celebration marking his 86th birthday. Son John Andrews Jr. '58 (standing), interim professor of physics at Houghton, commissioned emerita art faculty member Marjorie Ortlip Stockin to paint a portrait of the senior Andrews's late wife, who taught music at Houghton and was a bassoon soloist. The painting was unveiled during the celebration which was held at Houghton College.

University, assisted in Metro Move instruction worldwide along with free-lance writing, mostly in Wesleyan teaching publications.

57 Last year Sally (Beam) Clauss retired from 28 years of teaching. Her husband retired from the USDA last year and they have moved back to New York from New Jersey to help Sally's parents.

Agnes Haik has returned from her seven-week trip to Brazil where she was visiting family and friends. She also taught Sunday school to youth and women, gave testimonies in three churches, spoke to a ladies' group, and taught a class in public speaking.

59 John (Pete) Hammond's *Word in Life Study Bible* became available in March. He's worked with InterVarsity for 30 years in the U.S. and Canada.

62 Donald Housley is a professor of history at Susquehanna University (Pa.). In April, he was chosen to present the John C. Horn Distinguished Service Lecture, an honor for outstanding faculty scholarship and service.

63 Victor Hamilton will be an evangelist for the 1996 Wesleyan Family Camp in Denton, Md., this summer. He is a professor of religion at

Future Alumni

Jeff '86 & Pam (Hayes '89) Anderson
Andrew '91 & Michelle (Lowne '92) Bontempo
Dave '90 & LuAnne (Miller '90) Brubaker
Carl '86 & Cindy Chapman
Brett & Sandra (Farra '88) Christman
Scott & Laura (Miller '91) Crocker
Nathan '89 & Casda (Liddick '88) Danner
Bruce '88 & Carol (Chaffee '91) Fielding
Tim '79 & Sue (Cooper '79) Hutton
Tim '86 & Jennifer (Kreidler '86) Kitchen
David '92 & Laura (Hotchkiss '92) Miller
James '86 & Darice (Beardsley '86) Mullen
John '86 & Enid Olsen
David & Barbara (Olsen '87) Olsson
Matt '93 & Carmen (Kleimer '93) Pickering
Mitch & Dedra (Allston '86) Poe
Andy '85 & Heidi (Smith '84) Prentice
Douglas '91 & Kristen (Cortese '92) Renz

John & Joyce (Hayes '87) Rickert
Mark '87 & Janice (King '87) Stevens
Peter '87 & Carol (Allston '83) Stiles
Reid '87 & Amy Thomas
Andrew '85 & June (Prosser '86) Topolnycky
Duane '87 & Martha Waldron
Sam & Karen (Bush '88) Walker

* adopted

Jordan Nicole 3-5-95
Julia Liberté 3-11-96
Rachel Lynne 5-6-96
Daniel Carl 9-18-95
Joshua David 8- -95
Sarah Joy 9-13-95
Courtney Esther 5-7-96
Caitlin Evelina 9-2-95
Andrew Timothy 1-29-96
Laura Carolyn 3-28-96
Matthew Denton 3-29-96
Jordan John Handley 4-13-96
Derek Allen 1-4-94
Daniel Joel 2-26-96
Elyssa Ruth 11-6-95
Meredith Lauren 8-29-95
Naomi Ruth 1-30-96
Nathaniel Douglas 9-30-93
Josiah David 6-9-95
Justin Thomas 2-25-96
Keturah Joy 3-27-96
Allston James Nicholas 4-11-96
Reid Nathaniel * 8-10-95
Nicholas Andrew 4-25-96
Paige Elizabeth 10-25-95
Jonathan Ellis

Asbury College (Ky.) and is an ordained minister in the Central Canada District of The Wesleyan Church.

66 Elizabeth (Brandt) Blanchard is assistant to the director of international student services at Eastern Kentucky University where she manages immigration regulations. She and her husband enjoy leading Bible study groups in their church through the Navigator 2:7 series.

69 The Rev. Robert and Lynn Sawyer were honored with a retirement party given by Beach United Methodist Church in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. Robert is retiring from 30 years in ministry.

Joy Van Skiver is the author of *The Writing Exchange Business Style Guide*, a 233-page reference book for business professionals. She founded The Writing Exchange, a training and consulting firm in Chatham, NJ, in 1978.

