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What happens to family relationships when Dad is unemployed?

WE'D BOTH been in union halls before, generally finding them vividly alive, filled with colorful, energetic people. And that's the way the United Steel Workers hall in Lackawanna, NY, was when Larry Ortiz had an office as a family counselor across the street several years ago.

But today—four years later—as we approached the building, things were different. Weeds overgrew the entrance. Just a few lights punctuated the gloom in a dusty hall. The smell of stale beer was unmistakable. Upstairs only a couple of offices were occupied. But the empty halls countered any impression that significant things were happening in those offices. The steel mill which had meant livelihood and security to thousands was rapidly shutting down.

Sociologists believe that all parts of society are interconnected and interdependent: the impact of an event in one part of society will affect other related segments. The effects of unemployment reach far beyond the unemployed—those directly stressed by job and income loss—to their dependents.

With this thesis in mind, our research

focused on the impact of father's unemployment on family relations, whereas most research assessing the impact of unemployment focuses on the affected person.

We explored several dimensions of family relations. The major focus was on the husband/wife and parent/adolescent relationships. Assessment of the marital relationship included: the quality of the marriage, decision making practices, the division of the household labor, husband and wife psychological distress, the relationship between income loss and psychological distress and the relationship between psychological distress and marital quality. We assessed parent/adolescent relationships by looking at the quality of parent/child communication, affection, guidance the child received from each parent and the adolescent's view of the parents as role models. We examined adolescent self concept. All of these variables were measured in relation to the degree of income the family had lost.

The study was conducted in the Buffalo, New York, area during late 1985 and early 1986. The sample consisted of 66 families. Thirty-one families had children



between the ages of 12 and 18 living at home. Subjects were all affiliated with one local chapter of the United Steel Workers of America which represented workers from Bethlehem Steel in Lackawanna, New York. The criteria for participation in the study were interest and an intact family. There were two subject groups, the unemployed, comprised of families whose primary breadwinner had been terminated from Bethlehem Steel as a result of the 1983 shutdown of

LETTERS

Open Letter to Alumni:

In response to numerous letters let me first say how much I appreciate your interest in your *alma mater* and its curriculum, specifically, the belief that German is to be "phased out."

Houghton College has traditionally needed to husband its resources. When our overall student-faculty ratio declined from about 17:1 to 14:1—a change of nearly 18 percent—the board wisely directed the administration to study this trend carefully and make recommendations to reverse it.

This study produced numerous options, one of which was to phase out our German courses. It was this possibility which was reported in the March *Milieu*. Subsequent review of all of the options, produced a decision quite different from the preliminary possibility reported in the *Milieu*. The German major will continue for the 1987-88 academic year. Thereafter we will continue to offer German as a way to meet the foreign language requirement in general education. Such an arrangement will con-

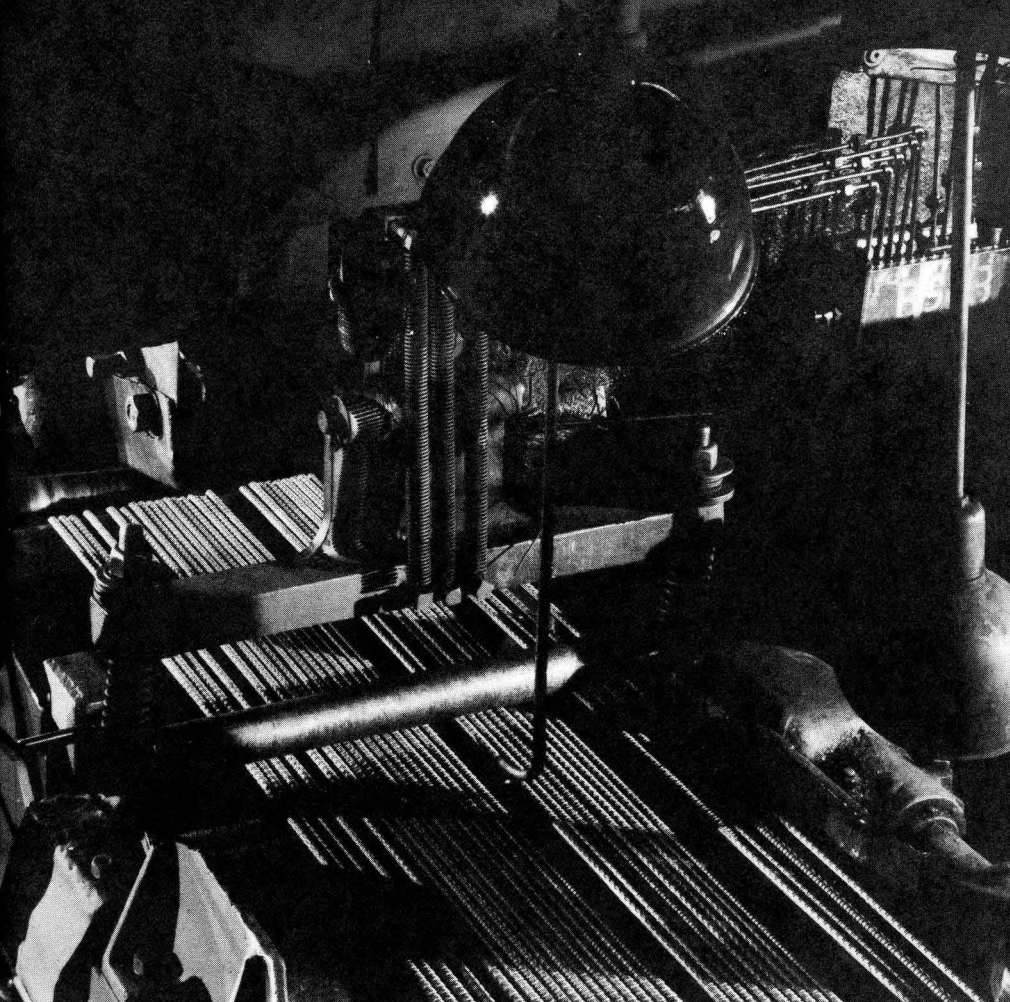
tinue so long as adequate enrollment continues in the courses that are offered. Should interest expand, the German major could be resumed. The fact is that for the past decade we have averaged two German majors each year and about half of them were double majors. The result has been that most of our advanced German courses have had very low enrollments. Based upon current declared majors, it appeared that we would have just one student graduate in German in the next two years.

I join you in trusting that Americans in general and Christians in particular will recognize the great importance of studying other languages and cultures which could lead to expansion of the foreign language program at Houghton.

Sincerely,
Daniel R. Chamberlain
President

Dear Editor:

Somewhere in the June 1987 *Milieu* is a reference to people not being well educated theologically [Alumnus Railey Gompah's piece on his work in Liberia—Edit.] That was a phrase that



the plant; and the controls, families whose primary breadwinner remained continuously employed at the steel mill in a production department unaffected by the shutdown. Twenty-three married couples with a total 23 eligible children comprised the unemployed group, with 43 couples and 22 eligible children in the control group.

Each subject in both research groups took identical tests, and the group's collective scores on each measure were

compared to determine the effect of unemployment. The findings suggested that unemployment alone did not adversely affect the husband/wife or the parent/adolescent relationships. However, when unemployment resulted in loss of 35 percent or more of the family's pre-unemployment income, family relationships suffered. The quality of the marriage did not suffer as a result of unemployment. If a marriage was satisfactory prior to layoff, then it was

likely to remain the same (1). Decision making was a shared practice in the home regardless of the husband's job status. The division of household labor was also unaffected by the husband's unemployment. Stress in the steel making industry appears to be ubiquitous, whether one is employed or unemployed. Observations from the study suggest that both groups of people experience stress, the unemployed deal with the related strains of job loss, ie. employment seeking, idleness, loss of income, while the employed contend with the fear they will soon lose their jobs.

The most significant finding in this study is that there is a positive relationship between the amount of income a family loses and the degree of stress it experiences. This finding was most apparent in the lives of the adolescents. In families where there was a loss of at least 35 percent of their previous income, (2) the adolescent children reported significantly poorer relationships with their parents. Both the quality and frequency of communication suffered in these families, there was a general decrease of affection and these children lost respect for their parents, especially the father. Although there was not a direct link established between significant income loss and the adolescent's poor

struck home. I was raised a Methodist, but left it around the age of 16, for reasons I didn't understand then but now believe was because no one ever tried to explain what the Church was for. The one I attended was indifferent to the needs of our age group for—be blunt—some theology.

For a long time I was "nothing," then drifted into Unitarianism, which certainly did lead me to think about theology. Thinking and reading about it revealed the vacuum, the emptiness, the essential atheism behind Unitarianism, and I dropped that pretty quickly. Since then I have done a lot more thinking and reading and am increasingly convinced that the Methodist church of my childhood really had something—if only they had communicated it to me.

Sincerely,
Name withheld by request

Dear Editor,

That last issue of the *Milieu* is excellent.

I carry on a fairly extensive correspondence with Spanish-speaking prisoners in USA prisons, and I'm delighted to know that students and faculty members in Houghton are vitally interested in prisoners, too.

Sincerely,
Alice Pool '29

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self concept, on measures of self concept these children scored well below their peers. The implications for these children are not good. Life course research suggests that prolonged economic deprivation has a lifelong impact on children, and some never fully recover (3).

What happens to the unemployed? Our sample was a diverse group and the results of unemployment varied. If a family is able to maintain a comparable level of income subsequent to job loss they probably will suffer few ill effects.

Conservative politicians have long argued that job loss is a mere inconvenience because there are sufficient social supports through union, public and private social services to maintain the unemployed individual's income level. For many this may be true, but some of the unemployed (approximately 40 percent in this study) do lose significantly because union programs and social services cannot sustain their income needs. These families run into trouble and suffer various forms of social distress and, the adolescent children suffer the most.

There are perhaps two reasons for this. First, the parent's coping skills may be fairly well solidified, but the strain of unemployment affects the entire family hitting the children at a time in life when they are most vulnerable emotionally and socially. Second, family systems theory

suggests that collective family stress can become localized in one individual, often-times a child. In other words, in families

1. One limitation of this study should be noted here. Due to the selection criterion, intact families, the researchers may have interviewed only the stronger marriages that "weathered" the crisis of job loss. It is possible that weaker marriages dissolved after the crisis of job loss, and of course these people were not represented in the study. In fact, informal conversations between union officials and the researchers often revolved around the break up of families of union members.

2. There were essentially three (3) groups in this study. The control group and two unemployed groups. The latter were divided into two subgroups, (a) those who lost their jobs but for various reasons did not lose a significant portion of their income because they were quickly re-employed or other members of the family went to work, and (b) the economically-deprived group, these people lost at least 35 percent of their income subsequent to unemployment. Some people in this latter group may have also been re-employed, but at a wage level well below their previous earnings.

3. For example see: Elder, Glen Jr. *Children of the Great Depression: Social Change in Life Experience*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 1974.

4. See for example: Figueria-McDonough, J., *Mental Health Among Unemployed Detroiters*. in *Social Service Review*, 1978, 52 383-399.

Gore, S., *The Effect of Social Support in Moderating the Health Consequences of Unemployment*. in *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 1978 19, 157-165.

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where there is a great deal of stress, the symptoms of that stress will show up in one member.

