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Houghton Students Today—

Singing “Kids” in the Broadway musical, “Bye, Bye Birdie,” the late Paule Lynde lamented: “Why can’t they be like we were, perfect in every way; oh, what’s the matter with kids today?” That was nearly 30 years ago!

Earlier in May a secondary school teacher I know called her junior high kids “the rudest, most self-centered” she’s yet met. After chaperoning an event for high school seniors, she bemoaned the lack of “traditional” graces at that level. ‘He just handed her the corsage and pin at the beginning of their date, didn’t even open the car door for her, let alone walk her to her front door afterward . . . Of course, *she* listened to her Walkman for a good share of the evening!’”

At the college level the changes in students are more profound, modifying curricula, requiring new support services, and raising questions about the future. This issue of *Milieu* attempts to quantify and interpret elements of these changes and what they mean at Houghton College.

Last fall the *Milieu* voluntary subscription appeal included questions on two subjects: reader attitudes toward the possibility of launching an annual video issue, and alumni involvement in and attitudes toward the Vietnam war. A summary of appeal results, attendant actions, and video questionnaire responses follows. Of 540 responses, 288 readers thought a video was an idea good enough to pay for—117 would give \$10; 62 would part with \$15; 28 would spend \$20. The rest offered lesser amounts or said cost was irrelevant. Affirmative respondents chose the VHS format 15 to 1 over Beta. Only 45 rejected the notion of a video outright; most of the 205 not interested either don’t own a VCR, or personally believe reading is a better way to gain information. All respondents didn’t answer all questions, but most offered a helpful range of subject choices. The bottom line is that the idea of a video *Milieu* will go on the backburner for a while, but its day will come—as an available supplement to the printed *Milieu*. (We’ll explore the Vietnam responses another time.)

Milieu readers volunteered \$6,187.89 to this year’s VSF, assuring us continuity of production quality in 1988-89, despite a 10 percent postal hike. Thanks to each of the 772 volunteers who participated this year .

—Dean Liddick

Cover: Of the Class of ’88’s 278 graduates, the 10 gathered for this commencement weekend photo represent the winsome variety that is Houghton today: internationals, third or fourth generation students, athletes, outreach group participants and coordinators, musicians, top scholarship winners, campus leaders, some who became Christians at Houghton. Each is strong evidence that Christian higher education is crucial to all of our futures.

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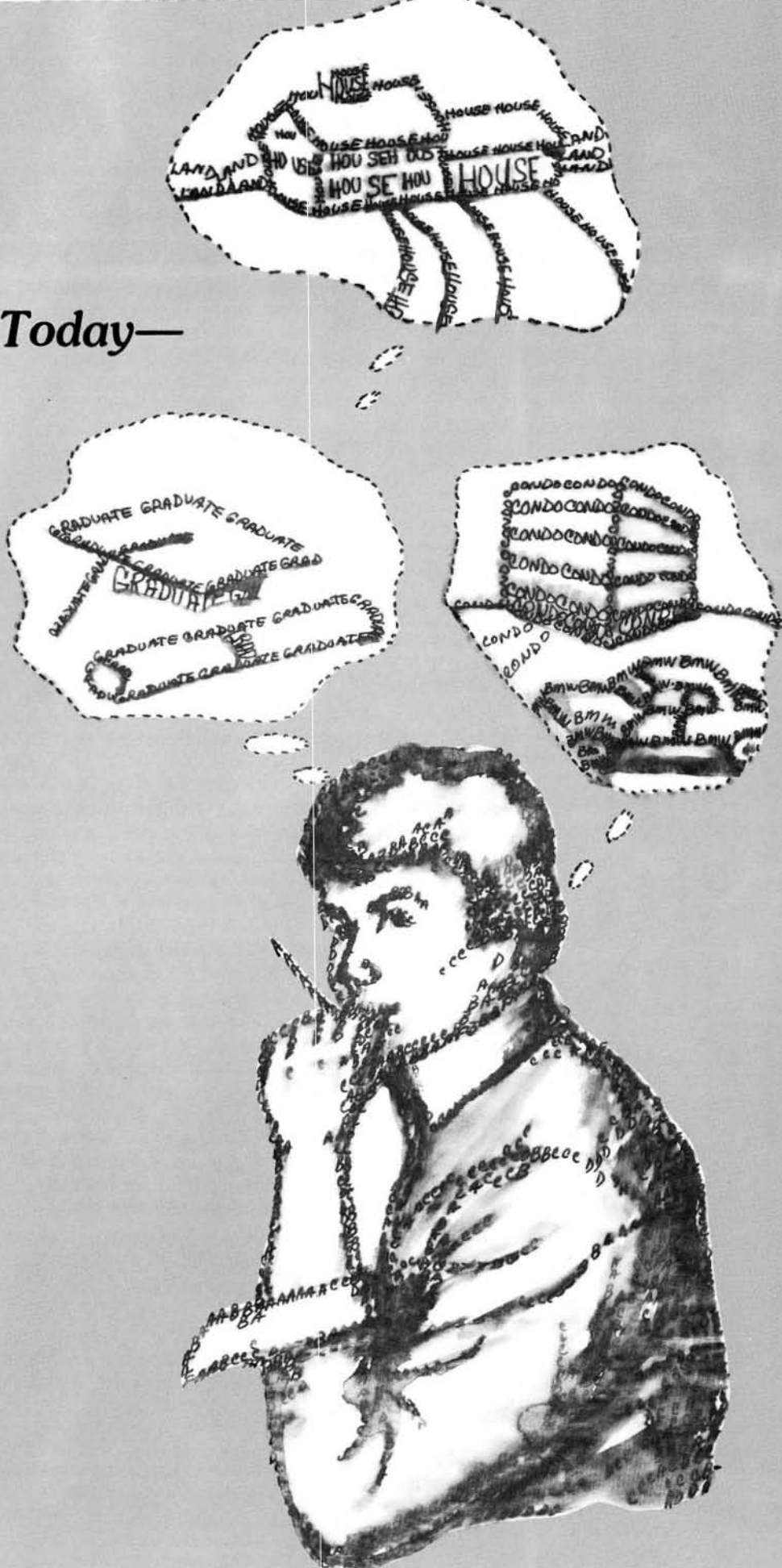
Houghton Students Today— How, Why They're Not the Same

A CRUSTY NEWS REPORTER, veteran of more commencement addresses in 40 years on the beat than even "lifer" faculty could match, pronounced Richard Mouw's 1988 commencement address calling Houghton's graduating seniors to public discipleship, "maybe the best commencement address I've ever heard." (See page 22.)

It was an excellent address. More than one senior who began the service with a book camouflaged in the folds of his gown, ended up listening closely. Still, many alumni of 20 to 30 years back would have paid more attention when diplomas were distributed. One senior doffed his mortarboard to the audience. "OUTA HERE!" it read. More surprising was the one who sported swim fins instead of shoes, the female student who filled the president's outstretched hand with shaving cream, or the several who offered him bear hugs.

But such displays are mere overtones of more substantive differences today's students bring to college: differences of heritage and environment that give them different perceptions, values and goals. To those who ask, "Isn't Houghton still 'Founded on the Rock?'" Aren't you 'still building on the unity of truth?' " the answer to both questions is an emphatic, "Yes." But changes in society and in the largely evangelical church homes from which Houghton's students come affect what Houghton is and does even more than do such factors as the burgeoning sophistication of educational technology, updated campus facilities, or new faculty and administrative leadership.

These factors combine to produce an atmosphere that some alumni and col-



lege personnel find exhilarating, a few see as disconcertingly unfamiliar, and still others find threatening. Without question, the task of threading a course that is steady and innovative, Christian and scholarly in a world increasingly out of control and secular is daunting, but Houghton is hardly alone in this. She is among the Christian 10 percent of America's 3,000 institutions of higher learning which serve over 12 million students. Houghton's present share of these is 1,158.

Academics

Many students choose Houghton for its excellent academic reputation, but some enroll less for education than to become "credentialed," since a college degree has become synonymous with job market success. Students worry about security and, as a result, are more career oriented than ever before. Specialization is the buzz-word among today's student consumers—consumers shopping for the degree which will increase their marketability, earning potential and career satisfaction. Consequently, students at many schools complain about the number of general education requirements. The pressure to be "credentialed" exists at Houghton, but most students recognize the importance of exposure to many disciplines and accept the challenge of a liberal education.

Students face the difficult decision of choosing a major, usually in their sophomore or junior years. One Houghton student said that it was difficult to know what he wanted to do because he had never done anything. Perhaps this lack of self knowledge has combined with the desire for success to make business the most popular field of undergraduate study at most colleges and universities. In 1986, 24 percent of all bachelor's degrees awarded were in business, up from 17.5 percent in 1978, according to the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

At Houghton psychology is the leading major, but business is second and growing. Of course, some of these had double majors. Other leading majors among this year's Houghton seniors were elementary education, Bible and history.

Alexander Astin, director of the Higher

Education Research Institute expresses concern that "increased student interest in career-specific majors such as business has been accompanied by rising materialistic and power values, while decreased student interest in education, social science, the arts, humanities, nursing, social work, allied health, and the clergy are reflected in declining altruism and social concerns."

While self-interest may become the highest value for students attempting to insulate themselves from what they perceive as a hostile world, a Houghton freshman said that college has had much the opposite effect on her, by opening her eyes to a world beyond herself, where more exists than cars and clothing.

While nationally students are not as academically prepared as they once were, and the decline in preparedness is predicted to continue, the reverse seems to be true of Houghton students whose Scholastic Aptitude Test scores remain near the very top among U.S. Christian liberal arts colleges. More than 72 percent of the Houghton freshmen averaged B+ or higher in high school, as opposed to 48.2 percent at other four-year private protestant colleges, and 61 percent at the highly selective schools. More Houghton frosh also ranked in the top half of their high school classes. They also came better prepared in depth of study in humanities, arts and computer science, but were less prepared in the biological sciences. Seventy-eight percent of the Houghton freshmen sample played musical instruments in contrast to 52.8 percent of students elsewhere, but only 39 percent of the sample had won varsity sports letters compared to 52 percent elsewhere.

Despite entering students' impressive test scores, at least one Houghton pro-

fessor senses that while his best students are better than ever, a generally informed middle majority seems to be evaporating. Consequently, he struggles between challenging those at the top and remaining comprehensible to the rest.

It is sobering to note the number of our students with little interest in leisure reading. One senior explained that "after a student is done reading assignments, the last thing they want to do is more reading of any kind." The National Assessment of Education Progress committee, found that high school seniors spend less time reading than do fourth graders.

Ernest Boyer, author of *College, the Undergraduate Experience in America*, reports that 14 percent of all students spend more than 10 hours a week watching TV, whereas the typical student does only one or two hours of leisure reading. This student generation has grown up with television, which, to some extent, has made them more passive as learners. But active learning requires the development and use of written and oral skills. Boyer says the lack of effective communications skills "constitutes a formidable barrier that will severely limit a student's educational, social, and vocational options. . . . Writing holds us responsible for our words and ultimately makes us more thoughtful human beings." Writing across the curriculum is a Houghton priority.

Grade inflation seems to be a national problem. Arthur Levine, in a study by the Carnegie Institute, noted that "Between 1969 and 1976, the proportion of students with A and B grade point averages rose from 35 to 59 percent and the proportion with averages of C or less declined from 25 to 13 percent." That is certainly not the

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Library Holdings: Volumes—203,618, Periodicals—798

Majors by division: Language and Literature—52, History and Social Science—114, Education and Recreation—41, Science and Mathematics—43, Religion and Philosophy—35, Fine Arts—15.

Faculty: 83 full-time; 55% with doctorates, 35% professors,* 33% associate professors, 27% assistant professors, 5% instructors, 65.3% tenured.* Salary range \$18,668-\$28,423.

Entering student aspirations: teaching, medicine, clinical psychology, business, music.

*Retirements over the summer of 1988 will reduce these figures markedly.

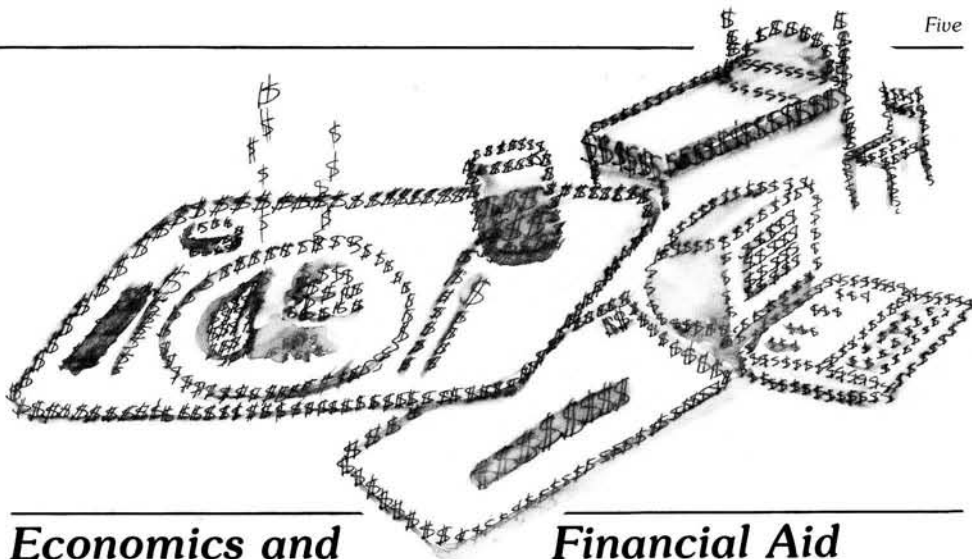
case at Houghton where typically only 16.4 percent make the dean's list.