70 Danny and Glenda (Andrews) Cook have worked with Compassion International for 15 years, 13 of which they have spent in Haiti where Danny served as country director. Due to the political turmoil in Haiti, they were transferred to Colorado Springs in 1994. Danny now serves as operations director for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean which allows for frequent travel.

71 Brad Mellon has received a Ph.D. in hermeneutics and biblical interpretation from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He teaches the New Testament at Seminary of the East and Biblical Theological Seminary in the Philadelphia area.

72 David G. Lalka was selected as the first chair of the council of chief development officers for the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities at their February meeting.

Stephen Newton is a member of the technical staff for AT&T in Mesquite, Tx. His wife, **Sharon (Philo '69)**, is quality support coordinator for Outreach Health Services, a home health agency with offices throughout Texas.

74 Charles "Checker" Barker and his family left for the Philippines in August 1995 and will be there for two years. They are serving at Faith Academy, a school for the children of missionaries all over the Far East, and are sponsored by Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Presbyterian Church of America—

Mission to the World. Checker teaches sixth grade and will teach middle school computer next year. They are on-line at checker@faith.edu.ph.

76 Stephen G. Lalka has been promoted to professor of peripheral vascular surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine effective July 1.

77 Jerry Walls wrote an essay for **Unity, Liberty and Charity: Building Bridges Under Icy Waters**, published by Abingdon and edited by Messer and Abraham. The book responds to the theme of the United Methodist Church's general conference and is an attempt to continue dialogue among the evangelical and "liberal" voices within the church.

80 Harriett Olson wrote an article for **Unity, Liberty and Charity: Building Bridges Under Icy Waters**, published by Abingdon and edited by Messer and Abraham. The book responds to the theme of the United Methodist Church's general conference and is an attempt to continue dialogue among the evangelical and "liberal" voices within the church. Harriett also served as a delegate to the 1996 General Conference of the UMC and was honored as a "lay person of the year" for service in the northern New Jersey annual conference.

81 Jonathan Keith has returned from a ministry trip to Russia where he and other Christian laymen from the U.S. constructed a Christian ministries outreach center in Vladimir. He also had numerous opportunities to speak in public and private schools and experience Russian culture, such as visiting the Kremlin, the tomb of Lenin, and a Greek Orthodox church. Jon is the principal of Wheaton Academy in Illinois.

83 Carol Allston Stiles received seven awards this past March from the Home Builders Association of Delaware and Pennsylvania for her

graphics design work for Wilkinson Builders. Recognition included "Best Brochure," "Best Image Campaign," and "Best Color and B&W Ads." Since the birth of her son, Carol has left her position at Wilkinson Builders and has founded her own home-based graphics design company.

Clyde Scott is a U.S. Army chaplain serving in Hungary and most recently, in Bosnia. He visited Bosnia twice and led a Christmas eve service for the soldiers who had been deployed there. Clyde and his family are stationed in Germany where he will continue his service for another three years.

86 Jeff and Pam (Hayes '89) Anderson live in Salisbury, Md., where Jeff is in private practice in the field of rehabilitation medicine. Pam was working as an occupational therapist until the birth of their daughter.

Phil Merrill, coach and teacher at Foughton Academy, was named the *Olean Times Herald* Coach of the Year. His girls' volleyball and basketball teams made it to the state championships this year.

87 Victor Claar has been awarded third prize in the James Paul Brawner Expository Writing Contest, Graduate Division, sponsored by the Department of English at West Virginia University.

Christina (Rawson) Mathiak has been living in Germany for the last five years working as an English teaching assistant in a German high school. She met her husband, Georg, while working with international students as part of the Student Mission Deutschland. They are also active members of the Nehemiah Initiative, an ecumenical charismatic Christian community in Karlsruhe. Christina has completed her "magistar" in English and French at the University of Mannheim.

Debra Moyer is in her third season of singing with the Capitol Hill Chorale, and has just moved to Capitol Hill from the Adams Morgan neighborhood in Washington, DC. She is an active member of the

Down the Aisle

Corey '96 & Danielle (Sanderson '95) DeHaven	6-10-95
Peter '95 & Stephanie Doell	5-4-96
Dave & Christina (Taylor '83) Dutton	4-10-96
Robert & Tammy (Christiana '92) Gough	10-28-95
Georg & Christina (Rawson '87) Mathiak	7-29-95
Douglas '91 & Kristen (Cortese '92) Renz	5-23-92
Matthew '92 & Lori (Manning '94) Taylor	8-19-95
Stephen '93 & Beth (Cline '93) Turner	11-26-93
Michael & Elizabeth (Ashworth '87) Wheelless	7-8-95

Lutheran Church of the Reformation (ELCA) and sings with Reformation's choir. Deb is a senior administrative assistant with the international policy program of World Wildlife Fund in Washington.