What ought to be the role of the church in providing for the needs of the unemployed? Clearly the church plays an integral role as part of the unemployed families's social support network. Social support literature (4) suggests that the church can play a vital role in meeting the social, spiritual, and to some extent, the material needs of people in crisis. But, the church should also play a role in prevention by advocating for social reforms which will lead to increased corporate responsibility for its employees and full employment in this society. We believe work should not be regarded as a privilege, but rather a right. Charity provided by the church is important and essential, but is limited without the pursuit of justice.

Larry Ortiz is assistant professor of sociology at Houghton's Buffalo campus. He received his Ph.D. in September. Earlier he was a family counselor and social worker in Buffalo and Michigan. His co-author, Ms. Marrle has also earned her Ph.D. this fall. She has taught at SUNY Buffalo and is presently associate director of occupational health at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo. This article summarizes six months of research Ortiz and Marrle did as part of their doctoral theses.

Do the children suffer most?

During the first half of the 1980s, some 13,000 steelworkers of the Buffalo area lost their jobs. From average annual earnings of \$31,690, these families now typically live on \$18,652. In the Ortiz-Marrle survey, the average former steelworker interviewed was 44 years old, the wives averaged 41 and the children averaged 15-and-a-half. Interviews were by phone and written questionnaire.

Two examples from the research were cited in a recent Buffalo News article based on the study. In the first case,

the husband had worked for the steel company since he was 18. After he lost the job he stayed home and collected unemployment benefits while his wife went to college to begin a career. The couple then separated, but has since reunited. The separation seriously affected their daughter who felt her parents perceived her as more loyal to one than to the other, while she was feeling responsible to keep them together. The daughter has now spent two years in counseling for academic and social problems.

A second family had two sons in their late teens. At the time of the study in 1986, the husband's benefits had run out and the family was living off savings and odd jobs. While the parents said their marriage was strong, the younger son became withdrawn and depressed after his father lost his job. Eventually he quit high school and was hospitalized following a failed suicide attempt.

While the study offered no explanation, it found that mothers who took over some wage earning responsibilities gained no added respect from their children, and that generally, the relationship between the children and their fathers was "significantly better than their relationship with their mothers."

Over the summer, Milieu asked three alumni who are corrections professionals to respond to the series of articles on prison ministry run in the June Milieu. Two with the U.S. Department of Justice are: James A. Finney '60, administrator for rules and remedies, U.S. Bureau of Prisons, Washington, DC; and Douglas Lansing '64, warden for the Metropolitan Correctional Center, Federal Bureau of Prisons, New York City. The third is Thomas Boghosian '51, protestant chaplain at Great Meadow Correctional Facility in Comstock, NY.

CHAPLAIN Boghosian's maximum security facility houses 1,550 inmates. Emphasizing the need for discipleship, Boghosian points out that few in that population are in for a first serious crime. "Most have criminal records going back to adolescence. . . they have survived in the streets depending only on their own prowess and ingenuity. Their perceptions of love, trust, father, mother, family and home are distorted."

"... Some of these commit their lives to Christ and Christians working with them rejoice . . . but [then say] 'now they are in the fold, let's go after the others.' At this point the struggle begins. [The prisoner] is told, 'trust God.' But he's never trusted anyone but himself. He's told that all things will work together for good under God's control [when] he has always provided his own needs and wants . . ."

"He's treated the same as before and the struggle for survival goes on. Where is the 'abundant life' that Jesus promised? We need to do more than present the gospel. There has to be supportive follow-up both in prison and more importantly, when the Christian inmate re-enters society."

Warden Lansing pointed out the danger of blanket categorizing prisons and prison staff as uncaring. He explained, "volunteers have an essential contribution to inmates which full-time staff sometimes cannot provide simply because inmates often feel the staff are part of the 'system.' Also, some staff, after years of service, become burned out after prolonged contacts with inmates. Inevitably staff are taken advantage of and can easily become reluctant to offer help since they fear being used again, a dilemma which correctional staff must face throughout their careers."

Inside Views on prison ministries



"Unfortunately, there is little outside interest in the mission of these staff or the never-ending challenge of renewing their spirits . . ." Prison staff, more often than not, are decent, humane, and often Christian people who want to make a contribution to others in their work. Chuck Colson's article mentions "deplorable prison conditions" which are being "challenged" by his organization. It is important to point out that many prisons are not deplorable. . . [Such generalizing] . . . is extremely unfair to those fine chaplains and other staff within the system who regularly work to meet complex inmate needs.

"It would be just as easy for correctional staff to comment on the naive, dishonest, manipulating, provocative volunteer who can cause many problems . . . The combined effort of staff and volunteers is the ideal, and often the rule."

James Finney's comments complement the others' views. He observed that of necessity, security is a prime responsibility of career prison workers, as is pro-

tecting volunteers from manipulation by the inmates.

"Given this difficult, but unavoidable context of security, staff generally welcome 'doers of good' from the community . . ." The value of honest and wholesome association between prisoners and volunteers is incalculable. Unfortunately, this service usually is short-lived. Some volunteers quit because they are unable to see and measure the fruits of their labors. Others quit because their interest and commitment were superficial.

"Most inmates are devoid of long-haul positive influences in their lives. While many are anxious to be befriended or ministered to, they are cautious about making a deep commitment to a volunteer or group of volunteers who may disappear in several weeks. Staff, too, are turned off by the high turnover in volunteers because of the time and energy staff must invest in orientation and supervision . . ."

"It takes a very special person to be effective in prison ministry with its special security constraints, with the pervasive skepticism and defeat of the prisoners, with the limited apparent rewards and successes which accrue, and with the endlessness of the task. But Christians are special people who can rise above these constraints and serve effectively."

"We need more of them."

Doing Justice

a report on a fact-finding journey to the Middle East

For two weeks in June, Houghton's president Daniel R. Chamberlain, academic vice president Clarence (Bud) Bence, and religion division chairman Carl Schultz participated with similar personnel from a half-dozen Christian colleges in a Middle East study program, sponsored by the Christian College Consortium and partly funded by a Pew Foundation grant for internationalizing curriculum. Arrangements were made by Mercy Care, an educational, developmental and relief agency based in the Pacific Northwest, and financed by Christian entertainers. The program's on-site leadership was provided by the Middle East Council of Churches. As Dr. Bence said, "tourists can blind themselves to political realities, [as scholar-observers] we could not." The team has shared its findings in a chapel dialog.

The following summary of the trio's experiences, observations and insights about a complex part of the world, high on the interest list of most Christians, is based on more than 30 pages of group interview transcriptions and Dr. Chamberlain's journal perspectives.

BRIEFINGS BEGAN in New York City—a day before the tour group spent three hours clearing security for the flight to Amman, Jordan. Participants learned that the three monotheistic religions of the Middle East are far from monolithic, each having great diversity [and sometimes dissension] within its own ranks. Egypt's Nasser established the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1964 to control the Palestinians. Palestinians selected Yasser Arafat as chairman in 1969. The chief purpose of the PLO was and is to gain self-determination and a homeland, since the displaced Palestinians feel insecure in Israel and in the Arab countries.

The tour began in Jordan and an interview with the president of Bir Zeit College, which is located on the West Bank. He described how he had been taken in the night, blindfolded and handcuffed by Israeli forces, then deported to Lebanon without formal charges or trial. Though many of his Israeli faculty support academic freedom, they have no impact on national policy. The school is frequently visited by the "occupation forces" and often closed without explanation, perhaps because Bier Zeit in some ways functions as a Palestinian government in exile.

Bishop Khoury, the assistant Anglican bishop of Jerusalem, also deported to Jordan in 1969 because he protested the beating of 10 and 12-year-old children by Israeli soldiers as a human rights violation, asserted that for 14 centuries Christians, Jews and Moslems lived in relative peace until the establishment of Israel when three million Palestinians began to live in Diaspora, one fourth of them in the "occupied territories." Bishop Khoury believes that most Palestinians desire a peaceful relationship with Israel and have become a "resistance movement" (read "terrorists" as the Israeli label) only out of frustration because of the expansionist movement of Zionism.

The study group visited Baga'a refugee camp, which has between 67,000 and 100,000 refugees and is thus the fourth largest city in Jordan. Each family occupies an 8 x 12.5-foot space. On average 7.4 people live in each, though some have up to 22. The box-like cubicles, built by the United Nations, are pre-cast concrete with corrugated zinc roofs.

Despite severe overcrowding, residents of the camps are not necessarily destitute persons. Some are entrepreneurs. Must Palestinians live in the camps, or could they emigrate? The answer is multiple. It's a self-imposed exile, although Palestinians in quantity are not welcome in other countries. And while some have lived in the camps for 40 years, even small children who've had no other home, know their village of origin and speak of returning there, whether or not those villages still exist. Leaving the camps is perceived as tantamount to admitting to having no hope of returning to one's village. Israeli intransigence—with U.S. support—was said to be the reason there have been no negotiations for a homeland.

The group's itinerary was not all "official briefings" and tours. There were opportunities for conversations in the homes of Palestinian Christians living in Jordan. In this context they confronted the curious stereotypes many Americans have about who Palestinians are. Dr. Schultz pointed out that the western press—partly out of a sense of guilt for the Holocaust, partly to avoid the appearance of anti-semitism, and partly because of some vaguely Christian presuppositions—"has demonized and de-humanized Palestinians, portraying them as uneducated, cruel, machine-gun carrying thugs."

Dr. Bence observed: "Palestinian Christians are in a bind. We made this trip because our given theological bias is toward Israel. It probably makes us look more favorably upon a secular Jew than we would look upon or identify with the concerns of a persecuted Palestinian Christian. We must confront that sort of distortion . . . The Palestinians I met had no guns. Israelis had the guns." Dr. Chamberlain noted that many Middle East believers feel betrayed by the Zionist sympathies of American evangelicals.

The president pointed out that there are three times as many Christians

as Jews in the Middle East, most of them Arab. American evangelicals tend to denigrate those numbers because they include all historic churches, but such an attitude only further isolates an already beleaguered element.

Leaving Jordan for Israel the tour party crossed the Jordan River on the famed Allenby Bridge, "a tiny single lane about the size of the bridge crossing Houghton Creek to campus," said Dr. Chamberlain. Alluding to two hours spent in customs, he noted, "Israelis are careful with all visitors, but they handle Palestinians in ways deliberately designed to humiliate and embarrass them . . . unfolding every garment, then leaving everything in a heap."

At the border, the tour group encountered another Middle East puzzle, mutual denial of reality—omission of borders on maps, ancient designations for disputed modern territories, passports stamped on loose leaves that are then removed, to maintain the fiction that a "non-existent country" has not been visited. After the 1948 war, 120,000 Palestinians remained in Israel. Today there are 650,000. Demographers predict that by 2021 they will be 51 percent of Israel's population, an ominous portent if nothing is done about creating for them a permanent homeland. Arab host countries also feel the danger of having their indigenous populations overwhelmed by Palestinians.

In Jerusalem the study tour members met with Canon Ateek, the general secretary of the Anglican diocese and a Palestinian. Ateek explained that evangelizing (proselytizing) is illegal and ministry is performed primarily through helping institutions and by living a Christian witness. Israelis had driven his family from their all-Arab village on two hour's notice, then taken it over as "abandoned." He noted that 429 Palestinian towns and villages in Israel had been bulldozed, but that the world says nothing, again, out of guilt for the Holocaust, fear of anti-semitism, or some sense of impeding prophetic fulfillment. The claim was also made that Israeli attacks on Palestinians outnumber Palestinian reprisals several hundred to one, but these go unreported in the west.