Some would argue that because Houghton freshmen are statistically above average, this should be reflected in higher grade points. They contend that Houghton's rigor makes graduate school entrance harder to achieve, and may make some competent prospective students consider other colleges.

Desire for credentialing, rather than education, and having grown up with fast-paced television shows, may be factors behind Boyer's contention that professors faced decreased student attention spans in class. But, mention that something will be on a test and the interest is immediately stirred. And some Houghton students, generally very involved in their learning, confess making less effort in general education classes. Conformity and competition have become typical characteristics of today's classroom. Creativity and cooperation do not fit into today's "Henry Ford" educational system with the result that many of the nation's students are being trained, not educated. Maximum productivity, not education, becomes the desired outcome.

Notwithstanding the support and encouragement of the faculty, Houghton students feel an enormous amount of pressure to perform academically. Indeed, students describe Houghton as an educational "pressure cooker." And some complain about being kept too busy to learn anything. A senior music major expressed it: "I won't realize what I've learned until I leave." He looks forward to the day when his learning will "catch up" with him.

Factual bases of this report include statistics from the 1988 Houghton Fact Book produced for the Office of Institutional Research by Bethany Wheeler, from the 1985 Cooperative Institutional Research Program Survey of then entering Houghton freshmen (who will graduate next May), from research by graduate student John Durbin, and CIRP analysis by Dr. John VanWicklin. The CIRP, begun in 1966, is now the nation's largest continuing study of American higher education. Where Houghton students are compared to national norms, the normative groups are private protestant four-year colleges and highly selective colleges.



Economics and

Financial Aid

FOR 1987-88 the Houghton College Catalog listed the cost for a year's schooling as \$8,865. After such "extras" as travel, personal maintenance and recreation, the suggested figure became \$10,140. This fall official costs will increase 9.3 percent (\$825), for a total of \$9,690. There is no question that a college education is expensive. But according to admissions director Tim Fuller, "Houghton is at the lower end of the scale in cost" compared to other members of the Christian College Consortium.

And Harold Howe II, writing in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, suggests that college (based on a total student cost of \$12,000 over a school year covering 200 days) is a bargain at \$60 per day considering the services provided. He cited cultural, social and religious activities, sporting events, counseling centers, health departments, a heated room and three meals a day. Using this formula, Houghton is really a bargain at \$44.33 per day for 1987-88, equally so at \$48.45 for the 1988-89 academic year.

Still, the financial burden of an education is real. To cushion that impact, Fuller says that 86 percent of Houghton's students receive aid, with the average assistance being \$4,913 per student! The 1985 CIRP survey of entering freshmen showed that more than a third of the new students received more than \$3,000 from parents, while another 11.3 percent received \$2-3,000. Only 15.3 percent reported no family help. Half of that class expressed interest in work to help defray expenses.

The emphasis of Houghton aid—in this context that term means all monies

dispensed through or certified by the financial aid office—is shifting from primarily need based to include merit based. This is true nationally because all colleges want their share of "quality" students. But many students receive aid in both categories. Last year 78.9 percent of those receiving aid received some money for academic or social merit, and nearly 90 percent received awards based on need. Concern over financing plagues four-fifths of Houghton students. For one fifth of those, it is a major concern.

The largest source of aid open to all students outside of college funds is federal—some \$3.4 million last year, including work/study. Through New York's Tuition Assistance Program, state residents (65 percent of Houghton's students), received an estimated \$1,220,000. But college-funded aid was \$1,431,000. Other sources were corporate assistance, students' and parents' G.I. benefits and regional government aid. Fifty-two percent of the students applied for loans. More than a third of the freshmen borrowed \$2-3,000.

Regardless of cost, students recognize the long term benefits of a college education in terms of future earning potential. According to Boyer, "a male who did not go beyond high school will earn, on average, \$861,000 by the time he retires at age 64. But a male college graduate will earn, on average, \$1,190,000 (40 percent more). It is estimated that a female high school graduate today will earn \$381,000 in her lifetime; a female college graduate will make one third more, \$523,000."

Today's students have lived their lives during periods of high inflation, recession and widespread unemployment. The importance of choosing the school which will maximize their future earnings is crucial for them. Such preoccupation with monetary return may adversely effect choosing a school for educational value obtained. Of course, liberal arts colleges such as Houghton share responsibility for this, because they, too, tout the earnings yardstick as a motivation for education.

Competition among colleges to attract new students intensifies as the number of potential first-time, full-time students decreases. At one time, the college decided what constituted an educated person. Today, the market place is having an increasingly significant role in determining the type of education the individual receives. Some colleges which put anything in the catalog that sells, resemble trade schools in their vocational emphasis. Houghton has resisted this, but the pressure is constant.

As competition to attract students increases, greater efforts are being made to draw from virtually untapped reservoirs of new students, particularly minorities and other non-traditional students, including part-timers. Houghton's presently enrolls 4.6 percent minority students with

another five percent non-traditional students, including part-timers. This fall a minority recruiter is being added.

In 1980 Houghton spent \$400 to enroll a student. Today the figure is \$900. And only now is the number of Houghton's professional admissions staff approaching parity with competitors. Still, the budget for mailings exceeds that for staff. Because student recruitment costs have sky-rocketed, colleges are increasing retention efforts.

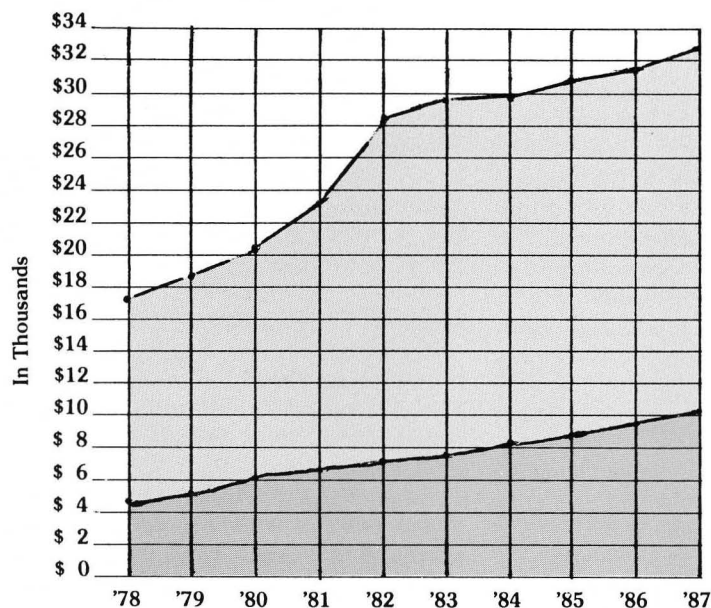
Orientation programs are being improved to enlarge the new students' involvement with and connectedness to the college, enhancing the likelihood of their persisting to graduation. Houghton freshmen must attend a nine-week class designed to improve their transition from high school to college, and it pays off. Tim Fuller reports that "59 percent of Houghton freshmen graduate within five years" whereas nationally, fewer than 41 percent graduate within five years from other private four-year colleges. Financial aid is also targeted for retention. In the 1970s aid packages were concentrated on new students. Today's programs will follow a student through to graduation.

Most Houghton students come from middle class families with average family incomes averaging just under \$33,000 for those applying for financial aid. Many

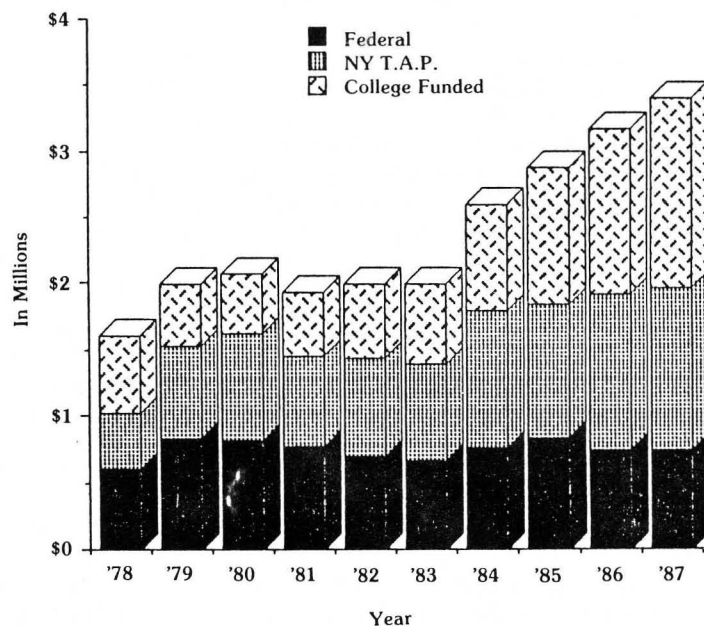
students graduate owing \$10,000 or more for their college years. Education Secretary Edward Bennett has publicized the high cost of student loan defaults. The problem is real, but most of the money involved represents just two percent of the nation's students. And Houghton's own default rate is among the lowest in the nation.

Houghton's financial aid director, Robert Brown, a veteran of some two decades in that role, observed that federal interest is being directed away from higher to secondary and elementary education. Even New York State is just maintaining its support levels. In the past few years, Houghton has picked up much of the slack on its own. This is a common practice now, but it takes dollars that would, in an earlier day, have been spent on programs and plant. However, Brown notes, "Students we struggled to help 18 years ago, today make regular and generous contributions to scholarship funds."

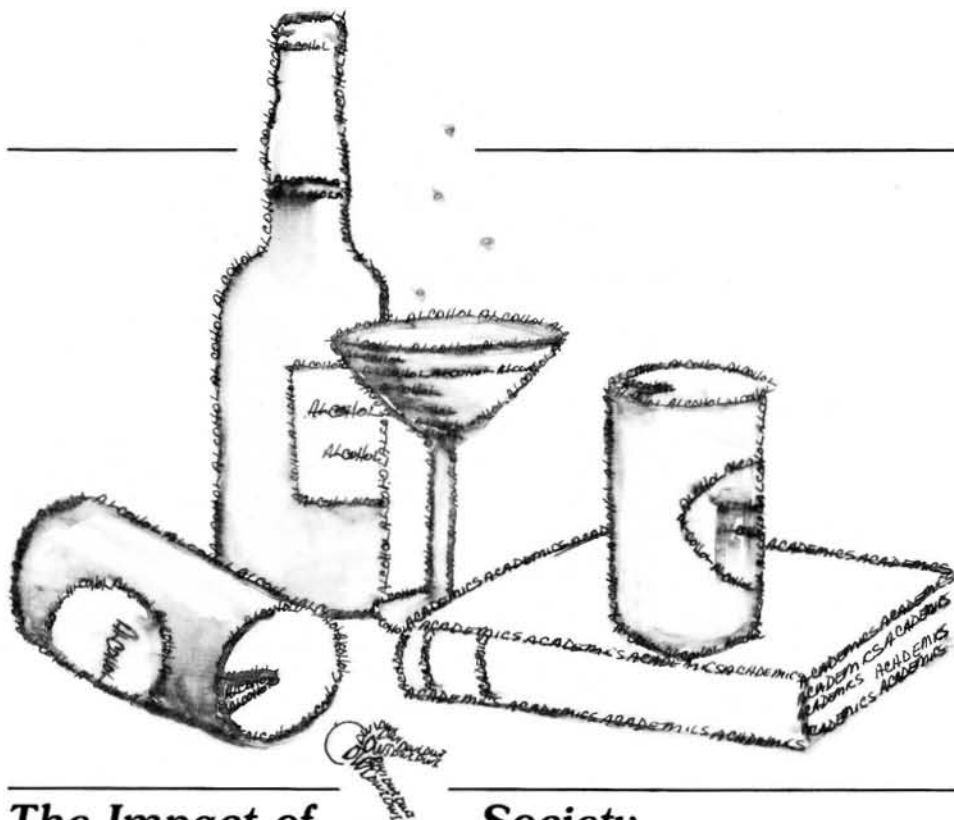
When all is said and done, despite the strain of meeting college costs, more help is available today than parents or students of the 1950s or 60s could have imagined. And rising living standards have re-defined the meaning of necessities, and of sacrifice to achieve an education.



Average parental gross income of students applying for financial aid, compared with estimated average student budgets.



Financial Aid Allocations To Students



The Impact of Society

AN AMAZING 96.8 percent of Houghton freshmen describe themselves as "born again" Christians. But what that means to them cannot be understood apart from an examination of their formative years.

From that context come concepts of appropriate moral and ethical conduct, alcohol and drug use/abuse, learning disabilities and emotional problems, recreational and religious practices, and Christian responsibility.

Causes and effects become difficult to separate, but affluence, individualism, materialism, fragmentation of family, and the changing church lie behind the range of challenges the college faces in dealing with this student generation.