Joseph Terino is working at the Italian-American Bank in Manhattan.

Duane and Martha Waldron teach in the Livonia Central School District (NY).

Hugh Zwicker has graduated from Colgate Rochester Divinity School with a master's degree in theological studies. He has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Trinity College in Toronto.

88 Sandra (Farra) Christman has struggled with CFIDS for three years and had complications before and after the birth of her son. Due to her condition she has a restricted activity level, so plans to go to the mission field have been put on hold. She is working on a Christian novel and hopes to have it published next year.

Timothy and Takako (Suzuki) Terino are living in Manhattan where Tim is a sales associate at McKenzie-Childs, an up-scale home-furnishing company located on Madison Avenue. On a recent CNN report he was seen assisting a customer. Takako, who is a member of the American Translators Association, is an interpreter with the law firm Rogers and Wells. She has penned two articles for a major women's magazine in Japan, one about being a Japanese woman making good in America, another on life in the U.S. married to an American.

90 Joe and Sue (Hoover) Malda have been accepted as members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and will begin their linguistic training in Dallas in January 1997. Sue served as the executive director of the local crisis pregnancy center for four years before resigning in order to stay home with their daughter. Joe supervised the decorating department of Knaub's Delicious Cakes for three years, and now works for Roto Rooter until their training begins.

David Rogers graduated from New York State Officer Candidate School for the Army in 1994 and is a second lieutenant in the 442nd Military Police Company, NYARNG. He will be on active duty for the Olympics in Atlanta. He is on-line at http://www.monmouth.com/user_pages/drogers/Index.html.

91 Theresa Hoffmann has completed a 20-month stay at Houghton's Oregon Extension where she worked at Spring Lake Ranch. She will be caretaker of Little Rock Pond until October 30, 1996.

Are you Olympics bound or do you live in the Atlanta area? After the summer games, *Milieu* contemplates writing a wrap-up feature about alumni involvement there. We would like to hear from you—participating athletes, people who help put on the games, media personnel, health-care workers, translators, venue providers, those in evangelistic endeavors. Maybe you just solved all your financial worries by renting your home to Olympic personnel or attendees! Briefly describe your involvement and share your impressions and highlights. Send items by early August via e-mail (Milieu@houghton.edu) or fax (716) 567-9522 or by post. Thank you.—Dean Liddick

Douglas Renz is a LAN administrator working at NYNEX (a telecommunications company) in Syracuse, NY. His wife, Kristen (Cortese '92), received a BSN in nursing from Roberts Wesleyan College and spends most of her time raising their sons. Doug and Kristen live in Wolcott, NY.

92 John Blevins earned his doctor of medicine degree on May 18, 1996, from Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk. He has accepted a neurology residency position at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Tammy (Christiana) Gough has completed her master's degree in social work from the University of Albany and is living in Quincy, Mass.

Ivan and Karen (Hillman) Rocha are living in St. Michaels (Md.) where Ivan is working in desktop publishing with Cadmus Journal Services. Karen is working for the Dorchester County Public Library. On-line address: irocha@skipjack.bluecrab.org or krocha@skipjack.bluecrab.org.

93 Liesl Blackwell is a Title I teacher in Ashtabula, Ohio. She has been with the district for three years and this year piloted a program for students who struggle with state proficiency tests. This program works to improve test scores using in-class instruction and technology. Liesl is also running the school's computer lab. She is on-line at lblackwe@wvz.org.

Jennifer Little is living in Upland, Ind., and will be serving as librarian for public services at Taylor University beginning in August.

Matthew Noonan has earned a master of music education degree from the State University of New York at Fredonia and is teaching in Charlotte, NC. He teaches elementary music and directs several high-school choirs. Three of his choirs placed in the top three at state competition and his top choir placed second at an invitation-only international competition. Matthew is also serving as the minister of music at

Trinity Christian Church in South Carolina where he directs all church musical activities as well as the choir. He is on-line at MWNoonan@aol.com.

Stephen Turner passed his Maine CPA exam in spring 1995 and will receive his license this June. He works with a Portland CPA firm. His wife, Beth (Cline), is employed at a Christian day-care center.