The group met with a Messiah College graduate known to president Chamberlain; a Palestinian lawyer, dedicated to using Israeli law to defend Palestinian human rights in cases where military commanders detain Palestinian civilians, extract, under duress, confessions in Hebrew which the accused do not speak, read or write. The lawyer said that military administrators have authority to impose penalties without charges and trials, may deport citizens, demolish or seal a house, impose town detention or collective or group punishment; and they may send accused Palestinians to jail for renewable terms without charges or trials.

Criticism of the system also came from Israelis. The chairman of the Israeli League for Human Rights expressed his distress for what the occupation is doing to Israelis as well as to Palestinians. A former military officer, fired for his opposition to military excesses, said the Six Day War marked a turning point in Israel's history. That victory led to colonial-type rule, which in turn has moved the country toward apartheid or dictatorship. He believes the country is intoxicated with military victory, financed by U.S. aid and leadership is uninterested in negotiated settlement.

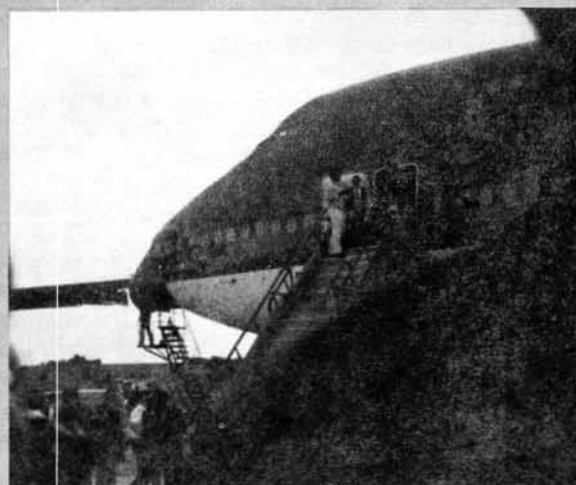
Landrum Bolling, director of the Tantur study center open to all Christians, shared views and conclusions about the Middle East, based upon 25 years of familiarity with all factions in Israel and the Arab countries. He told the study group that Jews and Palestinians share a "victim syndrome" which produces a great capacity to justify anything they do. Bolling believes that unless a just peace is discovered soon, Arab-Israeli conflicts of the future will make previous wars pale by comparison.

Irrefutable evidences of the regime's repression, treachery, and double standards, even in dealing with Israeli citizens when they had Palestinian backgrounds, continued throughout the trip. *Milieu* asked how concerned Christians can react appropriately.

For persons concerned lest they be interfering with unfolding prophecy, Dr. Schultz pointed out: "You never hinder God's program by doing justice. We are to be peacemakers . . . It's up to God to implement his calendar of bringing his kingdom to earth . . . We are not called to assist God by encouraging Armageddon . . . He who takes the sword shall perish by the sword."

President Chamberlain advised, "Encourage even-handed U.S. policies and peace initiatives. Ask ourselves and our congressmen, 'What are we doing to the land of Israel and its neighbors by continuing to provide such enormous military aid?' "

Each of the three encouraged tourists to Israel to get acquainted with local Christians and to take note of Palestinian institutions, become sensitized to both sides of issues.



A Narrow Escape

As a hair-raising conclusion to their Middle East tour, Drs. Bence, Chamberlain and Schultz were involved in a potentially-disastrous airplane mishap that made the international news.

Enroute back to the United States, the party was in the Vienna airport. Following a two-hour delay for engine repair, their Royal Jordanian Airlines 747 was held up again because heavy international traffic on the New York end would prohibit landing at the scheduled time. President Chamberlain takes up the story:

"Suddenly, as we sat in the plane waiting, we heard a loud crash and felt a terrible jolt which moved our plane one or two feet sideways. We looked out to discover that a South African 747 plane's wing had hit our plane, ripping a hole in the first-class cabin. We were evacuated from the plane and spent the next five hours in the transit portion of the airport while another plane was located."

Ducking the airline's PR-minded agent, who wanted to confiscate his camera, Dr. Chamberlain made several pictures of the damaged jumbo jet, including the one above. There were injuries in the first-class section, but none was fatal. So as a result of more delay and missed connections, the Houghton contingent reached home a day late, but unharmed.

CONSIDER that old apple tree, a "giving tree" in children's literature. It provides fruit, shelter and shade. Annually, you see the change, the growth.

In a sense, Houghton College is like the apple tree. God placed its roots years ago, but its purpose remains clear today. As a tree provides, so does the Christian college. Annually, Houghton serves hundreds of students in the Christian liberal arts tradition. Although the tree changes each season, it stays much the same. Its roots furnish stability and nourishment.

As I begin my 12th year at Houghton, I am excited about the recent changes which will help us remain faithful to our purpose. Perhaps the most dramatic change is the relocation of Fancher Hall onto the Gao site. This move preserves and enhances Fancher's dignity and makes way for the new academic building.

curriculum growth

Changes in the Houghton curriculum bring to mind such words as internationalizing, ethics and writing. Because of its membership in the Christian College Consortium, Houghton shares in a \$1.8 million grant from the J. Howard Pew Foundation Trust designed to help consortium colleges implement internationalization, integrate ethics and improve writing. In each of these areas, Houghton faculty are involved in planning changes that will enrich the curriculum.

Houghton officially assumed sponsorship of the Oregon Extension Program this year. A community of about 30 students and five faculty families study in Oregon's Cascade Mountains each fall semester, considering the nature of our society and the shape of human life in that society from the perspectives of eight academic disciplines. This innovative program in an alternative academic setting provides an inter-disciplinary focus including opportunities for independent research and tutorial study with Biblical underpinnings.

With the direction of Buffalo Suburban Campus dean Charles Massey, and registrar Willis Bearsdley, Houghton has become New York state's leader in long distance learning. Faculty from both campuses continued to research, publish,



and perform. Faculty publications such as "Coupling Reactions at the Metal-Tissue Interface in Electrical Stimulation with Cardiac Pacemaker Electrodes" in the *Journal of the Electrochemical Society* or "RLIN: Mud and Stars—A Bibliographic Essay on the Use of the Research Libraries Information Network at the Reference Desk" in the *Reference Quarterly* represent the diversity of faculty authors.

Houghton strives to promote positive student change from residence hall life and spiritual growth to health care, counseling and career direction. In athletics intercollegiate successes included a National Christian College Athletic Association championship in men's soccer, a regional championship in women's volleyball, and a regional playoff in NAIA men's basketball.

The discipleship program—which calls for significant Bible study and individual accountability—grew beyond all expectations, as 120 students signed up at the beginning of the year; most persisted throughout the spring.

Faculty and the student development personnel helped implement a new program called PACE (Providing an Appropriate Context for Education). This one credit course assists first-time freshmen in transition from home to college. Student feedback indicates initial success.

South Hall men's residence went into service on schedule, serving the purpose

which Gaoyadeo once did at one-half the heating cost!

a balanced budget

After a full year of fiscal challenges, vice president for finance, Kenneth Nielsen, reports another balanced budget (with a single exception, Houghton has operated in the black every year since 1972), and a modest surplus for 1986-87, with June 30th total accumulated surplus in excess of \$101,000.

Moving Fancher was just one of 55 projects and major repairs completed on both campuses during fiscal year 1987.

Alumni relations director Dick Alderman reported a record 564 attendance for Summer Alumni Weekend '87. From the Class of '77 alone, 80 alumni attended. Not to be outdone, the Class of '37 had the highest percentage attending with 23 out of 35.

Houghton's alumni are also giving alumni. Dr. G. Blair Dowden and the development team report that during 1986-87 more people supported the Lord's work here than ever before—up 16.5 percent from the 1985-86 record, for a total from all sources of \$2.7 million.



As workman scurried to finish new basement partitions, replace windows, re-install plumbing and a new heating system, Fancher Hall began limited service on its new site. Since this photo was made, the main entry stairs have been completed.

President's Report - 1987

matter remain the same." —Frieda Gillette

Nine

Another important measure of the annual fund's success in 1986-87 was the increase in the number of alumni donors—3,778. This is 660 more gifts than in 1985-86, and 1,768 more gifts than in 1984-85. Donor numbers during this past fiscal year represent 34.2 percent of alumni, nearly double the national average for alumni giving.

The newly-organized office of college relations achieved some desired goals under the direction of Mr. Wayne MacBeth.

"I want to hear from Houghton more often," voiced the typical respondent in an alumni survey conducted by Bob Arnold '83, in conjunction with college relations. The well-received tabloid, *Houghton Headlines*, grew out of this alumni request.

The admissions office reported the highest number of applications in Houghton's history: the result, a slightly-larger freshmen class than last year. Including 32 valedictorians and salutatorians, 94 percent of this group graduated in the top half of their class.

In its first year, an innovative church matching scholarship program worked

well. Qualifying students benefitted by seeking church support for their college expenses at Houghton. This test effort moves into full operation during the 1987-88 academic year when up to \$750 in financial aid given by a local congregation to a Houghton student will be matched by college funds.

In April, eight Christian high school computer teams filed into the Paine Science Building for a college sponsored high school computer contest. Visiting students were introduced to and impressed by Houghton's facilities and commitment to education. One participant enrolled this fall!

Whatever the changes in plant and program, what happens to our students, in our students, and because of our students, is the ultimate test of our effectiveness.

frustrations and disappointments

While 1986-87 was a good year, it also produced its share of frustrations and disappointments. Among these has been the delay in completing the art studio facilities in time for use first semester.

Identifying and recruiting qualified and committed faculty who are excellent

teachers is a continuing challenge. Growing student interest in Spanish, business and computer science requires additional faculty in each of these disciplines. Because efforts in 1986-87 were unsuccessful, the search continues.

I began this report by quoting Dr. Frieda Gillette's observation that at Houghton College, "The things that matter remain the same." The activities of 1986-87 demonstrate that people-centered purposes continue to "matter." Houghton College still strives to provide education that is high in quality, moderate in price and built upon Biblical principles, education which equips students to serve in a variety of vocations and professions around the world.