"You deserve . . . you owe it to yourself. . . you're worth it." Such hedonistic, materialistic values have bombarded today's students from infancy, invading their homes and churches. Students are more affluent than ever before. It's not unusual to see dormitory rooms crammed with the latest in stereo equipment. Their cars are often recent models, well equipped. Credit cards are common among them, and their entertainment demands and budgets are strong. Businesses recognize the increasing consumer clout of the young. Their advertising targets youth dollars aggressively—this spring Houghton seniors received per-

sonalized discount offers on new cars from Ford and GM.

Commenting on the accelerating changes in the world, economist Kenneth Boulding has observed: "As much has happened since I was born as happened before." One impact of such transience is a decrease in a core of commonly-held values, standards of conduct, manners or goals. Alvin Toffler, author of *Future Shock*, wrote that "among the young we find an incomprehension of change: students [are] so ignorant of the past that they see nothing unusual about the present."

Additionally, because of the decline in the time span between each change, students feel less connected to the past and, unfortunately, less responsible for the future. It's difficult to send down deep roots when one is constantly being repotted. And without a firmly-established network of roots, it's difficult to blossom and bare fruit for one's self, let alone for others. Students do cite Houghton's "community" atmosphere and its isolation as a "good shock absorber" for a hurried society.

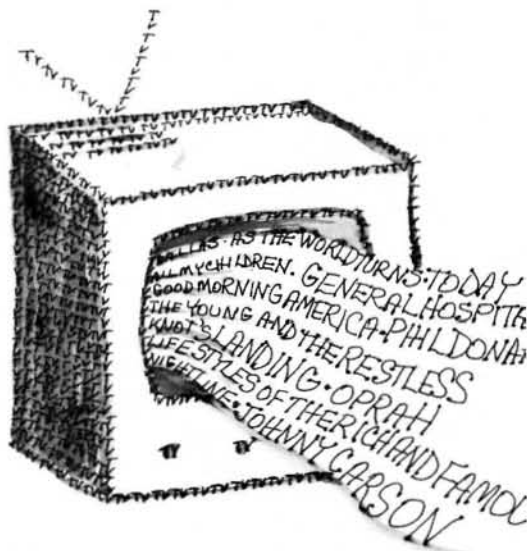
Arthur Levine, in *When Dreams and Heroes Died*, said: "In 1969, 55 percent of the mothers of college freshmen were full-time housewives. By 1979, the proportion declined to 29 percent." Today 75 percent of mothers of Houghton frosh work outside the home. Parents spend

much less time with their children and, as a result, says Levine, "the family acts less as an isolating or protective cocoon today than it once did and young people today experience contact with the real world at an earlier age."

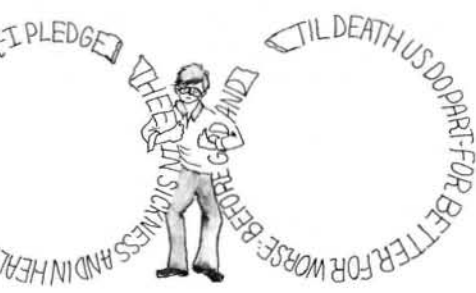
Consequently, students have a more sophisticated knowledge of the world than they once did. Television has brought a variety of ideas and events to students, making them better informed, but often in misleading ways. Regardless, the media is replacing the family as the most significant influence in the development of values.

The decline in family influence was evident from a survey released by youth speaker and author Josh McDowell, and reported in the March 18 issue of *Christianity Today*. McDowell found that "the average youth group teenager spends less than two minutes a day in meaningful conversation with his or her father, and one in four said they never have meaningful conversation with their fathers."

Divorce is another significant social influence among Houghton students. Stephen Grunlan, in *Marriage and the*



Family, reports Dennis Orthner's findings that "children under 18 years of age are involved in 60 percent of all divorces." While in the larger society one out of three marriages is said to end in divorce, a "conservative estimate" for Houghton students from homes fragmented by



divorce is 10 to 14 percent. Students adjust to their feelings of guilt and responsibility for their parents' divorce in various ways. Some become absorbed in their work and studies. Others make deeper commitments to friends, but some withdraw from others for fear of losing them.

Society and the market place continually re-define morality and normality. What's normal? Magazines, radio, television, movies, even highway billboards send subtle messages indicating that being sexually active is normal. Josh McDowell says, "We are dealing with an erosion of basic moral convictions of our youth brought about, in part, by society's false and distorted messages on love and sex."

According to his survey, "Sixty-five percent of church youth (defined as Evangelical youth who attend church regularly) have had some type of sexual contact by age 18, and 43 percent have experienced sexual intercourse by that age. By age 13, 20 percent of the church youth had participated in some sexual experimentation."

Inevitably, some of these young people bring these activities with them to Houghton. One student commenting on public displays of affection in lounge areas mused, "One wonders what they do in private." However, the CIRP survey showed that only 7.1 percent agree that a couple should live together before deciding to marry (against 33 percent at other protestant colleges), fewer than 10 percent believe abortion should be legal, and 77 percent favor laws prohibiting homosexual relationships.

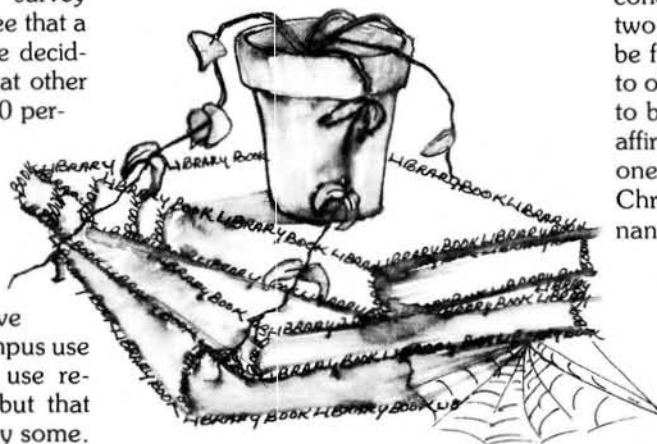
Within the last 18 months the pages of college and university magazines nationwide have carried a stream of articles on campus use and abuse of alcohol. Alcohol use remains forbidden at Houghton, but that has never meant it wasn't used by some.

What is different now is the numbers using it, and the fact that for many evangelical students, abstinence is not the home standard. According to the CIRP survey, 20.3 percent reported drinking beer in the year before they came to college—compared to 54.2 percent for the other protestant colleges.

To assess the magnitude of the problem more accurately than by simply counting beer cans in the brush around campus, the student development council administered an Alcohol Awareness Survey in the spring of 1987. It asked 18 questions about respondents' and their parents' attitudes and practices regarding alcohol use, whether or not respondents thought alcohol use was a problem at Houghton and where they would turn for help with alcohol problems.

Nearly 600 students participated. About one half of these reported that their parents use alcohol, nine percent of them "frequently." About half the parents approve use by their children. One fourth of the student respondents have never used alcohol. Of those who have, 90 percent first did so before coming to Houghton. (One third of them first used it before high school.) Fewer than half of the students have used alcohol while enrolled at Houghton—most only during vacations, the rest off-campus or on during the year.

More than half of the users (300) said they never got drunk, fewer than a third reported being drunk once or twice a year, perhaps 30 get drunk monthly or oftener. About 80 percent of the respondents do not believe that the Bible teaches abstinence, but more than half honor abstinence as a personal value.



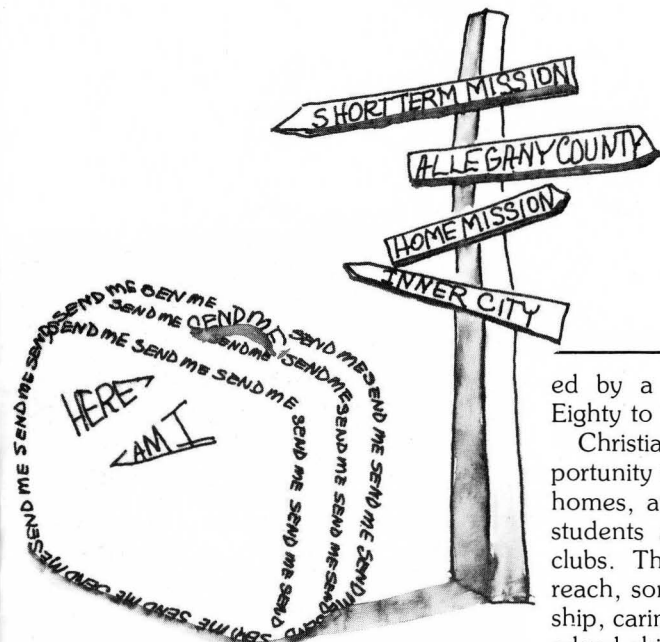
Eighty-seven percent of the sample considered alcohol use a problem at Houghton, but disagreed over its seriousness and where to turn for help. In response to these findings, the college has offered chapels on alcohol abuse, and established a task force to address the problem.

Selfishness and a twisting of values is evident in the fact that while Houghton students say they highly value integrity, 5-7,000 library books are taken from the library each year without benefit of check out. Most are eventually returned, but their temporary loss is a hardship for others. (This summer Houghton is joining other Christian colleges in installing an electronic tagging system.)

The visible differences or problems that are part of a student's personal baggage, also produce or are accompanied by other difficulties equally real, but harder to detect. Learning disorders, eating disorders, psychological problems arising out of home situations, just coping with collegiate life, the special needs of minority and non-traditional students—these all become the province of counseling staff.

Director of counseling and career development, Michael Lastoria says, "we're bursting at the seams right now with our work load." The four counselors see perhaps a fourth of the students in a year, some once or twice, others for 30 sessions. But he feels that "only the tip of the iceberg" is being dealt with regarding learning disabilities.

While societal pressures distort values and take a toll on health, college researcher VanWicklin notes, "four-fifths of Houghton students affirm the interpersonal values of raising a family, and helping others in difficulty. . . of developing a coherent philosophy of life. . . Close to two-thirds of students elsewhere aspire to be financially well off, and one half want to obtain recognition from colleagues and to be successful. . . Houghton freshmen affirming these values are approximately one third." Commitment to a practical Christian faith seems to be the determinant for these differences.



Faith and Works

DURING ITS EARLY YEARS Houghton College was a small institution comprised of students from similar ethnic, socio-economic, and religious backgrounds. Given its size and homogeneity, most of its social programming included large segments of—if not the entire—campus community. As the institution grew, a larger and more diverse student population led to more specialized clubs and activities which serviced selected portions of the whole.

This same pattern has characterized the history of campus religious activities. While the Houghton Wesleyan Church and the traditional class prayer meetings offer spiritual nourishment and exercise to all, increasingly important are small group activities designed to minister to the focused interests or needs of specific segments of the student population.

No longer do all students attend worship services at the Houghton Church, though more than half do. Even there, the church offers two distinct Sunday morning worship services: the 8:30 service is smaller, more participatory, with a wide range of music styles; the 11:00 o'clock service has a printed order of service, and choral music. The sermon is common to both services. Many students attend church in neighboring communities and at least two congregations offer them rides to and from campus. In addition to the local church vespers, Celebration Fellowship meets Sunday evenings in Fancher Hall and draws 200.

Beyond church experiences, at least nine organizations offer specific programs. Twenty-one discipleship groups foster individual growth and offer support. Each is led by a junior or senior, aid-

ed by a community resource person. Eighty to 125 participate.

Christian Student Outreach offers opportunity for service in hospitals, nursing homes, and jail ministry. And some 45 students assist in county Campus Life clubs. Through Allegany County Outreach, some 150 students extend friendship, caring and assistance to underprivileged children of the area.

World Missions Fellowship is the successor to FMF. Whereas at one time students supported a dozen professional missionaries, today's emphasis is on direct participation. This summer, perhaps 45 Houghton students are engaged in short term mission projects in the U.S. and abroad. Others serve during Christmas or extended spring breaks. The November missions "conquest" endures.

The 30 members of Christian Ministries Organization meet for fellowship and undertake such projects as planning and staffing the spring youth weekend for high school students. Swordbearers is a scripture memorization group of perhaps 30 students. Numerous informal groups meet regularly for prayer and Bible study.

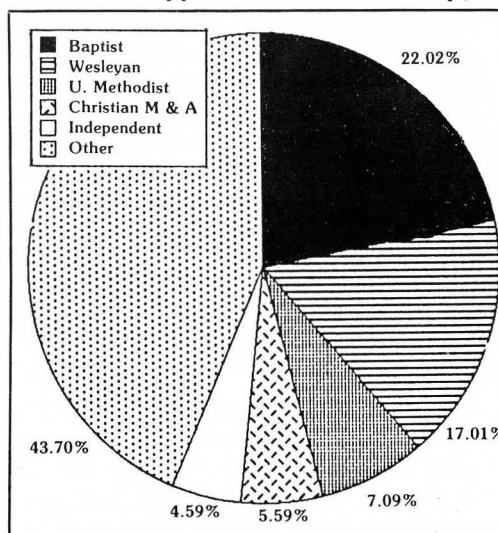
Because opportunities for worship,

vative," to "tepid." One student opined; "You're not clubbed over the head with Christianity, but because of the overabundance of activities, it's hard not to get involved, and be impacted by some of it." Another student was discouraged that chapel speakers "tend to assume that everyone is a Christian."