94 Ryan Smith is the gallery manager for the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History in Jamestown, NY. The Peterson Institute strives to create passion for and knowledge of the natural world in the hearts and minds of children and has been granted a permanent charter by the New York State Education Department. The Institute also offers workshops for teachers which emphasize interdisciplinary teaching methods.

95 Jeff Conover is helping out at Christian radio station WVVC in Washington Mills, NY, while searching for regular employment. He can be reached at Bethany Christian Radio Fund, PO Box 238, Washington Mills, NY 13479.

Peter Doell had a sledding accident on January 15, 1996, while working at St. Joseph's Villa in Rochester, NY. He broke two vertebrae in his neck and became paralyzed from the neck down. Peter was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital where Dr. Mike Gish '90 assisted in surgery to fuse the broken vertebrae. Peter then spent six weeks in Strong's rehabilitation unit where Dr. Mike Trexler '92 was working. As a result of God's grace and the prayers of many, Peter walked out of the hospital on March 1. He is continuing to improve with physical and occupational therapy. Peter sends his thanks to all who prayed, visited, called, and sent cards during this time.

Michael Evans spent a week in Ryazan, Russia, where he worked with a team to introduce Jesus to and disciple Russian youths and families. With the help of an interpreter, he gave his testimony and



Robert Fiegl

shared some about American holidays. Michael lived with a Russian family and experienced their culture through parks and historic sites as well as the local cuisine.

PACE grads

93 Steve Driscoll has opened his own Color Tile & Carpet franchise in Allegany, NY. He was also recognized with an award from the Dresser-Rand company for performance in the purchasing department. *Olean Times Herald* covered the story of his new business.

In Memoriam

'35 Florence K. (Clissold) Betts died February 14, 1996, after suffering a stroke in December 1995. She and her husband, Clarence, who survives, worked in musical evangelism for over 50 years.

Robert T. Fiegl Sr. (former staff) died May 6, 1996, while repairing his lawn mower. He was 84. Mr. Fiegl was Houghton's superintendent of building and grounds from 1950-1977. He oversaw construction of nine Houghton College buildings and was contractor-agent for the building of 51 homes, 45 of them for college faculty and staff members. Fiegl was a successful farmer and contractor before agreeing to work for Houghton. In addition to his unstinting service to the college and its students, Fiegl gave decades of service as a Citizens Central Bank director (Rushford), Fillmore School board member and president, Houghton Academy board member and chairman, Higgins Wesleyan Church member, member of The Wesleyan Church's Western New York District Board of Administration and a Layman of the Year award recipient. He oversaw eight volunteer construction projects in Haiti, Sierra Leone, Puerto Rico and Brainerd Indian School in South Dakota. After retiring he superintended construction projects at Indiana Wesleyan University. Fiegl was designated a member of the Houghton One Hundred during the college's 1983 centennial and received a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1987. Eight years ago the college named its maintenance center for him. He was a member and former Sunday school teacher at Higgins (NY) Wesleyan Church. Surviving are six children, Zane '56, Roberta Barnett '59, Gary '64, Claudia Kauffman '68, Dawn Bateman '74 and Robert '77; 17 grandchildren including Michael Barnett '81, Laurie (Fiegl) '83 Smith, Eric '88, Wade '90, Ivy Rothfus '91, and Holly '94; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother; two sisters; and nieces and neph-

ews. Clydice, his wife of 54 years, died in 1988. Funeral services were conducted in Houghton Wesleyan Church with interment at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Houghton. Memorial gifts may be made to Houghton Academy.

'32 Vila E. (Ackerman) Fitzgerald died November 5, 1995, at Moses Ludington Hospital, Ticonderoga (NY). She was a teacher in Hague, NY, for many years and began her career in a one-room schoolhouse. Vila was a member of The Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Retired Teachers Association, and also served the town of Hague as historian for many years. She is survived by one son and four grandsons. Memorial gifts may be made to the Hague Rescue Squad, Hague, NY 12836.

'78 Karen (Hartman) Frost died March 19, 1996, in Easton Hospital (Pa). She had received her master's of education degree from Kutztown University (Pa) in 1987 and worked as an elementary school reading specialist for eight years. Karen was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church where her husband, Michael Frost '77, serves as pastor. Other survivors include two children; a sister; her parents; a grandmother; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to the West End Ambulance Association, Effort, PA. 18330; the Lupus Foundation of America, 4 Research Place, Rockville, Md. 20850, or to the family to benefit the children.