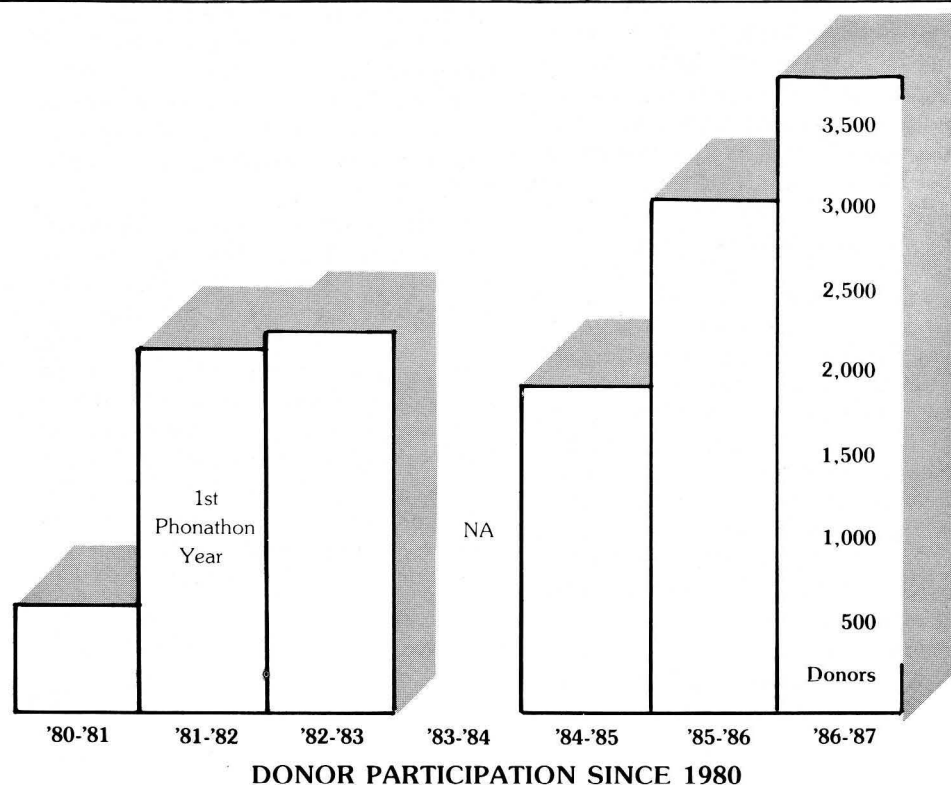
Houghton's distinctives and commitments are guideposts for the future as we continue the delicate task of maintaining a tradition of continuity while infusing it with new life and meaning.

dreams and visions

Crucial to achieving those goals over the long run is adequate financial support for the growth of Houghton's people, programs and plant. Through the past two years, extensive planning has prepared the way for a fall 1987 kickoff of the college's largest ever capital funds challenge—*The Campaign for Houghton*.

To be launched in October, the campaign will seek to raise before 1990, \$13.5 million to construct an academic building and a fine arts center, to increase endowment for scholarships, faculty chairs and general purposes, and to undergrid current operations.

During the planning phase, encouraging beginnings have been made toward achieving the goal. I invite you to join me in the prayer and other work required to make these dreams and visions reality.



Katherine Lindley on retirement, China, and western civilization



"I'M DRAWING Social Security now," she chuckled. "As of yesterday I ceased being the department head." In "retirement" Dr. Katherine Lindley will teach a section of western civilization, history seminar, serve her second year as launching coordinator of Houghton's program to internationalize curriculum and, during the sabbatical absence of Dr. William Doeze, advise pre-law students.

Second semester she'll teach introduction to politics "so Scott Harrop can work on his dissertation," plus modern Chinese history and politics. She also hopes to get back to editing existing tapes for the college's oral history, and maybe record some new ones. Cheerfully she observes, "that's a pretty light load compared to anything I've carried around here before!" She adds, "Retirement is having time to do what you want, and I've been doing that all my life."

What will she do with all her spare time? "Ken and I will probably go back to China again next summer." (The 20-member tour they led to China this past summer went beyond tourism. Each day there was extensive language study.) She continued, "The tour was a very valuable experience—it opened their eyes to a mass of people we've cast aside, shut out of our world. I like China!"

She admits she's yet to put her experiences into perspective and to sort out her thoughts, but noted: "It's changing so fast. Deng is the key to the present climate, but he's an old man. It's scary how quickly things could change. It's up to whichever group controls the party . . . We don't understand that kind of politics." Disillusion with the cultural revolution has produced widespread embracing of western pop culture. Dr. Lindley continued, "some of the westernization is sad." She tied the cultural losses she sees in prospect for China to a book she's been reading, Robert Bolla's *Habits of the Heart*. "He says we [in the west] have got to get back to traditions of religion and republic. Our present values will destroy us."

Pursuing that idea, she added, "students have less knowledge of America than ever, even less about what con-

stitutes western civilization. What do we do [to correct that] with a four-hour requirement . . . how important [is it perceived to be] out of 120-some hours?" But Dr. Lindley thinks a number of the students who studied in China this summer will return there in one capacity or another.

Noting that house churches are growing, she described the high moment of the tour: "We foreigners were all in the balcony of this government-approved church. Several hundred Chinese were in the main auditorium. We sang hymns, they in Chinese, we in English, and I gained a new appreciation for the hymn text 'In Christ there is no east or west . . .'"

alumni honor project

During her 24 years at Houghton, Mrs. Lindley has taught and mentored many students into lasting friendships. At Summer Alumni Weekend a committee of 10 former students announced the launching of "The Katherine Lindley Project." 1980 graduate Harriett Olson explained the idea at a reception for the Lindleys, complete with "I love K" buttons.

Harriett said the project is intended to "create a vehicle to honor Dr. Lindley and testify to the work that God has done through her in our lives and in the life of Houghton College, to reflect her commitment to God, to the college and to others, and to endorse her lifelong support of academic excellence and faculty-student interchange."

Olson continued, "Some 154 alumni have contributed to launch what they hope will become a \$100,000 endowment fund managed by the college." Income "will be distributed to faculty and/or students in the history or political science disciplines . . . on the basis of proposals submitted. . . for projects supporting professional, academic and spiritual enrichment . . . to facilitate original research, writing and publishing, attendance at conferences or professional seminars."

U. S. Constitution at its bi-centennial

**"the expression of religious
freedom is now [constitutionally]
guaranteed only in the churches"**

by William Doezema

FOR A CANADIAN to critique the U.S. Constitution before an American audience of bicentennial celebrants "is a hazardous exercise," commented Summer Alumni Weekend's keynote speaker. Yet Dr. Paul Marshall, political theorist and Vice President of Toronto's Institute for Christian Studies, as well as author of *Thine is the Kingdom* and numerous other works on faith and politics, managed the task with evenhandedness, insight, and obvious appreciation from the audiences which packed his two lectures in Schaller Hall. Valuable perspectives on the Constitution were also offered by four respondents to Professor Marshall's lectures: Graham Walker '79, Ph.D. candidate in political science at the University of Notre Dame; John Rommel '51, History Department Head at Central Connecticut State University; and Timothy Harner '77 and William Thorne, both lawyers as well as former and current teachers, respectively, of Houghton's course in constitutional law.

Marshall urged listeners to consider not only the original document itself, but also past and present constitutional amendments, presuppositions, usages, and attitudes. If this "broad view of what is meant by 'Constitution' . . . makes the lawyers uncomfortable," quipped the speaker, "then I'm doubly gratified."

The speaker focused on "the core, perhaps even the soul, of the Constitution: questions of freedom, rights and diversity." He praised the Bill of Rights' religious free exercise and nonestablishment clauses for being "major sources of Christian vitality in the U.S. today."

That vitality, however, has been

challenged, argued Marshall, by a confusion—especially in the judicial branch—of the nonestablishment clause with a secularized version of the "separation of church and state" idea. Contrary to popular opinion, noted Marshall, the separation idea was neither invented by Americans nor embodied in their original Constitution. Moreover, the concept has recently been modified to mean separation of *religion* and state. Many in American government now believe that the state should be secular since secularism is seemingly nonreligious and neutral, and that the state's neutrality makes it more competent to judge the respective jurisdictions of church (or religion) and state than religions, which, because of their presumed partialities, should be confined mostly to private (nonpublic) life and practiced only within churches.

In reality, suggested Marshall, the U.S. government is not neutral: it has moved toward what Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart has aptly termed "the establishment of a religion of secularism." Moreover, the government's attempt to remove religion from the public arena contradicts the biblical position that all of life, including politics, has a religious

dimension and should be informed (not necessarily coerced) by faith, and that government is fully as much a God-ordained institution as the church.

While the secular thinking that has distorted the separation of church and state concept has been most notable in recent years, observed Marshall, the humanistic individualism of many of the Founding Fathers gave the Constitution a certain secular bias from the nation's very beginnings. The document assumes, for example, that governments derive their authority from people rather than from God, and that rights belong essentially to individuals rather than to groups, among which "the expression of religious freedom is now [constitutionally] guaranteed only in the churches." This "fixation on purely individual right," together with the belief in the separation of religion and state, has worked "to undercut the place of religion in schools, in social work, in hospitals, in colleges, in broadcasting, and publishing. . ."

The love Americans have for their Constitution, concluded Marshall, is by no means entirely misplaced. This kind of sustaining love has often been destructively lacking in many of the countries which have unsuccessfully copied the U.S. Constitution. Yet the speaker cautioned against "idolizing the human achievement." Many American Christians from the "left and right vie over who holds the true constitution, as though this were the same as the question of who holds the truth." Although the Constitution is "a remarkable achievement," admitted Marshall, as Christians "we must avoid being mesmerized. . . and. . . having our thought confined within its bounds."



Dr. Marshall

Dr. Doezema, presently on sabbatical leave, moderated the SAW panel discussions. He is associate professor of history at the college.

Least changed, most changed - - - Rediscovery

by Lorraine Mulligan Davis '77

Until this year I'd never given much thought to returning to Houghton. But I guess the Class of '77 reunion committee promised me a party worth attending. And it was. In less than 72 hours on campus, I rediscovered why I'd made the four-year trip.

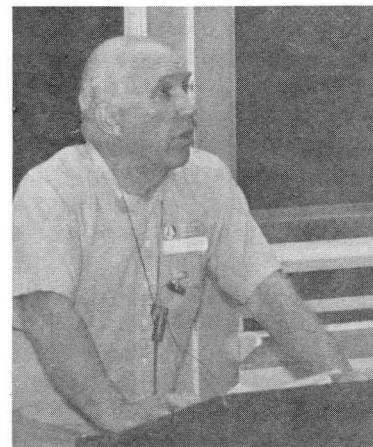
I arrived a day early to give myself time to get reacquainted with Houghton before taking up the task of reading name tags from 10 feet away. Have you ever entered a building and felt sure you would know where you were even with your eyes closed? I got that feeling more than once that weekend. Even if a few of those buildings have new names, and new identities, somehow I felt the same inside their walls. A sense of "I belong here" accompanied me wherever I went: to the East Hall phone booth, where I'd called my folks collect each Sunday night (someone's finally put a chair inside!); to Wesley Chapel, where I'd counted the folds of the curtain as I sat through Artist Series dates, enduring culture in expectation of the good conversation to follow; to the Campus Center stairwell, where, on my way to the mail room, I'd so often bargained with God for just one letter. At once I realized this "I belong here" feeling was not a new companion. It had been with me, unnoticed, all my college years. By the time my fellow classmates started arriving, I felt as if I were welcoming them home.

As we came together as a class once more, I experienced an acceptance I'd hardly known I'd wanted. For time apart had given us a unity that went beyond the work of freshman initiation, class prayer meetings, and Senior Skip. Old "groups" were not so important this time round. It was healing to be valued by someone from a group I'd only watched from afar. . . and to welcome friendships with classmates I'd overlooked in college.

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50-YEAR CLASS from bottom left: Elizabeth (R) Ellen Mills; Row 2: Robert Luckey, Lina (Pettit) Dorothy (Trowbridge) DeLong, Paula (Eldridge) Cooley, Helen (Paul) Paine, Mary (Paine) Hold, Ardon Stockin, Wesley Thomas, Merritt Queen, All





Downs, Hazel (Fox) Boon, Esther (Fancher) Lister, as, Gerald Smith, Elizabeth (Sellman) VanOrnum, Row 3: Isabelle Riggs, Worth Cott, Ellen (Stickle) Vincent; Row 4: James Bence, William Snider, Gor-Smith, Wesley Churchill.