Commitment to Christ is an individual matter, a relationship Houghton College covets for each of its students. But Houghton's total mission is to equip individuals to move beyond personal faith to capable intervention in the wider world. Earnest Boyer observed, "Young students should learn that college is not just a place, but a way of life."

Today's graduates will be required to help manage the most complex century in history. To make them effective in that task, college personnel consciously endeavor to be worthy role models in their personal and professional lives. Too, the college is increasing efforts to measure the outcomes its alumni experience as a result of attending here.

More than 14,000 Houghton alumni serve in 63 countries. Half of them graduated since 1968. Though it faces unpre-



Left: Student denominational affiliations by percentages. Below is a listing of major opportunities for worship, growth and service available to Houghton students.

Church worship services
Celebration Fellowship
Discipleship Groups
Christian Student Outreach
Allegany County Outreach
World Missions Fellowship
Christian Ministries Organization
Tuesday evening campus or class prayer meetings
Swordbearers
Service opportunities in area churches

growth and service are so varied, few students are aware of them all. Of course, opportunity is of little value without personal commitment. This may explain why individuals asked to describe Houghton's spiritual atmosphere offered responses ranging from "active," or "conser-

cedented challenges in the closing years of this century, Houghton College recognizes equally unprecedented opportunities to maintain and advance Willard J. Houghton's founding vision of a college "high in standards, low in expense, and fundamental in belief."

Betty Cook in retirement:

She'll write parables in botany, learn to drive

A DOZEN STUDENTS were gathered in Betty Cook's kitchen, pouring over recipes, punching down the rising dough, and checking bread already in the oven. This was the Mayterm nutrition class (remembered by some alumni as having permanently changing their lifestyles), significant this time, because when the course ended with a dinner at the close of Mayterm, Betty would be retiring from 24 years of teaching biology and botany at Houghton.

When Betty Cook moved to Houghton in 1960 with her husband Arnold, who started the business department, she said she "knew beyond a shadow of a doubt" it was the right move. Today, she still believes in a God who directs His people, a God who directed the Cooks as a young couple starting out against the wishes of her parents. But her marriage has lasted in an age where many, even in her own family, have failed. Why? Betty would credit team work and love for the Lord.

As a high school senior, she wanted to attend a Christian college. But parental restriction prevented her from fulfilling that goal—then. But her love for nature, instilled early by walks with her mother and grandmother in flower gardens and

fields, and the taste of the wild fruit jams they made, could not stay dormant. After she and Arnold married (she was 18), they had three children in five years. When her youngest entered school, Betty, at the encouragement of her husband, enrolled at Central Washington State University, majoring in botany. Following their move from Washington to Houghton she completed her degree here.

After two years of teaching at Fillmore Central School, Mrs. Cook began teaching botany at Houghton. Soon she was studying for a master's degree at St. Bonaventure University. For her thesis she collected, classified and compiled a herbarium of the vascular plants at the Moss Lake Nature Sanctuary. That work extended an already advantageous relationship with the lake. Mrs. Cook has taken each biology and botany class there to study flora on the unique bog. She and Arnold have been trustees for the western New York chapter of Nature Conservancy since 1963. And last month they helped organize the chapter's 30th anniversary celebration. Mrs. Cook is also sanctuary manager of the Cook Preserve near Dansville. It was named after them three years ago.

Cook's enthusiasms always benefit her



Even a quilt becomes a teaching device. Embroidering in full color, Betty celebrates favorite plants, giving English and Latin names.

students. She has been an avid supporter of the AuSable Institute program in Mancelona, MI, and was the Institute's Houghton contact person for five years. And she has taken classes and an alumni group to the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario, where limestone backbone provides substratum for numerous rare ferns, and is responsible for marl fens filled with orchids and various insectivorous plants. She and Arnold love the Bruce so much

THE FORMER protocol chief for the French embassy in Beirut said his most vivid memory of release was seeing the sun. A fellow hostage, overwhelmed by the sight, became unconscious.

Until his release on May 5, Marcel Carton saw the sun just twice in over three years because his Islamic captors kept him chained by wrist and ankle in a series of windowless basements, always near air conditioning equipment so he could not guess his location from outside sounds.

Keeping Mr. Carton disoriented was their goal, and one reason for some 15 moves during his captivity. But, Roederer said, his step-father was allowed to read whatever and as much as he wished—except for news. This nourished his mind and spirit, but he lost 60 pounds and

After 1,139 days, free at last . . .

Last January, Milieu told how one Houghton College family had been affected since Islamic terrorists seized French diplomat Marcel Carton in Beirut in March of 1985. This May, his step-son, Houghton language division head Jean-Louis Roederer, was in Paris with a Mayterm study group just after Carton was released to Syrian authorities on May fifth. Now back in Houghton, Roederer describes his visit with the former hostage and other family members.

could scarcely walk when released. "His legs were like matchsticks," Jean-Louis said, adding that by the time he met his step-father in Paris, Carton had progressed to being able to climb stairs.

After his release, Carton was met at the Geneva, (Switzerland) airport by his daughter. Jean-Louis's mother flew in from Beirut where she had waited for this day, with bags packed, for three years. Carton was extensively debriefed by the French president and prime minister, and

the hostages' ordeal and release were described in 40-pages of text and color photos in the May 20 issue of *Paris Match*. Throughout their ordeal, the hostages were mentioned nightly on French network news, and that their release triggered a national day of rejoicing.

Roederer said the release was occasioned primarily by the French release of Iranian assets frozen since the Shah's departure, not by a reported ransom and transfer of jet engine parts. During his

that they made a 10-day post-Mayterm trip there to relax. She did more botanic research.

To broaden her own botanical knowledge, Mrs. Cook has twice visited New Zealand; once in 1979 during Arnold's sabbatical leave, and again in 1987-88 for her own. For five months, they camped over both islands in their timberline tent and traveled 12,000 kilometers. Betty studied six different types of bog ecosystems, the ancient kauri forests, the new man made radiator pine forests, and spent some time at Otago University where she participated in a mountain cushion bog field trip with a graduate research team.

Students recall and cherish the devotionals Mrs. Cook gave before each class, relating the study of life and its activity to spirituality and our walk with the Lord. Retirement, for Betty Cook, won't mean cessation of the ministry she feels she's had here. Rather she sees it as time to write a devotional book on spiritual applications, or "parables in botany." She feels such applications have been an important part of her ministry. Retirement will mean time to finish three quilts for family members, time to finally write those unwritten essays on what she learned in New Zealand, time to camp and hike in the mountains. And, retirement will be a time to learn to drive a car!

captivity Carton met other hostages, but Roederer said specifics were not discussed. A journalist friend of his mother's said he believed American hostages could also be released, "but not without a price—" not necessarily money, but some sort of concession or recognition.

Jean-Louis said his step-father seemed well, but was concerned for possible long-term psychological problems. He noted that Carton was suspicious of strangers and bothered by loud noises. The Cartons will spend the summer recuperating in Nice.

Buffalo City Mission:

"Serving the least, the last and the lost"

In March, Milieu profiled the Buffalo City Mission's director for the past two years, Dr. Darwin Overholt, alumnus of the former BBI and of Houghton College. But Overholt would be the first to say that the real story is the mission, its multiple roles and future directions. What follows is based on first-hand observation and conversations with Pastor Overholt.

SINCE ITS 1917 FOUNDING Buffalo City Mission has grown to become home to as many as 185 men, a Safeway Home for battered or abandoned women and children, a phone-in taped-story ministry for children, and daily radio programs, including the oldest running show in New York—50 years, Dr. Overholt believes.

Today the quietly-energetic director is also involved in a campaign to fund a new and larger women's facility by next spring, and dreams of operating a farm where food could be produced for mission use, and where mission clients might work.

If your idea of a city mission is decrepitude, unpleasant smells and watery stew, entering Buffalo City Mission will be a pleasant surprise. Floors sparkle, public rooms are clean and inviting. The chapel's appointments rival those of a suburban church, living quarters are tastefully furnished and, for those in the discipleship program, they're semi-private. The food is appealingly prepared and served.

Clientele include walk-ins, homeless brought in by the police, the emotionally and mentally impaired. But these are not aging derelicts. Overholt notes, "When I first preached here, the average age was 50 with alcoholics predominating. Today's clients are more likely to have experienced job dislocation or family breakups, and the average age is down to 32."

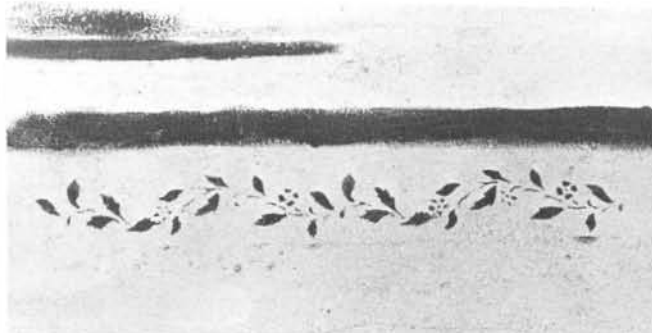
The mission program is three-pronged: bed, board and gospel for transients, a resident aid work program, and the discipleship program. The first is free for three days, thereafter care is exchanged for work assignments, perhaps in the food distribution center—190 recipients monthly, the clothing center—891 bags monthly, or work maintaining the center. Residents employed outside pay \$300 a month. Among residents have been individuals working their way through school, a cancer patient for whom the mission became a sort of hospice, and others working in the inner city.

The discipleship program runs six months and is designed to move new Christians "from condemnation to glorification." Enrollees study doctrine and theology two hours a day and receive a graduate certificate or certificate of attendance. "Alumni" include a multi-lingual South African who received asylum, but has since returned home; an ordained minister, and many others who are now responsible citizens with families of their own.

In a typical month at the mission 10,200 people are fed, 4,500 attend chapel (121 made decisions for Christ in January), 4,500 men are lodged, and 496 women are housed. Some 2,700 children dial the Phone-a-story line. Perhaps 178 attend the thrice weekly Bible classes. Among the 18 staffers are chaplains, medical personnel and counselors. The mission has 26,000 names on its computerized mailing list. These receive appeals and four annual issues of "The City Missionary." Some 180 area churches also contribute money and volunteers.

In May the mission powerfully demonstrated Christ's love and its own operating slogan, by opening its doors to "the man nobody wanted." Robert Kleasen, convicted of a 1974 murder in Texas, was recently paroled to Erie County where he'd once lived. Finding all other placement alternatives closed to them, parole officers asked the mission's help. Said to have been converted on death row in the Texas prison, Kleasen is now enrolled in the mission's discipleship program.

The mission was criticized and lost some support, but Overholt says, "We accepted Bob as a witness, not as a commercial for our programs. I think this is the first time Kleasen has sensed Christian concern for him without desire for publicity."



Clockwise from left: Woolsey Hall being built in 1922-23. Marble treads of 4th floor stairs were saved for commemorative use in the new building, as were diamond pattern windows and some wainscot. Detailing of a bygone age showed up in lavatory doors. Delicate stenciling was revealed when an old blackboard was removed. Mindful of diagonal braces in Dr. Stockin's old top floor classroom, Ben King sorts through discarded books. Demolition began with one-time arcade connection to Fancher Hall. Groundbreakers from left: Board chairman Herbert Stevenson, student senate president George Wilson, president Chamberlain, dean C.L. Bence.

Groundbroken, Woolsey downed, Academic Building construction is underway

IT'S GONE NOW, prey to the wrecker's claw and progress, but Woolsey Hall rolled with the punches of change for almost seven decades.

Less than a month before Woolsey's destruction, second generation Houghton faculty member Warren Woolsey led off the April 15 groundbreaking ceremonies for Houghton's new academic building with a reminiscence about the structure built in the year of his birth, and which bore his father's name.

"Print shop and bookstore became computer lab, chemistry storeroom became education office, library turned into classrooms, physics lab to language

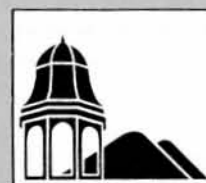
lab," Woolsey recalled, but "the steam pipes clanked and banged for most of the building's life, and the stairs have been creaky as long as I can remember."

Professor of New Testament and Missions at Houghton since 1966, former missionary Woolsey told the assembled students, trustees, faculty and other guests that he used to peer into the first-floor chemistry lab windows from his tricycle, and that during the 1930s, he attended high school upstairs. Subsequently he's taught in several Woolsey rooms.

Following a congregational hymn, vice president for development, G. Blair Dowden, recounted the miraculous record of

giving—more than \$1 million in 45 days—which made it possible to begin the new academic building on schedule, then introduced the eight people who then broke ground. Besides those identified on the back cover picture, participants (pictured above from left) were: trustee chairman Herbert Stevenson, student senate president George Wilson, president Daniel R. Chamberlain, and academic vice president C.L. Bence.