'47 Leon W. Gibson died March 1, 1996, at Cooper Hospital-University Medical Center in Camden (Pa.). He served as a Methodist pastor to many churches during his years of service. Leon was a WWII Army veteran and served in the Battle of the Bulge, reaching the rank of staff sergeant. Since retiring in 1969, he was involved in substitute preaching and antique furniture refinishing. He is survived by his widow; three sons; three grandchildren; and two sisters. Memorial gifts may be made to Asbury Theological Seminary, 204 N. Lexington Ave., Wilmore, Ky. 40390 or to Houghton College.

'36 Marvin Goldberg died May 5, 1996, at his home in Stony Brook, NY. Upon graduating from Houghton, he taught at Westbury High School, then at his alma mater, Central Moriches High School. He earned a master's degree at Harvard University. In 1945 he joined the faculty at Stony Brook School, initially teaching chemistry, math, physics, science and physical science. Serving with four Stony Brook headmasters over 51 years, Goldberg was, successively, director of studies, science department chairman, development coordinator, dean of academic affairs and dean of administration. In the '80s he was designated senior master and an *ex officio* mem-

ber of Stony Brook's board of trustees. He may have enjoyed his widest fame as a track and field coach who directed Stony Brook teams to many Ivy League titles, honored by the Penn Relays as being among the top high-school coaches in the nation. Goldberg also pastored Sound Congregational Church in Riverhead for 15 years. Beyond these activities he was a respected nature photographer, sang in several choral groups, and had strong interests in ornithology, climatology and astronomy. He was Houghton College's Alumnus of the Year in 1984. Though officially retired, Goldberg remained active in Stony Brook affairs and, at the time of his death, was completing *The Steep Ascent*, a 75th- anniversary school history. He was also editor of *Due East*, a widely circulated Long Island almanac. Family services were held at Oak Hill Cemetery on May 7. A public memorial service was held at Stony Brook School on June 2. Surviving are his widow, Dorothy (Lynip), two daughters including Nancy Babin '66, and two granddaughters.

'48 Frederick Hanley died March 16, 1996. He was a lieutenant colonel and chaplain in the U.S. Army and was a decorated Vietnam veteran. Frederick was a graduate of Eastern Baptist Seminary and Andover Theological Seminary as well as a member of Faith Lutheran Church. He also volunteered at the Fort Myers (Va.) Clinic. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Constance (Varney) '48 Hanley; a son; two daughters; three grandchildren; and two brothers, including twin Robert Hanley '48.

'54 David J. Houck died February 20, 1996, at Cortland (NY) Memorial Hospital. He had earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Buffalo in neurophysiology. For 31 years he taught biology at SUC Cortland. He had been acting department chair and was an elected member of the Faculty Executive Council. During his career he was awarded a National Science Foundation research fellowship and participated in a research project with the Environmental Protection Agency. David was also a reader for the Advanced Placement College Boards and a member of Sigma Xi, an honorary science fraternity. A World War II veteran, he had been an instructor at West Point. David was a member of First United Methodist Church and participated in inter-church activities. Survivors include his widow, Kathleen; three sons; a daughter; three grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters. Memorial gifts may be made to the Cortland Free Library.

'34 the Rev. Barnard H.F. Howe died February 26, 1996, at his home in Great Valley (NY), following a long illness. He

served as teacher for several small communities in New York, as well as pastor for more than 14 churches during his career. In Barnard's years of ministry with the United Methodist Church, he served on the district and conference boards of the mission and was chairman of the board of the former Erie Conference of the Methodist Church for 20 years. He also served as coordinator of missions-work camps, was active in the Rural Life Fellowship, and helped organize one of the first co-operative parishes in the Jamestown district. Barnard is survived by his wife; three daughters; one step-son; one sister; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to the Great Valley-Ellicottville Ambulance Fund, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or to Comstock Hospice of Olean, NY 14760.

'32 **Esther (Brayley) Howitt** died April 14, 1996. She was a retired high-school teacher and is survived by her husband.

'43 **Jane (Wilson) Johnson** died December 28, 1995. She taught high-school Latin, French, and English in Illinois and South Carolina. Jane was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Hudson, NY, and enjoyed world traveling. She is survived by her husband; three sisters; and three brothers. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Leprosy Mission, 1 ALM Way, Greenville, SC 29601.