It saddened us to know some friends had stayed away—and why. And there was mourning that our classmate Nick Bohall could never return. But we could rejoice, too, at 10 years' growth from seeds God had planted within us at Houghton: As I heard more and more about the Houghton today, I was sure that the same process would continue with the incoming freshmen.

Mind you, the reunion was not without its disappointments. I didn't win the award for Most Degrees Since Houghton, or Least Changed (I really wanted to earn that one), or Most Changed (I wanted to earn that one, too). But I guess, in retrospect, I'd give the school itself the Least Changed and Most Changed awards. And that feels very good.

SAW — New records, rave reviews

TRAVELING from Hong Kong, Marjorie (Dunbar '62) Pang easily captured the came-the-farthest award at the closing banquet of Houghton's record-smashing Summer Alumni Weekend. Esther (Fancher '37) Lister from England was runner up. Lone Driscall '27 was recognized as the senior alumna present—at least for that banquet—and Homer and Mildred (Stevenson '30) Fero '31 claimed longest wed honors.

As noted in the August Houghton Headlines, the 10-year reunion Class of 1987 smashed all previous marks by drawing 80 of its members to three days of special programming. (See the adjacent assessment by class member Lorraine Mulligan Davis.) But not to be outdone, the 50-year Class of 1937 had the highest percentage of its members back—23 of 35.

At the beginning of the week the first alumni hostel drew a capacity crowd to participate in lectures by Drs. F. Gordon Stockin, Bruce Brown and Carl Schultz, enjoy varied evening programs, good food and lots of free time for fellowship or quiet renewal. In their post-session comments attendees were uniformly generous. One alumnus summed up: "I was filled full at the Alumni Hostel with momentous meals, friendly fellowship, serious study, inspiring insights, moving music and attractive art. Don't miss it!"

The Golden Agers' program instituted soon after Houghton's first 50-year class reunion drew a record 74 participants, 40 of whom attended the entire program: dinner with President and Mrs. Chamberlain on Wednesday evening, followed by a music program, launched Thursday with attendance at the last alumni hostel class and concluded with a luncheon at the historic Old Library Restaurant in Olean. Entertainment, lodging and meals is free for these alumni of 50 years ago and longer, and the 55 and 60-year class members received complimentary copies of professor John Leax's popular book, *In Season and Out*.

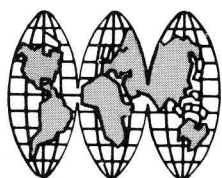
Houghton Academy used SAW to encourage alumni of both institutions to visit its campus, view changes and meet old friends. Twenty-five to 40 people turned out for those events.

The seminars on the U. S. Constitution were received enthusiastically (see summary by panel moderator William Doezema on page 11), and there were well-attended receptions for emeriti faculty and retiring professor Katherine Lindley.

Throughout the weekend alumna Anne (Boyer) LePere had an exhibit of paintings and sketches in the campus center. Then, some 20 alumni and area artists held a five-day paint-in immediately following SAW.

A Youth in One Accord 30-year reunion provided a choir for special music.

Photos from top left: New dean, Bud Bence said he'd returned to campus less for nostalgia and the comfort of the familiar, more for the challenges of the future. A member of the Class of '77 instructs the new generation in the skills of foosball. The 50-year class, Historian John Rommel '50 talks about the constitution, while fellow panelist Graham Walker '79 chats with faculty member Ruth (Fancher '43) Hutton. Panel moderator Bill Doezema in background. The YOA Choir was directed by Margaret (Stanley '67) Ashmore.



ALUMNI IN ACTION



Koches above, Bences below

1930s

'35 **GEORGE & Helen KOCK** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. In 1970 George retired from a 42-year career with General Electric in Schenectady. Both of them are still active in the First Wesleyan Church of Watervliet, NY. Together they have over 100 years of service as Sunday School teachers. They have three children, among them, **RICHARD '66**.

'36 **ALTON & Aileen SHEA** have interrupted their retirement in Houghton to serve four months at the Wesleyan Bible College in Sierra Leone, W. Africa. He will be teaching under son **PAUL '69**, who is principal. Aileen will teach pastors' wives. They previously served in Africa 10 years ago.

'37 **JAMES & FLORENCE (LYTLE '35) BENCE** celebrated their golden anniversary in June. Now pastoring the Haskinville Wesleyan Church, Cohocton, NY, the Bences have served pastorates in the denomination's Central New York District for 38, 12 of them he was superintendent. The couple's seven children all attended Houghton College and several of their 13 grandchildren have also done so.

'37 **PAULA (ELDRIDGE) BLISS** and her husband, Lyle, live in Fillmore, NY, where they celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer. They have two children and five grandsons.

'37 **ESTHER (FANCHER) LISTER**, still living in Essex, England, has retired from teaching English to immigrant children, but is still active on local support committees of the Bible Society and the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. She also participates in her husband's hobby of transcribing 17th and 18th century shorthand systems.

'38 **ROBERT & NORVA (BASSAGE '38) CROSBY** have returned to Puerto Rico for additional missionary service. In retirement they have been living in Brooksville, FL.

1940s

'42 **M. DUDLEY PHILLIPS** nominated by the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians to receive the 1987 American AFP Doctor of the Year Award, made the top 10 in the nationwide competition. The nominating endorsement cited Dr. Phillips as "the complete family physician . . . His sense of purpose and commitment to family medicine has spanned three generations . . . at home, in hospital and nursing facility." As MAFP public relations and marketing chairman, Dr. Phillips led in development and design of an organizational logo and exhibit board, statewide distribution of a health topics newspaper column, health and public service announcements for radio and development of a speakers' bureau.

'43 **FRANK & HELEN (BAKER '45) HOUSER** left Spokane, WA, July 23 for Nanjing, China, where they will stay one year. Frank, who taught sociology at Whitworth College (WA) for the past 28 years, will teach American culture and English at Nanjing University as part of Whitworth's exchange program. Helen plans to "travel

around China, getting to know the people." The Housers live on campus in a rent-free, one-bedroom apartment in the Foreign Experts Building.

'49 **BILL CURRIE** is executive director of American Messianic Fellowship, which recently moved its headquarters from Chicago to Lynwood, IL. His wife, **SWANTINA (ZYLSTRA ex '52)**, is an assistant professor of English and linguistics at Moody Bible Institute.

After 32 years of teaching, **HELEN (ORR '49) RAWSKI** retired from the Orange Schools (OH) three years ago and created a second career shepherding teenagers on spring ski trips and summer educational jaunts to Europe. Rawski was featured in an *Ohio Plain Dealer* article about her two loves—young people and travel—and how she has combined them into a new life's work. Rawski has visited more than 10 countries. Working with the American Institute for Foreign Study, Rawski is always teamed with an instructor who is an expert on that particular country. Since her retirement, she has been named institute coordinator for the Northeast Ohio area. She says, "I have seen a lot of the world for nothing except for a couple gray hairs and some headaches."

1950s

'52 **DALE GAINDER** retired from his high school counseling position in June. His wife, **(DORIS BURKETT '51)**, retired from teaching second grade last year. They plan to continue working with new Christians at Spring Valley Wesleyan (MI) and travel.

After 30 years pastoring the First Baptist Church of Central Islip (NY), **JUNE (GILLILAND '52) WILLIAMSON** and her husband have moved to Cleveland, GA. Several Houghton alumni were among attendees at a farewell dinner for them. Participants in the program included **BOB and BETTY (BJORKGREN '52) DENNY '52**, **BOB MERZ '52**, **ADELE HARITONOFF '60**, and **JACK and ROBERTA (MAC NEILL '72) MERZIG '72**. Mrs. Williamson is giving piano lessons in her home. Her husband is teaching part-time.

In the June 30 *Chattanooga Times*, **DONALD CRONK '55** is featured in an article as a man whose teaching meant more than punching in and out on a time clock. Cronk, who taught American government and economics at Chattanooga High School for 30 years, has retired from the public school system. He is an economics teacher at Notre Dame High School, a private institution.

'56 **SHIRLEY PAWLING** has retired as a New York state school psychologist after more than 28 years. He is a counselor and Christian education director for Pulaski (NY) Wesleyan Church.



Barbara (Jacobs) Coffan '71 sent this picture from Arvada, CO, and shared this story. "In 1969 I first met my college roommate, Mariellyn Jones on the top floor of East Hall. We became fast friends and roomed together for the rest of our college days. Shortly before graduation Mariellyn married a 1969 graduate, Tom Hilgeman, and I married Tom Coffan '71. Our paths never crossed after graduation because Hilgemans moved to Bolivia as missionaries, while Tom and I moved to Colorado where he is minister of youth in a Baptist Church and I coordinate the program of interpretation for the deaf in the church."

A few years ago the Coffans were called to Bolivia for a two-week mission. It turned out that Hilgeman was chosen (without prior knowledge) to be Tom's interpreter in a series of meetings. Above they are shown, Hilgeman left, in what turned out to be a remarkable pairing for ministry, as well as an enjoyable reunion. Hilgeman is president of Gospel Missionary Union in Bolivia and principal of a school for missionary children. Mariellyn teaches.

1960s

In July, **RONALD ENROTH '60** had a book published, *The Lure of the Cults*, by Intervarsity Press. Enroth is a sociology professor at Westmont College. The *Garland Reference Library of Social Science* identified him as "the single most important evangelical Christian counter-cult writer" during the early 1980s. He is the author of *Youth Brainwashing and the Extremist Cults* and recently became science editor of the *Christian Scholar's Review*.

'67 **JOAN (PACOCOA) EDINGTON** was one of seven elders ordained during the Kansas West Conference May 26. Rev. Edington is pastor to the Ransom and Brownell United Methodist congregations. Her husband is **RONALD EDINGTON '67**.

'68 **DEBORAH HERITAGE** is celebrating her 20th year with the Richmond (CA) Unified School District.

In May, **ROBERT ANDERSON '69** earned a doctor of ministry degree from Pittsburgh (PA) Theological Seminary. The title of his dissertation was *Improving Ministry by Clarifying the Role Expectations of Clergy and Laypeople*. He pastors Christ United Presbyterian Church in North Huntingdon, PA.

1970s

At the Congress of the Bible II conference in Washington, DC, this month, **HAROLD KUHN '70 (H)** and his wife, Anne, represented Asbury Theological Seminary. During the summer, they spent several weeks in Europe and Great Britain. They attended the missionary conference at Emmanuel Bible College in England.

'70 **DAVE RAMSDALE** is assistant to the director of aviation for JAARS International. He had been a flying instructor in Brazil. He and his family live near headquarters in Waxhaw, NC.

'71 **DIANE (LAWSON) DANIELSON** graduated with honors from Campbell University, earning a master's of business administration in May. She was selected for the 1987 edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

In May, **JOHN BUCKWALTER '73** was promoted to associate professor at Alfred State College (NY), where he teaches biology in the Allied Health Division. His wife **LAUREL (GRASTORF '73)**, works part-time at Alfred University, teaching private and class piano lessons, directing a chorus and accompanying.

'73 **PAUL STIANSEN** earned a master of divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and has begun working at the United Nations with the Christian Embassy. This is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. The Stiansens' ministry will be targeted at U.N. ambassadors and diplomatic community members. "Our aim is to share the gospel with these world leaders and disciple them in the Christian faith."