For most of this century Fancher and Woolsey Halls have shared the site of the academic building now under construction. Fancher Hall, built as an administration and classroom building in 1905, and



Campaign for Houghton Update

\$4.5 mil goal			\$300,000 has been transferred to the building projects	\$4.5 mil goal	\$4 million
	\$3.1 mil goal				\$3 million
\$3,913,087 cash and pledges					\$2 million
	\$2,461,855 cash and pledges				\$1 million
	\$2,290,261 cash and pledges				
	\$3,286,567 cash and pledges (includes all other commitments to the college)				
	\$301,266 cash and pledges				
Endowment		Undesignated			
Academic Building		Unrestricted Annual		Fine Arts Building	

On June 7, giving for all purposes stood at \$12,253,036. To claim the Kresge challenge grant for the Academic Building by the December 1988 deadline, \$486,913 must yet be raised.

renovated in 1978, was moved to the former Gaoyadeo dorm site last summer. Adjacent Woolsey Hall was built in 1922 to house college science programs and what is now known as Houghton Academy. The building was named in October of 1973 to honor the late Dr. Pierce Woolsey (H.S. '15), founding chairman of the language division. Dr. Woolsey was the first Houghton faculty member to take a leave of absence to complete a doctoral degree, selling his home and teaching French at Cornell University to finance his studies there. He'd earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Ohio Wesleyan University. He died in 1957

after 34 years of service to the college, 24 of them as division chairman.

Since 1950 Woolsey Hall has housed the language department, and more recently the education department as well. Science programs moved to a new building in 1970. Engineers evaluating the old structure for possible renovation, such as Fancher Hall received, felt this was not a cost effective option. The Woolsey name will be preserved in the new facility.

Demolition of Woolsey Hall began on May 16. Excavation for the new academic building followed on June 1 after removal of rubble. Foundation work is slated for

completion by July 20 to be followed by steel erection. Planners hope to roof the building before winter and complete the structure in time for classes in September of 1989. Building corners, entry areas and one interior atrium wall will be faced in the traditional river stone. Other exterior walls will employ the dryvit process employed on South Hall—plaster trowelled on over foam board. The classroom section will be built on a slab. A half-basement under the office tower will house mechanicals.

Faculty offices have been relocated for the interim year and seven of 14 alternate teaching sites have been set.



ALUMNI IN ACTION



THE LATCHING IS OUT!

From Maine to Alaska, Japan to Scotland, the new 1988-89 Alumni Hospitality Home Directory lists 94 addresses with amenities and attractions. Meet new people, renew old ties, travel reasonably and benefit a good cause by taking advantage of this international network. Send \$1.50 to the alumni office with your request for the directory. You can even sign up to participate yourself next year.



Alumni Director's Report

by Richard Alderman

Emerita professor Lennox honored.

During 1987-88 over 1100 alumni attended chapter meetings at 45 sites, the second highest annual attendance this decade after the Centennial's record year. The Orlando chapter set this year's attendance record where 101 alumni and friends gathered. Willard and Mae Smith coordinated the chapter. Second highest attendance was in West Central Florida (Brooksville) where Elizabeth Knecht made arrangements and 73 were present. Third place goes to the New York/New Jersey chapter where Alice Omdal planned the meeting and 66 attended.

The year began last August when the Finger Lakes chapter held its annual picnic and boat cruise on Seneca Lake. Thirty-eight attended in a chapter where the potential number is much lower than in many chapters. Dean Bud Bence hosted a meeting in Japan and Dick and Lois Wing will hold a June meeting in Alaska while vacationing there.

Two chapter meetings were settings for presenting Distinguished Alumni awards. Dr. Blair Dowden presented one to Viola Blake at Minneapolis and Dr. Chamberlain presented the others to Chet Rudd and Alice Omdal at the New York/New Jersey meeting. The Columbus (OH) chapter helped to host the College Choir at a local Wesleyan church and the meeting was held in conjunction with the choir concert. It was my special privilege to be at the Philadelphia chapter meeting this year as Emerita professor, Edna Lennox, was honored while Troy Martin, assistant director of financial aid, presented the Lennox Scholarship to Terri Chubbuck of Rome (PA). Members of the Lennox family were present for this occasion. Wayne MacBeth represented the college at the New England chapter, again with two meetings; one at Gordon College, the other in the suburbs. Thirty-four attended. Alumni living in Maine had requested that we try a chapter meeting there, so Earl and Marilyn Bell coordinated one in South Paris.

A survey was taken of members from the Long Island, New York/New Jersey, and Philadelphia chapters to get their preferences as to time, place and type of meeting. We followed the results and attendance was up at all three chapters. The alumni office would happily survey other chapters if there is a request. Each year that chapter officers work with other chapter members in planning the meeting, perhaps having a committee to take care of the details and to make contacts, attendance is better and the meetings are more enjoyable.

While I attended over half of the chapter meetings, college representation to the others was varied. Professor emeritus and former alumni president, Ed Willett, attended the Atlanta chapter. Former college vice president, Dr. Bob Luckey, covered the Puerto Rico meeting (his son Tom is a missionary there), and represented us at three other meetings. Active faculty covered seven chapter meetings; President Chamberlain or other administrators attended the other 13.

Each year we try to schedule additional alumni meetings in areas where faculty or administrators are going to be available because of other commitments. This year I worked with Tom and Barb Coffan to schedule a meeting in Denver (CO). Those attending enjoyed renewing acquaintances and friendships and meeting other alumni in the area, but a blizzard that closed Interstate 25 hurt attendance. During the summer of 1989 Dean Liddick expects to travel across the United States, driving the northern part of the 48, journeying down the west coast and back across the southern part of the country. If you would like to try to work an alumni meeting in with his travels, please contact us and we will work with you.

Again, if you feel that you have sufficient alumni in your area to have us experiment with a chapter, please contact the alumni office and we will work with you to arrange a meeting. Experience shows we need to have about 100 alumni within easy traveling distance for chapter activities to succeed. We have successfully spun off new chapters from larger chapters in recent years. Examples are the mid-Hudson chapter, once part of the New York/New Jersey chapter, and the South Jersey chapter, once part of the Philadelphia chapter.

Finally, your alumni board has assigned board members to work with chapter presidents to develop ideas for planning and carrying out meetings to involve more alumni and to strengthen channels of communication between alumni and the college. Share your concerns and ideas with these board members and also with your chapter president. Chapter presidents are invited to a breakfast on Saturday morning during Summer Alumni Weekend to compare ideas and to share successes and failures on things that they have tried in their own chapters.

1920s & 30s

'28 RUTH (VAN DUSEN) TANNER is researching her family lines and does this for others who enlist her services. She is town historian of Scipio (FL) and she has served as one of the directors of local genealogical and historical societies.

'33 GRACIA (FERO) BANKER and her husband recently spent four weeks in Alaska. She directs their home church's (Brooksville, FL) choir and directs a ladies' sextet and some mixed groups.

'34 HAROLD ELLIOTT recently attended his 50th anniversary at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine. He has practiced medicine in the mountains of Kentucky, in West Africa, and in Minnesota and South Carolina. He is an ordained elder in the Evangelical United Brethren denomination. His current medical work on John's Island is a mission partially supported by the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

'34 KENNETH WRIGHT had an eight-page article published in the March issue of New York State Journal of Medicine. It is titled, "A History of Onondaga Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis."

After residing in Redfield, NY, for 42 years where she pastored the Wesleyan church for 10 years, MARY (CARNAHAN '35) CRANDALL moved to Houghton last summer. In Redfield she was postmaster for five years.

'36 GORDON CLARK is minister of visitation at Sanctuary United Methodist Church in North Wales, PA.

1940s

'43 VERA (CLOCKSEN) SCHRAG has accepted an assignment with Mennonite Voluntary Service as a staff nurse in California. She and her husband moved there in May, after years of service at Salem Home for the Aged, Freeman, SD.

Although he's retired, WILLIAM S. CALKINS, JR. '44 is active as an interim pastor. He is chaplain at Silver Lake (NY) Institute where he conducts worship services in June and July.

'45 ELLSWORTH EDLING recently returned from Haiti where he had been observing Wesleyan work. He went with his brother, JOHN EDLING '44, his wife, PRISCILLA (PERKINS '45), and their daughter NANCY '75.

1950s

'51 ROBERT BAILEY had an article, "The Insurance Game," published in *The Actuarial Review* in February. He said, "It is probably the first time that something showing a Christian commitment has been published by the Actuarial Society in its 75 year history."

'52 DAVID TOPAZIAN is president-elect of Christian Medical Society, an international organization of some 7,000 physicians and dentists. This coincided with his intentional plans to



From left: brothers, sister-in-law, mother, Ms. DiTullio, professors Lindley and Massey

Sheila DiTullio '77, Named Distinguished Alumna

Sheila DiTullio, an Assistant Attorney General for New York State's Environmental Crimes Unit, received a Houghton College Distinguished Alumna award during a dinner held in Buffalo on June 4. Presenting the award to the 1977 alumna, was her college mentor, Dr. Katherine Lindley.

Dr. Lindley told DiTullio and the other guests: "One of the great satisfactions of a teaching and mentoring career is to watch the lives and careers of one's students unfold. . . Eleven years ago I was writing Sheila's graduate school recommendation letter. I said, 'this young lady may be short in stature, but she is not short in spirit.' Bill Greenway, her college basketball coach, recalled his one-time team captain as 'an outstanding guard, dependable, a competitor with quickness and the ability to score, but a player willing to sacrifice personal honors for the team concept.' "

Lindley continued, "[Sheila] sometimes struggled to produce the papers, and speeches and grades necessary for entrance to law school. But unlike some students, she did not blame her instructors or change her professional goals. . . She quit the basketball team for one semester and spent another doing an internship with Congressman John LaFalce in Washington, D.C., and Judge Bontrager in Alexandria, VA."

Reviewing that record in her graduate school recommendation, Lindley wrote: ". . . I am convinced that this young lady will work as hard to achieve her goals in law school as she did in her college education." Sheila graduated from the Western New England College of Law in Springfield, MA, in 1980, where she was a research assistant to a law professor, and later a student intern in juvenile court—and coached a basketball team.

In the fall of 1980 Sheila became a criminal law associate in the Buffalo City Court Bureau, prosecuting a wide variety of misdemeanor cases; jury and non-jury trials. Two years later she became assistant district attorney for the Grand Jury Bureau, presenting cases to the Erie County grand juries, and drafting indictments. Next, she prosecuted felony level cases in County and Supreme Court, then was named assistant district attorney chief of the Comprehensive Assault, Abuse and Rape Unit. This was a special unit to prosecute sex crimes, child abuse and domestic violence cases. The *Buffalo News* called her "the area's top sex crime prosecutor."

Today, Sheila prosecutes environmental crime cases in the 17 western New York counties. She's received several awards and lectures on topics ranging from the environment to child molestation. She participates in legal seminars and conferences and is a member of several bar groups.

Ms. DiTullio maintains physical and spiritual energy and endurance by jogging—she calls it "my quiet time to reflect and relax." She fishes, reads and likes to "help people less fortunate than myself. . ." And she values "worshiping God in my every day life and through the Catholic church." In response, Sheila said the award carried special honor because it was presented by Dr. Lindley, "without [whom] I would never have made it to law school." She added, "Nothing of what I have done would have been possible without the support of my family, particularly of my mother."

leave his practice in order to work full-time in the third world. Because the position requires that he be within easy phone and flying distance of the USA, he and his family are in Venezuela.

'53 **RICHARD TROUTMAN** was keynote speaker at the annual Georgia conference of Phi Alpha Theta, an international honor society, sponsored by West Georgia College. Troutman is chairman of the history department at Western Kentucky University and recently published a book, *The Heavens Are Weeping*, about which he will speak at Houghton's summer alumni weekend.

'54 **NANCY (KENNEDY) PIERCE** is currently writing programmed texts for, and directing, the field TEE program for the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Burkina Faso. She and her husband have been missionaries there for 30 years, doing church planting, literacy and translation, mission administration and leadership training. Beginning in July they will be furloughing in Fort Myers, FL.

'57 **DONNABELLE (PAGETT) DOAN** and her husband left for LaGonave, Haiti, in April to be full-time missionaries. After 31 years as lay people in the Syracuse, NY, area, and 16 months as volunteer workers in Indonesia, full-time service was their goal.

'58 **JOHN ANDREWS** was elected Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in January. His citation reads: ". . . for pioneering research on the properties of metal-semiconductor interfaces." This is the highest grade of membership in the IEEE.

'59 **ROBERT SCOTT** and his wife are attending New England School of Law nights. He is an engineer in radiation safety at Electric Boat in Groton, RI. They are members at First Baptist Church, Providence.

1960s

'60 **ANTHONY YU**, an expert on Chinese literature and its religious significance, has been named the Carl Darling Buck Professor in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He joined the faculty there in 1969. His scholarship includes the translation from Chinese into English of the four-volume, 100-chapter "The Journey to the West." Yu is chairman of the committee on comparative studies in literature.

'61 **BARRY ROSS** was a special speaker at the Brookside Wesleyan Church in Wellsville, NY, in May. Ross is an instructor at Immanuel Bible Training College in Tokyo, Japan, on furlough.

'63 **EDITH (HOLMES) SCHELL** will begin master's degree in English studies at Fredonia State College in September. She teaches 10th and 11th grade English at Gowanda (NY) Central School. She's president of the Gowanda Teachers Association and co-chair of the western New York Educational Conference. Mrs. Schell is on a statewide task force studying trends in public school education.