'29 **Stanton H. Miller** died February 23, 1996, at Columbia Dade City Hospital (Fla.). He was a retired educator for the New York State public schools and had done graduate work at Columbia University in New York City. He also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Stanton is survived by his wife, **Vera (Mattoon '29) Miller**; a daughter; a sister; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 9455 Kager Blvd., St. Petersburg, FL 33716.

'39 **Victor S. Murphy** died in Las Vegas on January 11, 1996. He was a science and math teacher in New York State while beginning his medical studies. Victor served in the Army and received his M.D. degree during this time. He maintained a private practice until 1986 and was affiliated with many hospitals. Victor also worked as a school physician and later as director of the student health service at Rochester Institute of Technology, Nazareth College and St. John Fisher College. He was involved in many college health organizations and co-founded the New York State College Health Association, serving as its first president. Memorial gifts may be made to the Nathan Adelson Hospice Foundation, 4141 South Swenson St., Las Vegas, NV 89119-6718.

'43 **Lila (Moore) Shangraw** died April 24, 1996, at Carthage Area Hospital (NY) where she had been a patient since October. She served as clerk in the admitting office at the Samaritan Medical Center in Watertown for 15 years as well as a funeral director's apprentice. Lila was a member of the First Free Methodist Church, the Rodman Fire Dept. Auxiliary, and the 55 Bowling League at Pla-Mar Lanes. Surviving are her husband, Barnard; a son; two granddaughters; three step-grandsons; and two nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to First Free Methodist Church, Watertown, NY, or to the Rodman Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

'44 **Carol Aldene (Gilliland) Stewart** died March 11, 1996, after fighting kidney disease for many years. She taught senior-high English for one year in New York and spent three years working as a pastor's assistant and youth worker on Long Island in the '40s. Carol later entered Asbury

Theological Seminary in Kentucky where she met her future husband, Dale Stewart, who survives. She and Dale pastored two Methodist churches in Michigan until he entered the Air Force chaplaincy in 1956 where he served for 28 years. Carol inherited a kidney disease and had to go on dialysis in January 1976. For several years she edited a newsletter, "The Chair Mate," for friends on dialysis. Besides her husband, survivors include two daughters and their husbands, including Chris and **Karla (Stewart '73) Detrick**; two granddaughters; a brother and his wife, **Dean '50 and Lois (Harris '50) Gilliland**; and nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to the Morningside Ministries, 730 Babcock, San Antonio, TX 78201 or to Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation, 4901 Main Street, Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64112.

'33 **Emily C. (Lisk) Van Riper** died February 24, 1996.

Alumni Authors

Flow of Flesh, Reach of Spirit: Thinksheets of a Contrarian Christian, by Willis Elliott '39, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1995, 252 pages. Over more than two decades, biblical scholar-in-residence and chair of worship and education at

Craigville (Mass.) Conference Center and professor at large at New York Theological Seminary, Elliott has written and circulated some 2,700 "Tinksheets" to theologians, pastors and other religious leaders. This book is a sampling of these, selected and edited by the author. A wide spectrum of testimonials include a forward by *Newsweek* religion editor Kenneth Woodward and comments by theologian Carl F.H. Henry and Rabbi Chaim Stern.

Lambs on the Ledge: Seeing and Avoiding the Dangers in Doing God's Work, by Joyce Wilson Strong '66, Christian Publications, Camp Hill, Pa., 1995, 167 pages. Strong identifies 11 danger zones people in ministry face. In three sections, "Dangers Upon the Ledge," "Walking Safely on the Ledge," and "Hearing the Shepherd's Voice," Mrs. Strong offers case studies and biblical principles by which to escape the dangers, assist others endangered, and restore the wounded. She observes, "If we expect to offer spiritual wholeness to the world, we must have it in our own lives first... It is time for Christians to take whatever measures are necessary to grow up."

Romans: A Bible Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition, by C.L. Bence '66, Wesleyan Publishing House, Indianapolis, Ind., 1996, 248 pages. This book is one in a series of commentaries, designed primarily for lay people, especially Sunday school teachers and Bible study leaders. Author Bence observes that while he views the text "through the spectacles of my own theological heritage, the theology of John Wesley," the book is primarily "a personal engagement with the Scriptures," offering "tentative suggestions" rather than "dogmatic assertions." *Romans* offers believers an opportunity to rediscover Paul's greatest insights concerning righteousness. Heeded, these will result in "a transformed life that impacts our everyday encounters and relationships."