'74 **CHARLES DAVIS** completed Ph.D. requirements in biostatistics at the University of Michigan in June. He is assistant professor in the Division of Biostatistics, College of Medicine, University of Iowa. Before, he was manager of the statistics department at Miles Laboratories, Elkhart, IN. His wife, **RUTH (SPEARMAN '74)**, had been substitute teacher and director at Huron Hills Baptist Preschool (IN).

'76 **DAVID KOFAHL** has been appointed to serve as pastor of the St. James United Methodist Church in Niagara Falls, NY. His wife, **DIANE (CUMMINGS '76)**, continues to teach piano at home and care for their three children.

'77 **ROGER HOUK** reported for duty at the Naval Dental Clinic, Norfolk, VA. He joined the Navy in 1982.

'77 **ERIC KOUNS** has begun Ph.D. work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (KY).

'77 **DAVID PENNE** showed some of his art in an exhibit, *Nightmares*, from July 21-August 15. The *Washington Times* writes, "Two paintings by Baltimore artist David Penne stand out from this largely mediocre show for their particularly fine painting and wry humor in addressing the show's theme."

Good News Books released **JERRY WALLS' '77** book, *The Problem of Pluralism: Recovering United Methodist Identity* last fall. Jerry is assistant professor of philosophy and religion at Asbury

Theological Seminary. He is completing his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. His wife, **PATRICIA (DORSEY '77)**, continues her work with North American Signs, Inc. as a regional sales representative in the Lexington (KY) area.

In Quito, Ecuador, **ROBERT ETHER '78** is chaplain of the Alliance Adacemy.

'78 **DUANE WATSON** received a Ph.D. in philosophy from Duke University in May.

'79 **DWIGHT BRAUTIGAM** received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in May. He is assistant professor of history at Huntington (IN) College.

'79 **CASPER FARROW**, a teacher at Paulsboro High School (NJ), was appointed community director of Youth for Christ in West Germany. He will minister to American teenagers on a military base there for at least two years.

Honor Foundation

At its July meeting, the Houghton College alumni board initiated an "honor" foundation, as a companion to the memorial gift fund established in 1971 to help finance student scholarships.

Persons desiring to honor a living classmate, colleague, or other person they admire, may make the gift to the college in the name desired, mailing it in care of the alumni office. Both the donor and the honoree will receive acknowledgements of the gift and names will be recorded in a permanent record book at the college. The first gift to this fund honors Rachel Davison Fee, who was for many years the college registrar.

The overall fund has reached the \$25,000 mark and a first scholarship award will be made to an alumni child in the fall of 1988.

1980s

'80 **DAVE KERCHOFF** is a commercial loan representative for Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo, NY.

'80 **LINDA (PETERSON) MANDANAS** completed family practice residency at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, MI, in June. Then she and her husband moved to Harlan, KY, where he has begun practicing pulmonary medicine at the Daniel Boone Clinic. Linda has joined the clinic to practice family medicine.

'81 **JUDY McCANN** is attending the University of Illinois, studying to be a high school English teacher. She is involved in the Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Evanston (IL). She had been teaching remedial English grammar and composition at a nearby junior college.

'81 **JONATHAN VOGAN** has completed work at the Officer Indoctrination School at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, RI.

'82 **DONNA (SHEELEY) BRELSFORD** is a part-time student at Westminster Choir College, studying towards a master's degree in music. She had worked at International Schools Services where she helped place teachers and administrators in American and international schools.

'82 **ERIC FETTEROLF** was recently appointed self-help director for Lackawanna County's (PA) Self-Help Information Network Exchange (SHINE). He was featured in a *Sunday Times* (Scranton, PA) article as "Personality of the Week." Fetterolf is responsible for planning, developing and implementing SHINE's policies, providing consultation to professionals and existing self-help groups in the county. He helps initiate additional support groups in response to expressed community needs.

'82 **GAYLE IRWIN** will be teaching English in China for a year with English Language Institute.

Down the Aisle

Stuart & Judith Blanchard '73
Sam & Deborah (Braun '84) Collichio
Becky (Johnson '87) & Mr. Gay
Scott & Tina (Burgess '87) Hager
Edward & Sharon (Burchard '84) Haregsin
Don & Lori (Booser '87) Henderson '85
Jeffrey & Betty (Hartman '87) Hinds '87
Gene & Anne (Ludington '83) Mage
Richard & Susan (Edgecomb '84) Mayo
Bill & Tracey (Kaler '85) McVicker
Miriam (Keith ex '85) & Mr. Miller
Bob & Carmen (Ranalli '85) Morrison '87
James & Darice (Beardsley '86) Mullen '86
Henry & Deborah (Waite '86) Polakowski
Delbert & Susan (Schultz '74) Rose
Harold & Cynthia (Cornwell '86) Rymer, III
Roy & Dorothy (Young '85) Thomassian
Andrew & June (Prosser '86) Topolnycky '85
Jon & Barbara (Felder '87) Walberg '87

Before, she worked at London Life Insurance Company (Canada) as a disability claims specialist.

'83 **MARY ANNA BADER** graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (SC), earning a master's degree in divinity. She was ordained by the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, and was installed as the second pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham, NC.

'83 **ROBERT COHOON** earned a master of divinity degree from Duke University in May.

'83 **WILLIAM DINSE** has completed the U.S. Air Force military indoctrination for medical service officers at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

'83 **LARRY JOHANNESSEN** earned a master of divinity degree from Duke University in May.

In May, **CRAIG MIX '83** received the master of arts degree in education from CBN University (VA).



*Four Houghton graduates met in Albany in July for a time of Christian fellowship and athletic activity. From the left, **SCOTT MORGAN '84** is director of special projects for assemblyman Anthony Casale. Scott was elected Albany County Conservative Party chairman. He received an M.B.A. from Baylor University in May. **CHRIS DEMPSEY '84** is chief executive officer at the Robert Dempsey Insurance Agency in Groton, NY, and heads a real estate investment organization. **PETER ROMAN '84** is a flight attendant with American Airlines based in New York City. Peter had been with Sports Life for two years. **BOB WIELAND '83** (kneeling) completed an M.A. degree in history at Albany State University in May while working as a legislative aide for a state senator. He will start law school in January.*

'84 **MARK NABHOLZ** is interim assistant professor of music at Central Wesleyan College (SC), conducting the Chamber Choir and teaching private voice and freshman theory. His wife, **FRAN (EDWARDS) '85**, is director of faculty support services there.

'84 **DEBRA SKINNER** earned a master of divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology (MA) in May. She has been appointed to a three-point charge which includes Fort Jackson, Nicholville and St. Regis Falls (NY) United Methodist churches.

A third-year medical student at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine, **MARK VERRA '84** was recently inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, a distinction which places him in the top 10 percent of the nation's medical students. This honor is usually reserved for fourth-year students. Mark is interested in pursuing a career in ocular surgery.

'85 **ROSEMARIE HOGAN** is attending classes under the auspices of Youth With a Mission in Elm Springs, Arkansas. She is in the discipleship training phase of the course. She wants to be a missionary.

'85 **Laurie Jacobson** wrote an article describing her experience with Youth With a Mission, published in the Fall/Winter 1986 issue of *Cultic Studies Journal*. The title of the article is "My Experience in YWAM: A Personal Account and Critique of Cultic Manipulation."

'86 **DAVID MEE** has joined the staff of Southwestern College (AZ) as coordinator of public affairs. He plans to pursue a master's in communications from Arizona State University.

'87 **JEFFREY CROCKER** was a summer intern at Hancock Shaker Village in Pittsfield, MA. Sponsored by Yankee Publishing, Inc. and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Jeff was responsible for locating and arranging records of the architectural history of the village into a file and catalog which will also include accounts of building restorations and oral histories by those involved in the restoration work.

ex '87 **SUZANNE HOUSEKNECHT** is a sophomore at Spring Arbor College in Michigan.

ex '88 **PAUL CHRISTIAN FANCHER** and **ANTIONETTE MARIE GIERMEK** ex '89 announced their engagement on September 12, 1987. No wedding date has been set.

Making the News

Have you news for Alumni in Action, but don't know how to reach us? Send items to HOUGHTON Milieu, attention of Cynthia Machamer or Dean Liddick, Public Information Office in care of the college. Copy deadline is the first week of the month of publication, but space limits occasionally postpone publication of an item by one issue. We are likely to run items which have appeared in class newsletters only when we judge them to have broader appeal.

Contrary to the impression you'd get from the alumni distribution map in the June *Milieu*, Houghton does have alumni in Indiana, 153 of them at last count.

In Memoriam

'25 CLARICE SPENCER died June 18 in Wyoming County Community Hospital, Warsaw, NY, after a lengthy illness. She was 83. A lifelong resident of the Belfast-Fillmore area, Miss Spencer was a graduate of Belfast Central School. She had taught languages in several area schools, including Machias, Belfast, Dundee, and Bath. She retired in 1965. She was a member of St. Patrick's Church, and Hawthorne and Leisure clubs, all of Belfast. She is survived by a brother; a sister; and nieces and nephews.

NINA SPENCER (S) died June 13 in Cuba Memorial Hospital (NY) after a long illness. She was a member of the Houghton Wesleyan Church and former employee of Houghton College. Surviving besides her husband are four brothers; three sisters and several nieces and nephews.

'48 DONALD WING died May 13 in his Johnstown (NY) home after a long illness. He was 63. He retired in 1979 after serving there 18 years as a Reformed Church pastor. In subsequent years, Wing attended State Teachers College (NY), served in the Army, and attended the University of South Carolina. Then he attended Syracuse University, teaching Latin and French in Tully (NY). He received the equivalent of a master's degree in romance languages from the university and a Ford Foundation Fellowship, traveling in Canada and the United States from 1952-53. In 1961 Wing received his master of divinity degree from Brunswick Theological Seminary. He was ordained at the Reformed Church in Chatham that year and served as pastor

there until 1970, when he came to the Johnstown church. Rev. Wing is survived by his wife; his mother; two daughters; two sons; two brothers; seven grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **MILDRED (CORTWRIGHT '49) COLLINS** on June 18.

'32 EMELENE COSGROVE died June 24 in Wyoming County Community Hospital (NY). A 1928 Rushford (NY) High School graduate, she graduated from the old Meyer Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Buffalo in 1935. Ms. Cosgrove worked for several years as the women's surgical supervisor and associate education director there. For 25 years she was the night nursing supervisor at Wyoming County Community Hospital. She was a 50-year member and past matron of the Rushford Order of the Eastern Star. Emelene served as the grand matron of the Allegany district and was a member of the Friendship Court of the Order of the Amaranth.

'50 OLIVER DONGELL, a minister at Family Bible Church in Mesa, AZ, for the past 17 years, died June 4 at his home. He was 61. A minister for the past 35 years, he led seven tours to Israel. Dongell attended Princeton Seminary and went on to receive a doctorate from the California Graduate School of Theology. Rev. Dongell was a past president and member of the East Valley Association of Evangelicals. He was also an Army Air Force veteran of World War II. Before moving to Arizona, he pastored the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Silver Creek, NY, and at Houghton Wesleyan. Survivors include his wife, **VONNIE (CARSWELL '51)**; two sons; three

sisters; one brother, **HERB DONGELL '46**; and seven grandchildren.