'64 **RONALD DIECK**, an employee of Unitek Technologies' Pratt & Whitney Government



Future Alumni

Tim & Debby (Storms '73) Bohl
Brett & Wenda (Mastin '85) Coburn '86
Dwight & Karla (Doe ex '82) Davison
Paul & Cristina (Todeschini '75) Eckhoff '74
Jim & Cheryl (Wallschleger '80) Fink '79
Jan & Karen (Bach '71) Hilfiger
Kevin & Vicki (Armstrong '84) Kingma '83

Brad & Karen (Schmidt '79) Lettsome
William & Beth Mills '80

Eric & Tracy (Brooks '83) Myers '82
David & Luanne (Makin '80) Phillips '77
Bob & Lori (Middleton '84) Smalley '78
Buck & Andrea (Linehan '75) Stephens '76
David & Naomi (Ruder '83) Wenger

Bryan James 10-15-87
Corwin 12-22-87
Caleb James 2-11-88
Grace Margaret 2-29-88
Andrew Charles 3-23-88
Eric Daniel 3-11-88
Joshua Roger 6- 2-86
Luke James 10-22-87
Andrew 2-24-88
Jessica Erin 3- 3-88
Shawn Alan
Laura Elizabeth
Heather Elise 2-10-88
Amanda Joy * 6-20-87
Angela Ruthe 3- 5-88
Benjamin Jared 8-10-86
Elisabeth Ann 3-14-88
* adopted

Engine Business in West Palm Beach, FL, has been promoted to senior project engineer, directing activities related to test program instrumentation and data recording requirements. He was project engineer. He's worked there for 22 years.

'65 JUDITH ANDERSON moved recently to Virginia and teaches French and United States and Virginia history at Cumberland High School.

'66 (hon.) MYRON AUGSBURGER has been appointed president of the Christian College Coalition. He is former president and professor of theology at Eastern Mennonite College and Seminary (VA). He is the author of 19 books.

'68 DAVID FRYLING was a soloist with the Bucks (PA) County Choral Society's presentation of Bach's *St. John Passion*. He portrayed Jesus.

'69 PAULA BUTTERFIELD has been named an area supervisor for Unified School District 259 of Wichita, KS. She was curriculum director for that district.

'69 MARTY MILLER is assistant director of communications for the Pennsylvania State Education Association in Harrisburg, PA. She made a move to full-time union work in 1983 after 13 years in the elementary classroom and "countless hours of volunteer work." Her current job allows her to "work with education employees throughout the state in their efforts to communicate with each other and with their communities." She is involved in the Stephen's Ministry, a care-giving outreach of the United Methodist Church.

1970s

Recently DAVE RAMSDALE '70 represented JAARS (Wycliffe) in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the International Association of Missionary Aviation. He gave a seminar on "The Changing Role of Missionary Aviation." Upon his return he went to Quito, Ecuador, for two weeks of intense study, the last needed to complete M.A. degree requirements in human resource leadership from

Azusa Pacific University. During this trip the Ramsdales celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

'71 JON and CINDI (GOLIAS '71) BALSON have settled in the Lancaster, PA, area. Jon has taken a newly-created position at a large herb and flower production business.

Beginning in June PEGGY (CLOSE '73) DEESE traveled with the University of Maryland Chorus on a concert tour to West Berlin, Dresden, Moscow and London. She is sales manager for the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Maryland.

'73 BARBARA (BROWN) IRVINE and her husband have opened their home for the past five years to young women in crisis pregnancies. She writes that "each comes to live with us for four to six months to await the birth of her baby. It's been a great opportunity for me to 'reach out' without leaving home." She homeschools her children.

'73 JANE (VOSS) JOHNSON will be attending St. Bonaventure University (NY) full-time in

Down the Aisle

Richard & Carol (Dixon '79) Bierwas
David & Amy Sue (Konz '83) Brautigam '72
Robert & Jennifer Jean (Borowiak '83) Campbell
Gordon & Alice Clark '36
Jack & Wendy (Kipp '86) Connell '83
Dennis & Carolyn (Matthews ex '85) Dyer
Mark & Catherine (Zinn '82) Harms
Sheryl Lynn (Stoops '83) & Mr. Hodges
Susan (McCauley ex '90) & Mr. Hogue
Edward & Barbara (Kinney '86) Hull '89
Dale & Karen Hursh '85
Timothy & Jennifer (Kreidler '86) Kitchen '86
Paul & Kimberly (Christensen '88) Raduns '88
Joseph & Wanda (Flint '74) Sharp
Robert & Grace (Griffith '61) Torbet
Richard & Melinda (Wood '87) Wright '87

their school guidance program beginning in the fall. Jane is a caseworker for the Allegany County Department of Social Services.

For two weeks in April NANCY (TOMPKINS '73) SWANSON and her husband and their four children went as a work team to Gambia, West Africa, to help in the expansion of the Ndungu Kebbeh Medical Clinic. Nancy is missionary treasurer at church, treasurer of the Cattaraugus County (NY) Bible Club, and teaches a released time class.

'73 STEPHEN WOOLSEY received a Ph.D. in English Literature from Drew University in May. His dissertation title is "My Handy Works, and Words, and Wordiness: Edward Taylor and the Life of Language." Steve was selected to convey the graduates' appreciation to the university and faculty at commencement ceremonies. His wife, LINDA (MILLS '74), is deeply engaged in her own dissertation project. The Woolseys teach in the English department at King College, Bristol, TN.

'74 PAUL ECKHOFF has been named medical director of UFM International's Centre Medical Beraca in LaPointe, Haiti.

'75 PEGGY BAIR teaches second grade for Liberty County Public Schools in Hinesville, GA. She is pianist and choir director for Midway United Methodist Church, and is pianist for Jesup First Baptist Church.

'75 FRANK BILLMAN has been granted a doctor of ministry degree by Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. His thesis project dealt with church growth in the middle-sized United Methodist church. He has served as pastor of Tabor United Methodist Church in Woxall, PA, since 1979.

'75 JUD LAMOS attended Operation Mobilization's North American Summer Conference in Port Colburn, Canada. He plans to attend the Leadership '88 Conference in Washington, DC, at the end of June, where he'll be one of five OM leaders attending seminars on organizational strategy and character building for missions-minded evangelicals.

'77 RICHARD POINTER had a book published in March by Indiana University Press. Titled PROTESTANT PLURALISM AND THE NEW YORK EXPERIENCE: A Study of Eighteenth-Century Religious Diversity, the publisher says Pointer "contends that New York's congregations and denominations gradually became absorbed in the tasks of adjusting to the realities of a heterogeneous environment. Out of this effort to adapt came struggles within and between the colony's major communions over such issues as evangelical theology and religious equality. At the heart of these diverging perspectives lay conflicting evaluations of religious pluralism." Pointer explains how this conflict culminated in the Revolutionary era and demonstrated the consequences for the religious development of the entire early Republic. The book costs \$25.00 and is available from the publisher.

Newlywed CAROL (DIXON '79) BIERWAS and her husband left for Bahrain (in the Persian



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Gulf) to serve as missionaries with the Reformed Church in America. He will be the administrative manager of the Family Bookshop in Manama. Bridesmaids in their March wedding were **CAROL HAZARD '79** and **JANYCE (DALE '79) SMITHLEY**.

'79 JANYCE DALE-SMITHLEY is a counseling psychologist and foreign student advisor at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. Her job is two-fold: doing personal and career counseling as well as advising and providing programs for over 800 foreign students. Her husband, Norm, works in the student records and operations section of Admissions at Carleton.

'79 GRAHAM WALKER received a Ph.D. in political philosophy from the University of Notre Dame (IN) in January. His dissertation explored problems in the moral reasoning of contemporary constitutional theorists, and offered an Augustinian solution to some of those problems. He has accepted a tenure-track faculty position in the department of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. He starts in August.

1980s

'80 DAN IRWIN is chief administrator for Edgewater Retirement Home in Boca Raton, FL.

'80 JOYCE (SULLIVAN) LLOYD works part-time at Southern Vermont College in adult programs and teaches biology.

'80 WILLIAM MILLS completed his residency at Tatem-Brown Family Practice Center (NJ) last summer, and also opened a private family practice in Centerton, NJ.

'80 DOUGLAS PEMBER is director of food services for Trenton Memorial Hospital in Ontario. An employee of the hospital, he is a member of the Ontario Hospital Association. His wife, **JOELLE (McKNIGHT '81)**, is a full-time mother and part-time casual legal secretary.

'83 CAROL ALLSTON has been named to "Outstanding Women of America" for 1988. Carol is completing her second year as publications coordinator at Houghton College.

After moving to Syracuse last summer, **TIMOTHY BAXTER '83** began a family practice residency at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center there.

'83 JENNIFER (BOROWIAK) CAMPBELL earned a master's of science degree in specific learning disabilities from Florida International University two years ago. She and her husband live in Miami where she teaches first grade at Orchard Villa Elementary School. They attend Grace Christian Fellowship.

'83 KEVIN KINGMA and his wife, **VICKI (ARMSTRONG '84)**, have relocated to Media, PA, where he is a computer programmer for "The Franklin Mint." They are preparing to go as missionaries to HCJB in Quito, Ecuador.

Although she is on leave from the public school system, **JEANNINE (SANSON '83) KRIEGER** teaches GED level math to adults two evenings a week. She and her husband and nine-month-old

daughter live in Miami, FL.

'83 MELINDA TRINE has been named to "Outstanding Women of America" for 1988. She is assistant director of Houghton's annual fund.

'84 CRAIG NELSON was one of 15 persons commissioned as a national mission worker by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church during ceremonies in New York City in April. Craig will serve as an immigration response specialist for the Southeast seaboard. Based in Miami, FL, he is one of five regional specialists serving in this ministry, which is a cooperative effort between the National Division and United Methodist Committee Relief Program Department of Global Ministries.

'85 PEGGY (CARRIGG) BROWN teaches a hearing impaired/multiple handicapped class at Beverly School for the Deaf in Massachusetts. She said she "enjoys using sign language on the job." She and her husband recently returned from Switzerland and the French Alps.

'85 DALE HURSH is in his fourth and final year at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA. When he graduates next summer he will have an M.D. degree.

'85 JANET MARSHALL is working in the accounting department at Oswego County Social Services in Mexico, NY.

'85 CAROLYN MATTHEWS-DYER graduated from Scarritt Graduate School in Nashville, TN, in May, 1987. Having earned an M.A. in Christian Education, she has become C.E. director at Burke United Methodist Church in Virginia.

'85 MARY PUTNEY works under "Year of Service" at the New Life Wesleyan Church in Chesterton, IN, and recently participated in an evangelistic phonathon.

'85 PETER SCHULTZ is pursuing a master's degree in pastoral counseling at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. He is a mental health technician on the psychiatric unit at Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pompton Plains, NJ. Peter leads worship and a Bible study at Grace Fellowship Chapel in Basking Ridge, NJ.

'86 BRETT COBURN works for Niagara Mohawk power company as assistant systems administrator. His wife, **WENDA (MASTIN '85)**, works at Family Medicine Associates, in Syracuse, setting up patient files, billing and insurance on a new computer system. Upon completing that task, she will be in charge of billing and insurance procedures. Coburns wrote, "We love being in the hustle and bustle of Syracuse!"

'86 SUSAN KATHERINE LAMB received a bachelor of education degree from the University of Windsor. She teaches second and third grades at Park Avenue Academy in Burlington, Ontario.

'86 DEBBIE (WAITE) POLAKOWSKI and her husband have relocated to New Hampshire where she is a programmer-analyst working on an IBM mainframe as well as being responsible for the company's PC department. She did the same work in Washington, DC, before they moved.

'86 JONATHAN RUDD is in his second year at Villanova Law School in Philadelphia, PA.

'87 STUART FLETCHER is attending McCormick Seminary in Chicago, IL, and is working weekends as intern minister and director of youth at the Dunes Presbyterian Church in Indiana.

'87 WENDY HARRIS is teaching in a Christian school in Illinois. Summers she has worked with an academic program at Stony Brook School (LI) and will be in charge of the program this year.

'87 DAVID HOWELL is serving a two-year missionary term in Indonesia, teaching English as a second language.

'88 KIMBERLY KADZIOLKA is attending Buffalo State and is working full-time with People, Inc. Services to the Developmentally Disabled. She is a client instructor at a day treatment center.

In Memoriam

'45 CLARA McKALLIP died February 13. Her Houghton College roommate, **DOROTHY HERRON '45**, wrote "I admired her greatly—her intelligence, her courage in spite of her handicap (she was blind), and her ability to finish four years of college and to graduate *cum laude*. I had my eyesight and wasn't able to do that. She was truly an unusual person."

'33 H. C. VAN WORMER died January 16. Born October 7, 1898, he was raised a Methodist and spent his life serving through those channels. He was the 18th president of the Allegheny Conference and the first president of the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection. Rev. Van Wormer was a World War II veteran. He began preaching in 1922 and attended Taylor University in 1925. He held more than a dozen positions or everything from Sunday school to judiciary committee to editor of the *Conference Messenger*. He is the author of a published book, **God's Absolute Standard: Entire Sanctification**; and he wrote two booklets. Survivors include his widow, **IVAH (BENNING '27)**, and a brother, George.