The Korean War, An Encyclopedia, edited by Stanley Sandler '60, Garland Publishing, Inc., N.Y., 1995, 416 pages. This volume, number four in Garland's series of American military history, extensively and alphabetically covers what the introduction calls "America's first ideological war," and its first fought under the UN banner. Its articles profile personalities, describe or analyze the war's innovations, strategies, politics, equipment, battles, and units. It explores the aftermath of the "Korean Conflict" and its lessons. It also treats the war's literary, film and television legacies. Included are 31 pages of maps and photos.



Homecoming '96



Friday, October 4

- 10:00 a.m. Founders' Day Convocation
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Nyack
- 7:00 Volleyball vs. Westminster College
- 9:15 Bonfire
- 10:00 Queen and King Coronation
- 10:30 Fireworks

Alumni Chapels

- 11:00 a.m. Sept. 30 Dr. Abraham Davis: Alumni Lecturer
- 11:00 a.m. Oct. 2 Dr. Arthur W. Lynip: An Appreciation of Dr. F. Gordon Stockin

Saturday, October 5

- 10:00 a.m. Homecoming Horse Trials—Dressage, Stadium Jumping
- 11:00 Parade—"Made in the USA"
- Noon Barbecue on the Quad
- Women's Soccer vs. Tiffin University of Ohio
- Field Hockey Alumni Game
- Volleyball vs. Geneva
- Men's Soccer vs. University of Mobile
- Half-time—Introduction of Court, Presentation of Float Competition Winner
- 1:00 p.m. Banquet
- 2:00 Celebration Reunion
- 6:15 Artist Series—Amherst Saxophone Quartet
- 7:30
- 8:00

Health Care Symposium (August 9-10, 1996)

- Speakers:** Dr. Diane Komp—Yale University School of Medicine; Dr. Peter Lee—University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Dr. Robert Orr—Loma Linda University Medical Center; Dr. Jeffrey Prinsell, Atlanta School of Sleep Medicine; Dr. John Stewart, CDC Atlanta; and Dr. David Topazian—Project MedSend director
- Participants may earn both AMA category 1 and AAFP prescribed CME credits.**
- More than 700 alumni and other health-care professionals have received brochures about this conference. If you did not, and desire more information, please call 1-800-777- 2556 and ask for Bruce Campbell.**

Summer Alumni Weekends in 1997

- June 27-29**
Reunions for the Classes of '72, '77, '82, '87, '92
- Alumni Weekend and Golden Ager Events—July 10-13**
Reunions for the Classes of '47, '52, '57, '62, '67

Heidi Oberholtzer

When high schooler Heidi Oberholtzer was looking for a college, she almost passed Houghton by, but God had other plans for this young woman from Lancaster, Pa. On Monday, May 13, Heidi graduated *summa cum laude* from Houghton College as valedictorian of the Class of 1996.

"God wanted me here," Heidi states with conviction. "Houghton wasn't at the top of my list back when I was visiting colleges, but in retrospect, I can say this was definitely the place for me—the people, the environment, the academics all helped me grow and discover who I am."



Along with a rigorous academic program that included a double major in English and Spanish, and a minor in linguistics, Heidi has excelled outside the classroom as well. The very model of the well-rounded individual, she tutored in the writing center, served on the academic policies and dorm councils, was a resident coordinator, played clarinet in the Philharmonia and wind ensemble, participated in the handbell choir, and studied the harp. Along the way, Heidi picked up numerous academic prizes, including selection to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, the Taylor Excellence in English Award, and recognition as outstanding student in Spanish. And she is one of just eight 1996 graduates to complete a senior honors project. Heidi's topic was "The Feminine Experience in C.S. Lewis' Ransom Trilogy: The Ambiguity of Silence and Voice."

With all this, she still found time for several off-campus learning experiences. As a freshman, Heidi studied briefly in Puerto Rico, and she spent the second semester of her junior year at the Universitat de Barcelona. This summer, she's working in Nigeria with Wycliffe missionaries and former Houghton faculty members John and Janie Stark. The next stop after Nigeria—State College, Pa., where Heidi will begin graduate studies at the Pennsylvania State University in pursuit of a Ph.D. in comparative literature.

Heidi Oberholtzer. Intelligent. Multi-talented. Woman of praise.

We salute her and the 269 other members of the Class of 1996 as they join the thousands of Houghton alumni who make a difference in communities around the world.

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