'32 ELSIE (CHIND) DOTY died May 24 in Arnold Gregory Memorial Hospital in Albion, NY, after a 10-month illness. She was 81. Surviving besides her husband, **ARTHUR DOTY '30**, are two sons; two daughters; three brothers; three sisters; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **ADELBERT EDWARDS '24**. He had lived in Altmar, NY.

CLAIRE (HUTCHINGS '57) FINNEY died June 3 in San Diego, CA, after a long bout with cancer. She had taught junior high school English and elementary school for several years. **DAVID '57** and four children survive.

Word has been received of the death of **ALICE (FOLGER '31) FISK**. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank, in 1978.

'29 ROBERTA (MOLYNEAUX) GRANGE died July 26 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. A memorial service was held for her August 19 in the Houghton cemetery. Survivors include two brothers, **EVAN MOLYNEAUX '29** and **SILAS MOLYNEAUX '36**; and one sister-in-law, **JANE (VARLEY '41) MOLYNEAUX**.

On April 10, **KESSEL (MILLS '39) HESS** died in Florida. Family and friends held a memorial service April 26 at Westwood Chapel, Orlando. She is survived by her husband, **ORVEN HESS '35**.

'39 ROBERT HOMAN died July 22 at the Chillicothe Veterans Administration Center in Waverly, Ohio. He served with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and graduated from the University of Illinois. He taught at Houghton for three years and was an instrumental music teacher in the Corning-Painted Post School District for 36 years. Homan directed the First United Methodist Church of Corning choir for 26 years. Besides his wife, **VIRGINIA (BLACK '43)**, survivors include a son, **BRIAN HOMAN '78**; a daughter; a brother, **HALWARD HOMAN '40**; and a sister.

'44 JOYCE (SUTTER) KENNEDY died August 9 in California after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, **FRANK KENNEDY '43**; four children; and five grandchildren.

LORAIN (BROWNELL '35) O'KEEFE died July 3 at her Greenville, NY, home after a long illness. She graduated from Barker High School in 1930 and, after earning a B.A. degree in education from Houghton, she received elementary school certification. Mrs. O'Keefe taught school in Greenville, Belmont and Wyoming, NY. She gave piano lessons in her home for over 40 years. A member of Christ Church, Greenville, she was a member of several community organizations and an American Cancer Society volunteer. Survivors include a son; two daughters; and five grandchildren.

'32 FLORENCE (KELLOGG) PECKHAM died March 17.

Future Alumni

Raymond & Jennifer (Carlson '84) Bartlett '84
Bradley & Elizabeth (Lecapellain '75) Beach '75
Lee & Judith (Stanley '73) Bender
Dwight & Natalie Brautigam '79
Theodore & Donna (Sheeley '82) Brelsford
Tom & Dana (Lehman '80) Britton '81
Boyd & Donna (Ebner '79) Hannold '78
Tim & Pam Harlan '79
Matt & Melody (Murphy '76) Harrison
Ed & Sally (Parks '71) Johnson '71
Kevin & Jeannine (Sanson '83) Krieger
Renato & Linda (Peterson '80) Mandanas
Douglas & Laura (Sawyer '81) Mason '81
John & Brenda (Jones '77) McCloud
Thomas & Carolyn (Andrews '85) McKeon
Dan & Penny (Smith '77) Norton '82

Douglas & Joelle (McKnight '81) Pember '80
Joel & Stephanie (Bowers '83) Sims
Rick & Jane (Yetter '73) Smith

Timothy & Laurie (Palmer '84) Virkus
Michael & Lois (McAleer '81) Watts
Marshall & Eileen (Lindley '77) Williams

*adopted

Josiah Douglas 5-22-87
Kaitlin Jean 7-18-86
Sarah Jane 3-25-87
Bethany Lauren 5-17-87
Carmina Carol 7-13-87
Andrea Laurel 8-21-87
Stephanie Lynn 4-6-87
Timothy Joel 7-24-87
Brooke Elizabeth 1-15-87
Zachary Allen *2-28-87
Kandace Jean 4-7-87
Laura Cristine 12-23-86
Douglas Andrew 4-4-87
Martin John 5-8-87
Jessica Lynn 6-21-87
Joel Thomas 1-6-86
Steven Paul 1-6-86
Rebekah Lynn 5-10-87
Sarah Lynn 8-18-87
Mark Andrew 12-6-86
Scott Johnston 12-6-86
Aaron David 6-10-87
Katherine Elizabeth 4-22-87
Wilfred Luke 5-3-87

FALL CHAPTER MEETINGS

October

3	Houghton	R. Alderman
13	Minnesota	B. Dowden
22	Utica	R. Alderman
23	Grand Rapids	R. Danner
24	Chicago	R. Danner
24	Syracuse	R. Luckey
27	Detroit	D. Chamberlain
	Plattsburgh	R. Alderman
31	St. Lawrence	R. Alderman

November

5	Binghamton	B. Dowden
5	Hornell	R. Alderman
6	Connecticut	R. Alderman
6	Mid-Hudson	D. Liddick
7	Allentown	R. Alderman
14	South Jersey	K. & K. Lindley
20	Hoosier	R. Alderman
21	Watertown	F. & D. Parker

December

4	New England	W. MacBeth
5	New England	W. MacBeth

February

6	South West Florida	
13	W. Central Florida	
20	Orlando	
20	Fort Myers	
27	Miami	

ATTENTION FLORIDA SNOWBIRDS!

If you are going to be in Florida during February, and send the alumni office your winter address, you can receive an invitation and reservation form for those meetings. If you have no specific Florida address, but plan to be in the state during the chapter meetings, call the alumni office at 716/567-2211, extension 205 for details.

Memorial Gifts

FREDERIC USHER DE VOLL '60 by Mr. & Mrs. Andrews Smith.

ROBERTA (MOLYNEAUX '29) GRANGE by Mrs. Corinne C. Frith.

NORMAN KAHLER '42 by Mrs. Bertha Kahler.

BETTY JACKSON '51 by Mrs. Dorothy Baldwin.

GEORGE MORELAND (H) by Mrs. Carol Speirs; Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Lloyd; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Zinck; Mr. & Mrs. Montague Ferry; and Mr. & Mrs. William McLaughlin.

JOSEPHINE RICKARD '25 by Mrs. Rachel Fee and Mrs. Helen D. Stark.

ROSE SCIRIA by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Zaran-ski.

IRENE E. VAN ORNUM by Mr. Paul M. Van Ornum.

LEWIS WAKEFIELD '42 by Mrs. Bertha Kahler and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Niebch.

DOUGLAS R. WALTERS by Mr. & Mrs. James L. Walters and Jenny, Jill, Jesse, and Nicole.



How would Houghton look to you if you'd not visited campus for 60 years? That's the experience Jesse (Watts '18) Summers had on September 11, when she made a brief pilgrimage to campus with her daughter and son-in-law from her home in Winchester, Ontario.

Mrs. Summer told president Chamberlain and dean Bence that she had lived with the A.J. Shea family, though most women stayed in the center section of Gaoyadeo Hall, now gone. She remembered Fancher Hall, but soon-to-be-removed Woolsey Hall was "new." Mrs. Summers recalled, "They were working on Bedford Gymnasium." As a student she had studied with professor John Coleman, taking Bible and music courses, "because I'd thought of becoming a missionary." The Colemans lived in the former Infirmary, now called Bedford House. The late Rev. A.J. Shea, father of six Houghton alumni, had performed her wedding ceremony.

Besides seeing the college campus, Mrs. Summers visited Houghton Academy and enjoyed a chat with Mrs. Zola (Kitterman '26) Fancher. Others she told, "I remember your mother and father." Noting that she'd turned 92 on May 16, Mrs. Summers volunteered, "If I wait this long [to visit] again, I'll be 152!" And she got her name put back on the alumni mailing list.



Renaissance is the theme for Homecoming '87 to be held October 9-11. Dr. Marvin Eyler '42 will deliver the Founders' Day address. Alumni of the Year Robert and Joy (Titus '60) MacKenzie '60 will be introduced.

Making this Founders' Day convocation 'most unusual will be announcement of the \$13.5 million Campaign for Houghton. This portion of the program will feature an introductory multi-media

presentation as well as an appearance by honorary national chairman George Beverly Shea '32.

Friday evening the 1987 Artist Series season will open with a concert by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring Houghton faculty member Dr. George Boespflug as piano soloist performing Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto.

Coronation of the Homecoming Queen will divide morning and afternoon athletic events, followed by an evening alumni banquet.

During the banquet, alumni will vote on an amendment to the alumni constitution, learn the names of new national officers and hear remarks by the Alumni of the Year.

Capping the weekend's activities will be presentation of the first copy of the Stephen W. Paine biography, *Deo Volente*, to Dr. Paine, an introduction of the author, Miriam Paine Lemcio, and an opportunity to purchase copies and have them autographed.

Events will conclude on Sunday with morning worship and dinner.

FATHER-SON MATCH-UP

Highlighting an extremely busy Founders' Day weekend will be the men's soccer game against Judson. The first "official" confrontation between Houghton College's nationally known soccer coach, Doug Burke, and his son, Steve, former Houghton stand-out and two-time All-American, will take place at 2 pm on October 10.



In his 21-year career at Houghton, Coach Burke has built a successful soccer program and amassed an impressive 209-100-35 record. His teams have turned out six All-Americans and have won three NCCAA titles. Burke was selected as Olean Times Herald's "Man of the Year" and the NAIA "Coach of the Year" in 1979, and the NCCAA "Coach of the Year" in 1978. He is "very excited" about coaching against his son.

Steve Burke has impressive credentials himself. In the two years before he graduated he led the Highlanders to an impressive 35-4-1 record and a NCCAA title. Along the way he set the single season scoring record for Houghton with 20 goals, a record that still stands.

He earned All-American honors in both

his junior and senior years and capped off his career by being drafted in the first round by the professional indoor soccer Buffalo Stallions.

Steve has been at Judson College for four years and his current team sports a 6-1 record.

The area media are interested in this match-up. Many plan to be on campus to cover it. Such contests will promote the overall cause of Christian colleges like Houghton and Judson.

VOLLEYBALL

This year's volleyball team is almost an entirely new version. The loss of six players from last year's team, including All-District player Virnna Vidaurri, has completely changed the look of the squad. First-year coach "Skip" Lord has nine first-year players on his 12-member team. Junior captains Diana Bandy, Cindy Antisdel and Heather Werth provide the team's leadership.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

First-year coach Paula Maxwell is busy working with a young team made up of many first-year players. The outlook for the future is optimistic.

Away Games Oct. 15-Nov. 30

VOLLEYBALL

Oct.	16	NCCAA Eastern	11:00
	17	NCCAA Eastern	11:00
	24	Niagara & Erie CC	2:00
	31	St. John Fisher	10:00
Nov.	13	NCCAA Marion	
	14	NCCAA Marion	

MEN'S SOCCER

Oct.	20	Nazareth	3:00
	24	Fredonia	2:00
	31	Behrend	1:00

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oct.	20	Fredonia	3:30
	29	Canisius	4:00

FIELD HOCKEY

Oct.	23	NCCAA	
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov.	13	Roberts Tourney	9:00
	14	Roberts Tourney	6:30/9:30
	24	Slippery Rock	8:00

FIELD HOCKEY

The field hockey team is pressing on in the absence of veteran Coach George Wells. Rob Jacobson is standing in to help Eileen Omland. The team is to be commended for their hard work.