"RESURRECTION" NOTICE

Milieu regrets the erroneous announcement of the death of Shirley M. Baumgartner '56, in the March 1988 issue. Ms. Baumgartner had the good humor to write that while she had not seen the notice, her attorney had, and called her seeking confirmation. Shirley is alive and well, living in Bemus Point, NY, and wants to continue receiving *Milieu*.

How do errors like this happen? Economics of time and money dictate that we accept reports of death from secondary sources (this time it was another office at the college) at face value, but we prefer to get details directly from family members as soon after the event as possible. It is awkward to add details about someone, three months after an initial notice is published. Newspaper clippings are appreciated.

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"Fiddler on the Roof," the musical classic which describes Reb Tevye's struggle to maintain tradition, family unity, and the love of his daughters in a time of constant change—the Russian Revolution—played to capacity houses and rave reviews, when it was performed by Houghton College's Opera and Theatre Workshops April 14, 15 and 16. Co-directing the performance were instructor of theater Bruce Brenneman and associate professor of voice Ben King. Associate professor of strings Hermon Dillmore and music professor John Jost, respectively, directed the orchestra and chorus. Set and choreography were done by Gary Nevinger, an art teacher at Belmont Central School; and Marie Sullivan, a special education teacher at Belmont BOCES. Forty-three cast members—faculty, students and community residents—participated. Knowledgeable patrons compared the Houghton production favorably with shows they'd enjoyed in New York and London. Brenneman felt the credit reflected on the college was attributable to the "intelligence, talent and devotion of the cast." In excess of \$5,000, after production expense, was donated to the families of the late Joan Whiting (husband Bob is a college mechanic), and Beaver Perkins (husband Richard heads the sociology department), to assist with the catastrophic medical expenses of these two women who recently succumbed to cancer.

PSYCHOLOGISTS SPEND MAYTERM IN ISRAEL

Houghton psychology professors Michael Lastoria and John VanWicklin led an innovative Mayterm study group of 29 for three weeks' study in Israel.

The group spent time in the desert, studied monastic life, development of psychology at Jerusalem University, death and dying in Jewish culture, and the contrasting views on Israeli-Arab conflict.

They visited the holocaust memorial and examined the implications of oppression and rights violations being practiced in Israel today, as well as options for resolving these issues. The group returned convinced that Israel is a laboratory rich in issues for psychological research, but had little optimism for resolution of conflict there.

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by William Greenway

Thinclads to NCCAA Nationals

Despite some of the worst training weather ever encountered, track coach Ken Heck was able to qualify several of his track team for the National Christian College Finals.

Senior Tedd Rothfus was the top individual performer finishing fifth in the hammer throw. His throw of 122' 9 1/4" also broke Geoff Gerow's Houghton record. Sophomore Janell Leathersich finished sixth in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 69.06 which breaks Soph Pam Bigham's Houghton record. The mile relay team placed fifth with a time of 4:18.0. The lead-off runner was Melissa Downing, the only senior on the soph-

Itineraries from Argentina to "the poor"

Four faculty begin sabb

English professor Charles Bressler begins a year-long sabbatical to work on publication projects, visit literary sites in New England and present papers. Edwin Mellen Press has accepted his book, *The New England Nun: The Collected Stories of Mary E. Wilkins Freeman*, an extension of Bressler's doctoral research. The 48 short stories originally appeared in turn-of-the-century magazines, and he'll now also write introductory text. Paragon Publishers is considering his proposed new critical biography of Freeman since earlier biographies don't consider the influences of the short stories he's collected. And he's negotiating with Harper and Row to write a new freshman composition text. Bressler says current texts emphasize grammar or process. He proposes to integrate both as a means to improved writing.

Besides presenting a paper on women's local color fiction at the Women's Studies Conference to be held this fall at Western Kentucky University, he also hopes to teach at a Rochester (NY) area university.

Research about the Spanish Colonial period and travel to Argentina, Paraguay and Spain to study the culture of the peo-

dominated team. The other runners were Pam Bigham, Lisa Strand, and Janell Leathersich.

Coach Heck cannot help but be pleased with so many fine performances by his Sophomores. Another Soph, Wade Fiegl, broke Chris Pollock's school vault record with a 12'9" vault but did not place in the top six nationally which one must do to earn points.

Senior Ndunge Kiiti, a mainstay of the field hockey and basketball squads, has been named to the American College Athletes Hall of Fame. To be selected, an athlete must be an outstanding player, a leader on campus, and an achiever in the academic area. Kiiti came to Houghton from her native Kenya in 1984. She's been a resident hall assistant and last summer was a coordinator for the Dayspring athletic team's camp ministry.





Professors Bressler, Howard, Kettelkamp and Young

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ple about whom he teaches, will be the focus of history professor David Howard's year-long sabbatical. He has taught at Houghton since 1969. Besides traveling and studying in Latin America and Europe, Dr. Howard will do research at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

During his year-long sabbatical, recreation department head Thomas Kettelkamp will research and document findings on wilderness study and help with



(From left): Annalee Schultz, Brian Sayers, Jan Kennedy and Tim Fuller received Student Senate excellence awards during the last chapel service of the semester in April. Philosophy professor Dr. Brian Sayers received the faculty award. Known for his sarcasm and tongue-in-cheek humor, Sayers responded by saying he thinks awards are popularity contests, that when colleague Rich Perkins received the award last year, he was jealous. "[And so I feel a certain] ambivalence in getting this award. . . It's your revenge, your way of getting back at me . . ." Dr. Sayers has taught at Houghton since 1976. Admissions director Tim Fuller received the administrator award. Students were impressed by his ability to remember names and cited him as responsible for filling the second floor bulletin board in Luckey Building with witty cartoons. They called 6'6" Fuller, "a big man with a big heart." Mrs. Schultz is secretary for scheduling in the registrar's office, responsible for course selection. The presenter called her an "advocate of [their] concerns." Intramural athletics director Jan Kennedy also received a staff award. Athletes and non-athletes alike value her for her personal interest in them. John VanWicklin, chairman of the division of history and social science, and Vic Danna, co-director of custodians, were among five people given special commendations. The other three were students.

steps toward internationalizing Houghton's curriculum.

Dr. Kettelkamp will study the wilderness at the San Isabel National Forest in Ludville, CO, during the fall semester. His assignment from the national forest headquarters, to determine what constitutes a wilderness, will be aided by spending three to four days at a time in the forest. He and his wife Margo will be home schooling their three children to facilitate family participation. When the research is done (slated for December), Kettelkamp expects to send documentation with recommendations to Washington, DC.

Next the Kettelkamps will travel to Honduras in Central America where Tom will teach "Community Leisure Services" at the University of Honduras. Concurrently he plans to lay the groundwork for setting up an international exchange program with the university and Houghton. From 1973-75 Dr. Kettelkamp was National Baseball Coach with the Honduran Sports Federation. In 1979 he taught a course for Honduran athletics teachers at Houghton. Before leaving on sabbatical, Dr. Kettelkamp will coordinate the SAW seminars on stewardship of leisure time, July 7-10.

"A lot of loafing and reading, and I'll wash my car," is how psychology professor Paul Young outlined his first semester sabbatical plans. Filling in sub-points he mentioned a tour of Quebec, the Maritimes, New Foundland and the French-owned island of St. Pierre et Miquelo—"the poor man's way of visiting France"—as a way "to make up to my family the time I've stolen from them these last eight years."

Young also expects to revise two courses, garden, put a new roof on his house and build a gazebo. He'll also complete for publication several articles on mood and learning. An extension of his doctoral studies, these will deal with relationships between learning situations and recollection of things learned—specifically with learning in a worship situation. Too, he'll audit Dr. Larry Christensen's medical/pharmacology course to update and broaden his own teaching of psychophysiology and special topics classes.

Shannon will succeed Lindley as science head

After a pace-setting 25 years as science and mathematics division chairman, Dr. Kenneth L. Lindley will turn those duties over to Dr. Frederick D. Shannon for the 1988-89 year.

During his tenure, Dr. Lindley presided over the arrival at Houghton of the computer age, guided the design of the Paine Science Building, and helped build a faculty that has made Houghton's science and math division one of the college's strongest. Dr. Lindley will continue teaching part-time—differential equations this fall—and fill out a half-time schedule with consultation as an academic systems analyst. He and Mrs. Lindley will keep second semester free for travel.

Dr. Shannon, who came to Houghton to teach chemistry in 1958 under the late Dr. George Moreland, served as academic dean from 1973-85. After a re-tooling year he returned to the classroom. Shannon says he accepted the new post because of the quality and stability of the faculty, students and facilities. He called Dr. Lindley, "a strong leader, who's well represented our division." Shannon foresees major challenges—recruiting good students in a time when many avoid the sciences, meeting the high costs of acquiring state of the art equipment and maintaining it—but believes success is possible by hard work and fostering departmental interaction. He will continue to teach general chemistry and, "as I have time, participate in the chemistry seminar." Before he assumes the new duties, Shannons will spend two July weeks in Ireland, visiting their son and his wife, on holiday from Peace Corps assignment in Ghana.



Dr. Lindley



Dr. Shannon



King and Fullbright

Pi Kappa Lambda Chapter Formed

In Commencement Weekend ceremonies, Houghton's school of music became one of 170 American music schools—among the 500 recognized by the National Association of Schools of Music—to have a campus Pi Kappa Lambda Chapter. This national honor society for musicians was founded in 1918 by a former dean of the music school at Northwestern University to encourage excellence in scholarship and performance among young musicians.

Presenting the PKL charter for Houghton's new Zeta Omicron Chapter was a national regent for PKL, Dr. William Fullbright, associate dean for academic affairs at Boston University's School of the Arts. In his address to assembled college officials, students and music alumni, Fullbright challenged student inductees to exemplify PKL goals.

Named charter faculty members of the new chapter were Houghton music faculty Drs. William T. Allen, Ben R. King, C. Nolan Huizenga, Robert Galloway, Susan Klotzbach and Harold McNiel. Other music faculty joining were George Boespflug, Bruce Brown, Lila Noonkester and Jean Reigles. (Several of these transferred existing memberships from other

chapters.) Among alumni transferring membership in PKL to the Houghton chapter was former dean of the school of music at Indiana University and founder of the Houghton College Choir, Wilfred C. Bain. Acting fine arts division chairman Ben King introduced the two Class of 1988 members inducted into the society—Daniel Fortune of Ogdensburg, NY, and Kim Lynch of Ilion. Both are Presser Scholars, 1987-88 and 1988-89, respectively.

King explained that when a new chapter is formed, there is a one-time opportunity for eligible alumni to become members of their alma mater's chapter. While fine arts division chairman Robert Galloway was negotiating establishment of the Houghton chapter, King and a music faculty committee examined the qualifications of some 800 music alumni. Of the 104 eligible nominees they discovered, 39 elected membership. Among these are emeriti Houghton faculty, and alumni musicians from across the nation. Several of these were present to receive membership certificates from Regent Fullbright, among them the brother/sister duo of Willard Smith and Florence (Smith) Foster, both '35.



Nature Group Marks 30 years

Some 135 persons from a half dozen states attended the 30th anniversary celebration of the founding of the western New York chapter of The Nature Conservancy, held at Houghton, May 14.

Houghton faculty and administrators were pivotal in the founding of the chapter—including board members, the late Dr. Crystal Rork, and former academic dean, Dr. Lynip, who gave the concluding address of the weekend. Attendees, one third were visiting for the first time, toured Moss Lake, one of the original motivations for establishing the chapter. They viewed slides and films of those times and of the sanctuary through the seasons, and met its former owner. Tributes were offered to Dr. Rork and the late naturalist, Dr. Mable James (Hon. '64).

Coordinating the weekend was Professor Arnold Cook, head of the college business department and a trustee of the western New York chapter. An award was presented to emeritus professor S. Hugh Paine for his services in maintaining Moss Lake.

Houghton considering inner city site, roles

Potential for Houghton College to expand its ministry in the Buffalo area, and aggressively recruit minority students and staff from among area residents, could take a significant step forward after the turn of the decade, now that the Buffalo Common Council has approved a proposal to restore historic St. Mary of Sorrows Church at Genesee and Rich Street for landmark preservation and as a civic center.

Consideration of Houghton involvement began last fall when the Citizen

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Alliance and Houghton College were suggested as possible tenants for the completed project. President Chamberlain has proposed that during the coming year, some of Dr. Charles Massey's study leave time could be devoted to assisting the project sponsors with fund raising, but no college monies would be involved.

Assuming approval by Houghton's trustees this fall, and completion of the restoration, the college would rent limited office and classroom space in the facility for five years. Biblical and religious studies, urban studies, early childhood education, arts (including an exhibit area), distance education and adult even-

ing classes are under consideration for this entrance to the inner city.

WJSL Gets New Antenna

College personnel have installed and begun to test a "new" \$20,000 four-bay circular polarized FM antenna, donated by Toccoa Falls College station WRAP after they changed broadcast patterns. Earlier this spring, WJSL station manager David Manney journeyed to Georgia to load the dismantled antenna into a station wagon and return it to Houghton.

How did the college get such a deal? Last Christmas, physics professor Fred Trexler enjoyed Christmas dinner with his

parents in Toccoa Falls where his father was helping out in the financial aid office. Another dinner guest was the senior Trexler's friend, Paul Carpenter, who'd begun WRAP, and who's son was dating Fred's niece. The two indulged in radio talk and the deal developed. Four other bays of the original unit went to mission station HCJB in Ecuador, where Dave Manney used to work.

The new antenna will improve WJSL's service to car radios, should help to reduce interference to TV and FM broadcasts in the antenna area, and help the signal reach into valleys.

FACULTY NEWS

Mrs. Darlene Bressler has received a fellowship for a year's study leave at the University of Rochester graduate school of education to work on her doctorate in reading and the philosophy and history of education.

Business administration professor **Richard Halberg** is one of a dozen faculty and students from several American colleges studying business and economics in the Soviet Union and the Hague in Holland under the auspices of the International Business Institute. Halberg teaches Houghton's comparative economic systems course. The group will travel from Helsinki to Leningrad by train, then on to Moscow, receiving briefings and visiting facilities in both cities before traveling to the Hague for intensive seminars. Halberg hopes his four-week experience will offer him a better, if controlled, view of the Soviet economic system, and he is evaluating the twelve-week program for possible future participation by Houghton students.

Late in June, Lillenas publishing house will release a book of hymn arrangements for piano by part-time instructor in piano **Virginia (Alexander) Halberg**. The 20 arrangements—ranging from "Oh For a Thousand Tongues" and "Be Thou My Vision," to "Morning Has Broken" and "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," are the result of four years work, and her 12 years of playing for Sunday vespers at Houghton Wesleyan Church. Halberg

explained that the arrangements stem from her long love of sacred music and her frustration with the lack of quality hymn arrangements.

Political science professor **Scott Harrop** has resigned to work as a government Middle East analyst in Washinton, DC, this summer, before returning to the University of Virginia, where he will be teaching Middle East and Persian Gulf courses while completing his doctoral dissertation.

Kathryn Hazlett will end her three years at the Willard J. Houghton Library to return to graduate school to gain a second master's degree, this time in archival management at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She's enjoyed carrying on the family name at Houghton—her grandfather headed the English department—and viewing campus life from the faculty perspective.

After two years as interim instructor in Spanish, **Ruth Johns** is resuming graduate school. Already the possessor of an M.A. in French from Bowling Green State University, this summer she will complete an M.A. in Spanish at Middlebury College (VT), before beginning a Ph.D. program in French this fall at Indiana State University. There she will also be an assistant instructor in French. She hopes to complete the program in three years with college teaching to follow.

Assistant professor of New Testament **David Meade** will attend a six-week

seminar of the Biblical Archaeology Society in Israel, June 25-August 8. His colleagues in the religion division chose his project as the first to receive support through the Alton Liddick memorial fund established four years ago to help underwrite religion faculty scholarship and service projects.

Religion division chairman Dr. **Carl Schultz** was among three alumni to receive certificates of merit April 30 at his *alma mater*, Malone College, in Canton, OH. His certificate was awarded for "outstanding service to Malone College through development of skills basic to his profession, for the highest standards of professional and personal ethics in dedicated service to humanity."

Theology professor Dr. **John R. Tyson** has had his article "Charles Wesley and Edward Young: Eighteenth Century Poetic Apologists," accepted for publication by *Methodist History* next year. In March, Tyson completed 18 articles for the *Dictionary of Christianity in America* to be published by InterVarsity in December.

Dr. **Paul Willis** has quit his post as an English teacher, to return to his native west coast and to teach literature at Westmont College, CA. He hopes to find more time for writing, perhaps basing a project on research of the comments successful mountain climbers pen in the registers placed by the Sierra Club each summer atop western peaks.

High School Art Shown

During April the college art department sponsored its second regional high school art show exhibiting 65 works from among 190 entries submitted by students in 21 western New York schools from Syracuse and Binghamton to communities bordering lakes Erie and Ontario.

Art professor Ted Murphy said that the effort is modeled after one he participated in at Ohio State University. In the two years since he first sought entries, schools

and prospective art students not previously familiar with Houghton's offerings have become enthusiastic. Murphy said awards included best of show, first through third place plaques, three medals and five honorable mention ribbons. He noted that Houghton Academy students placed well at the show. President Chamberlain addressed awards presentation attendees. Murphy noted that the art department also plans to host an art workshop-conference for 30-40 area art teachers this fall.

ACADEMY NEWS

● Houghton Academy celebrated its 100th commencement on June 4 with an address by former principal, Dr. F. Gordon Stockin. He titled his remarks: "B.C., A.D., and Beyond." Another former principal, Thomas Boghosian, brought the baccalaureate sermon.

Members of the graduating class represented four nations and high academic achievement. Of the 24 graduates, six received New York State Regents scholarships and one earned a prestigious Empire scholarship. Seven are members

of the National Honor Society, two received National Merit commendations and one is a National Merit finalist.

Valedictorian Michael Trexler graduated with a 97.71 average. Salutatorian Kathleen Stockin earned a 96.87 average. Their parents are all Houghton College alumni.

● Kirsten Huizenga (Class of '88) won a medal for her pastel still life, "Pewter and Apples," and another seven pieces of art done by six academy students were chosen in a highly-competitive high school art show sponsored by Houghton College. (See story above.)

● A \$10,000 gift in May, and a successful phonathon enabled the academy annual fund to meet budget expectations for its current school year for the first time since 1984. In the balance of the fiscal year the school is trying to qualify for a final challenge pledge of \$20,000 to liquidate accumulated indebtedness.

● Alumni Weekend activities begin Friday July 8 with the Philip G. Stockin Invitational Golf Tournament. Saturday, in addition to the formal reunion luncheons, the Academy Alumni Chorus under the direction of Roberta Rowland Raybold, (American Guild of Organists and member of the Class of '56) will both rehearse and perform. Predictions favor the Alumni in the Alumni-Faculty Soccer Game, and Saturday evening's Chicken Barbecue, Old Slide Auction, and other activities suggest memories and unrestricted merriment. The Classes of '38, '63 and '78 are making a major effort for 100 percent attendance.



Competing against such schools as Stony Brook, Faith Heritage (Syracuse), and Paul Smith Academy (Canada), Houghton Academy won first place in an April 16 computer programming contest held at the college. Team members Aimee Bence, David Huizenga, Dan King and Michael Trexler, with faculty advisor Richard Harter, completed their six of the seven problems in an elapsed time of 10 hours, 51 minutes and 56 seconds.



From left: Commencement ran under two hours, but that seemed more than enough for the pensive young niece of graduating senior Judy Siegrist. Speakers Mouw and Barr flank Dr. Chamberlain. Before his honorary degree presentation, Chamberlain told the convocation audience that Dr. Barr is suffering from Lou Gehrig's Disease. Dr. Mouw, Valedictorian Stengele, Salutatorian Williams.

Graduates urged: "Sc

"To be a follower of Jesus Christ is to be linked to a God who cares very much about issues of public life," Fuller Theological Seminary (CA) ethics and philosophy professor Richard Mouw told 278 graduating seniors and 1,200 attending family and friends at the college's 88th commencement exercises held May 9 at the western New York campus.

In his address, "The Call to Public Discipleship," Dr. Mouw said that despite the embarrassment of recent revelations about several media evangelists, conservative Protestants have come a long way from their "a-political" stance during his own undergraduate days at Houghton, to the present when there is "a new awareness of Christ's active lordship over all spheres of human life."

Dr. Mouw called the graduates-to-be—in theologian John Stott's phrase—"conservative radicals"... committed to conserving the truth of God's Word [as a foundational perspective... [but radical in willingness] to subject everything else to critical scrutiny." Among such subjects for scrutiny Mouw listed "legal studies and corporate practice, the mores and attitudes of a given denomination or mission board, [expectations for professional



told the assembly that it would help underwrite cost of a decorative fountain and lounge area, in the new academic building's atrium.

Valedictorian for '88 is David Stengele, Palmerton, PA. Born and raised in India, he is the son of missionary parents, and a Stephen W. Paine Scholarship winner. In his valedictory address Stengele spoke of the constant partings and re-establishment of ties that are part of an MK's upbringing, of the mingled joy and sadness of life. He encouraged his classmates not to sever ties of their college years, but rather to recognize "that distance has become a new aspect of our friendships. . . that the marks of relationships are permanent." Stengele expects to pursue graduate work in English literature.

Salutatorian Julie Williams is from Port Huron, MI. She was a biology and chemistry major, but also made time to be a cheerleader and member/chaplain of the concert band, play intramural soccer and be on the equestrian team. Williams has also been active in campus clubs and served as a lab assistant. She's listed in *Who's Who* and will be married this summer.

Earlier on commencement morning, three Houghton students were commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Army, ceremonies culminating their involvement in Houghton's cooperative ROTC agreement with Saint Bonaventure



University. They are (left to right above): Terry K. Gowett and Diane L. Meserve, graduating seniors; and Robert B. Humphrey, a junior. Each received awards for superior performance and character. Following basic training the two seniors will begin service in armor and the Adjutant General's Corps, respectively.

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behavior], political authority, and [the range of popular opinion makers from] 'the editors of *Newsweek* . . . and the faculty of Harvard Medical School . . . to Lee Iacoca, Bill Cosby, Larry Bird and Madonna.'"

Mouw, who graduated from Houghton in 1961, spent 17 years on the faculty of Calvin College (MI) before accepting his present post. He is a widely-respected author and lecturer, with experience in Europe and Canada. Mouw and Bacca-

SUMMER CONFERENCES

Houghton College will host some 44 conferences and other groups during the summer months, ranging from the Salvation Army Youth councils to the Institute for Alcoholism Services. Some, like the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference are coming for the first time, while the United Methodist School of Missions will be on campus for the 17th straight year.

All told, some 6,600 guests are expected, among them prospective students and senior citizens. Income from the conference program will approach \$150,000, a vital contribution to a balanced college budget.

laureate speaker, Dr. Richard E. Barr, Jr., received honorary degrees from Houghton's president, Dr. Daniel R. Chamberlain—Doctor of Letters and Doctor of Divinity, respectively.

Barr, also a 1961 Houghton graduate, has pastored the Perinton Community Church of Fairport, NY, for 19 years. He is active in prison ministry, affairs of the Greater Rochester Association of Evangelicals, and is past president of the state organization, and an ex-officio member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

In his Sunday address, Dr. Barr urged the graduates to reject what he called "wolf pack rules and values." These, he said, include an "idolatry of the present," emphasis on "personal comfort," and the notions that "man, not God controls life, nature and history." He urged personal caution in choosing "dreams, mentors, occupations and love relationships," and warned against the "privatization and miniaturization of faith" in times that demand that effective Christians adopt "strategic," not defensive thinking, in order to propagate the faith.

Class president Mary Jo Patton presented President Chamberlain with a gift check on behalf of the graduates, and

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WHO EATS 3,000 chicken wings each week, 60 number 10 cans of pizza sauce, 45 pounds of pepperoni, another 30 pounds of sausage, 20 pounds of vegetable toppings, 150 pounds of dough and 180 pounds of mozzarella cheese? If your answer is "Houghton students, faculty and staff," you're close.

But you'll need to add salads, hamburgers, fish sandwiches, various daily specials, fries and gallons of coffee, tea, soda and malts, plus condiments, to come close to a typical school year week for the Reinhold Campus Center snack bar and adjacent Big Al's Pizza. Of course this is in addition to the daily three squares consumed two floors up in the cafeteria.

"Big Al" is Al Rehn, genial manager of Pioneer food service, winner of a student senate excellence award, a plaque from ball teams for pre-game meals and for-the-road goodies, and co-advisor to the just graduated Class of '88.

The snack bar has been operating since 1973, but was remodeled two years ago with installation of Tiffany lamps and booths for a more intimate feeling. The pizza business began in 1984. Big Al says the two serve about 3,700 customers a week, including breakfast and lunch customers. Friday is the busiest

night, though hours extend to 1:00 am five nights a week. Al says the favorites are the big pizza and chicken wings in "suicide" sauce. Orders for 70-100 of the latter are common. Popular in the area is Wednesday family night—all-you-can-eat pizza, salad, beverage, and free movies for the kids.

To handle the work load, Al

has five student managers working in rotation, plus another dozen workers who tend grill, oven and cash register. He says operations gross up to \$4,000 weekly. The last two years Al has supported World Missions Fellowship summer missions, during the spring he gives a dime or quarter to WMF for every pizza whose purchaser remembers to ask.



Groundbreaking ceremonies for Houghton's long-awaited academic building took place just to one side of Woolsey Hall's front entrance on April 15. Speaking of the building behind him, Professor Warren Woolsey said, "this old building has served college purposes well," then characterized the coming new one as "a well-appointed facility in which students and teachers will apply their hearts unto wisdom, where ultimately they will find the truth they seek in the Christ, 'in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.'" The first four groundbreakers were (l. to r.): Mr. Ian Lennox, president of the Citizens Crime Commission of Philadelphia, Pa, and chairman of the college trustees external affairs committee; Dr. John VanWicklin, chairman of the history and social science division; Mr. John Mervine, president of Nanticoke Homes, Greenwood, DE, and a Houghton trustee; and Dr. Sue Crider, incoming chairperson for the language and literature division. (See main story and photos on pages 12-13.)