What started out as a small group of 35 high school soccer players has grown, in four short years, into one of the most successful soccer camps in the area. This year's 132 athletes proved to be the largest camp yet for Coach Doug Burke and his top assistant Dick Halberg. The featured clinician for this year's camp was Houghton graduate Steve Burke '80, head coach at Judson College (IL).



On October 8, Houghton College will publicly launch the largest, most comprehensive capital funds campaign in its history to the media—and to the Houghton family, as assembled for the Founders' Day convocation—the following morning.

Introducing the \$13.5 million Campaign for Houghton to assembled members of the press in Buffalo and [via its microwave TV link] others gathered in Houghton, President Chamberlain will explain that the five-year effort will underwrite construction of a new classroom building, a fine arts center, general endowment, scholarships and current operating expenses.

Approximately half of the money has been raised at this writing. The demolition of Gaoyadeo dormitory, moving of Fancher Hall and acquisition of visual arts facilities by purchase and expansion of the former Wesleyan Church western New York district dining hall are the beginnings of this effort, which is expected to reach its goal by 1990.

Full details of the building projects, academic and human goals of the campaign will be publicized in the October issue of *Houghton Headlines* and in other forums through the fall.



Gradually taking shape despite weather delays and the press of other projects is a visual arts addition to the district dining hall facility remodeled last year, but still unfinished. The new space will include rooms for ceramics, sculpture, 3D design, a finishing room, seminar room, slide viewing and equipment areas and a kiln room. Some of these functions are new to the program. Others are getting appropriate space for the first time. Construction is supposed to be complete for second semester. The November Milieu will detail advances in the visual arts program and plant.

TWO EARN DOCTORATES

Two faculty members received their doctorates over the summer, both of them residents at the Buffalo campus.

Assistant professor of education Claity Massey earned her Ph.D. in early childhood education from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Last year she studied math and verbal skill development of 144 eastern United States' preschoolers having free access to microcomputers in the daycare setting.

She has shared her findings at several national conventions. Dr. Massey is vice president for programs for the Erie County Daycare Association.

Assistant professor of sociology Larry Ortiz (co-author of the lead feature of this issue) completed his Ph.D. at SUNY Buffalo, the culmination of a six-year quest, and a life-long goal. Dr. Ortiz said that findings of his dissertation, "Father's Unemployment: Its Impact on Parent-Adolescent Relations and Adolescent Self Concept," supported his previously-held expectations about relationships. But he was surprised to find that with changing social trends, fathers play a

more nurturing role in child-rearing, and that adolescents may prefer fathers over their mothers.

CALENDAR

October

- 2 Classes begin
- 16-17 FMF Prayer Vigil
- 19 Young Composers' Concert, 8 pm
- 22 Grad School/Seminary Day
Lecture Series: *Heroes and Hopes*
John Bernbaum, 8 pm
- 23-25 Freshmen Parents' Weekend
- 23 NCCAA District A
Artist Series: Soviet Emigre
Orchestra, 8 pm
- 24 Volleyball, Niagara, 2 pm
Men's soccer, Fredonia, 2 pm
- 26 Young Performers' Series, 8 pm
- 27 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 29 Women's soccer, Canisius, 4 pm
- 30-31 Upperclassmen Parents' Weekend
- 31 Men's and women's cross country
NCAA District, Roberts
Volleyball, St. John Fisher, 10 am
Men's soccer, Behrend, 1 pm

November

- 3-6 FMF Conquest Week
- 11 Admissions' Encounter Day
- 12 Lecture Series: *The First Amendment and the Persistence of Religion in American Culture*, Randall Balmer, 8 pm

Distance Learning Seminar

During August the college sponsored a two-day seminar on the impact of distance education on the teaching process. Keynoter for the sessions which drew 35 college and secondary educators from as far as Long Island, was Gregory Benson, director of the center for learning technologies, the NY state education department.

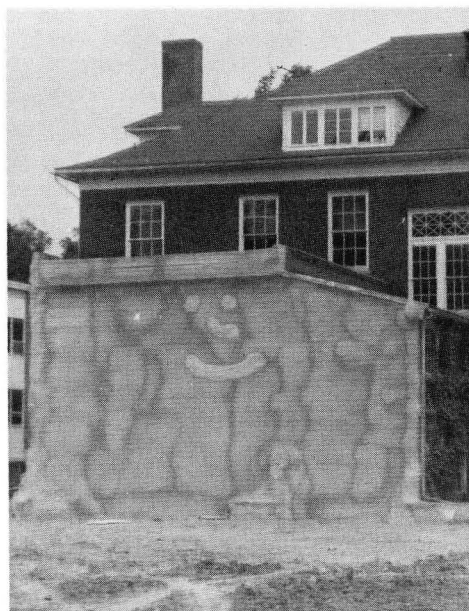
Other speakers ranged from the director for East Central Minnesota Education Cable Cooperative to the director of learning resources for an up-state Bureau of Cooperative Education Services. The conference featured hands-on demonstrations of four distance teaching technologies, and addressed questions of teaching method modification required for various applications.

ACADEMY NEWS

Houghton Academy opened its doors with 82 students from eight states and several foreign countries—with the largest contingents coming from Japan and Korea, via Saudi Arabia! The latter situation occurred after a Korean student's father, who administers all Korean personnel in Saudi Arabia, brought his son to the academy last year. So impressed was the man that he recommended the school to a cousin. Now other friends and relatives have joined his son. Thirty-five students are boarding, 11 commute from neighboring communities and the rest are local. Six students are second generation.

The academy has a new look with energy-saving window insulation, paneling and paint treatment along the front, and fresh paint inside to complement last year's new ceilings.

On the academic scene, Eila Shea, who graduated with a mid-career fine arts major from Houghton College last year, has been hired to teach art courses. The academy continues preparation toward accreditation by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Middle States Association in 1989.



A temporary foam face caps the end of the Woolsey Hall arcade rendering it weather proof and more than a little unsightly. But that's the price of progress and it serves as a reminder of the major changes to come next summer.

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Houghton begins the fall semester with 1,213 students, 1,119 at the main campus and 94 at Buffalo. At the main campus there are 347 new students, 274 of them freshmen.

This is a slightly-larger class than entered last year, but the number of transfers is down and the graduating class of 1987 was unusually large. Consequently, the total is down slightly from a year ago. There are 35 outside transfers, 15 new students from the Buffalo Campus and some 20 others returning after an absence. From Alaska to Zimbabwe, the new students represent 28 states, the Virgin Islands and 10 foreign countries.

Again, the new students are very capable, 94 percent of them having graduated in the top half of their high school classes, 36 percent of them from the top 10 percent. Among them are 16 valedictorians, 16 salutatorians, 65 New York State Regents Scholarship winners, two national merit finalists and 15 with national merit letters of commendation. The entering class has a verbal SAT average of 523 with 554 in math.

In-House Maintenance Tradition Resumed

This fall the college terminated an agreement initiated with ServiceMaster, Inc. two years ago to manage the school's maintenance and custodial services. Returning to in-house management, the college has hired Norman L. Emery, Director of Physical Plant.

Mr. Emery has been administrator of two mission hospitals in Ecuador, served as a maintenance engineer, and managed the national personnel office for World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc. A graduate of Nyack College, he has studied cultural anthropology and theology at Jaffray Theological Seminary, and is fluent in Spanish. He and his wife have three sons aged 24-18. He calls himself "a seeker of challenges."

Explaining the change, vice president for finance Kenneth Nielsen said, "because of its rural location, Houghton's maintenance operation is geared for ongoing renovation and building projects. ServiceMaster's strengths are prevention and repair." Nielsen said the difference in management style, staff morale and belief that the college can operate the services more economically, all factored in the decision to end the contract. Emery and co-managers for custodial services will both report to Nielsen. For its part, ServiceMaster left a significant inventory of cleaning supplies and equipment as a gift to the college.

GONE UP IN SMOKE

For a while it appeared that Houghton College might become western New York's prime mover of old buildings. Soon after the Fancher Hall move, the Buffalo campus planned to move a historic West Seneca building to its campus two miles away in a move to expand its facilities at modest cost, and save the old structure from the wrecking ball of progress.

The plan drew considerable media attention and preservationist praise. The house was on blocks and ready to go when the arsonists struck. West Seneca lost a piece of its history and the suburban campus must consider other options for growth.

FACULTY NEWS

Dozens of Houghton faculty intensified their personal intellectual pursuits over the summer, sometimes combining these with vacation and family activities. **David Meade**, who teaches New Testament, explained the lighter side of this integration.

"We joined together with the Doezeema family for an interdisciplinary study of family dynamics and the nature/nurture theories of insanity while camping in the Thousand Islands." Meade also said an American paperback edition of his book, *Pseudonymity and Canon*, published last year in Germany, is now available.

Many faculty participated in seminars at Houghton and off campus designed to help them with the on-going curriculum internationalization effort which includes ethics and writing. Just a smattering of other faculty activities dramatize their diversity.

In Europe with his family, **Richard Halberg**, associate professor of business administration, joined the International Business Institute at King College for a morning seminar at IBM offices in Geneva, Switzerland. Additionally, he visited the stock exchange (Bourse) in Paris.

WJSL goes to 6,000 watts, new programs

Campus station WJSL begins the new year with 6,000 watts of operating power, a new affiliation, a new general manager, and new academic ties.

Through last year former manager Walt Pickut, technical staff, and physics professor Fred Trexler worked to ready the station for the increased output. Instead of using a satellite dish to pick up the signals of Family Radio, WJSL now picks up the signal of Mars Hill Radio outside of Syracuse from a Bureau of Cooperative Education Services antenna near Rushford, and micro-link relays the signal to WJSL.

General manager David Manney said the new arrangement offers programming more in keeping with college goals—about 50-55 percent music, the

Irmgard Howard, associate professor of chemistry, won honorable mention in the 1987 Hawkhill Awards Competition which recognizes "educators who come up with the best new ideas for teaching science literacy through the use of audio-visual media." Hawkhill Associates, of Madison, WI, specializes in sound-filmstrips and video-cassettes relating science, technology and society. The program was started in honor of teacher Christa McAuliffe. Dr. Howard's ideas will be used in Hawkhill productions and published in the *Hawkhill Science Monitor*. She received \$100.00 in cash for six science ideas ranging from the home chemical test to presenting the unexpected in science to preparing an audiovisual on "Minorities in American Science." Her idea of maintaining an audio-library of famous contemporary scientists' sayings was printed in the Hawkhill's September newsletter.

Ruth Johns, interim instructor in Spanish, began master's degree studies at the Spanish School of Middlebury College in Vermont. During her six-week stay she studied Spanish literature, composers and interacted with Spanish-speaking professors from all over the world.

balance including such features as "Focus on the Family," "Insight" and "Chapel of the Air." Though limited by the hilly terrain, Houghton's more powerful signal now reaches 20-30 miles from campus, and is to operate on an 18-hour-a-day schedule.

As assistant professor of communications Manney will be teaching announcing, radio and general broadcasting theory, and fundamentals of speech. Students in these courses will work six hours weekly in production. Those in a radio practicum will gain on-air experience for credit in news reporting, production, announcing and station management. As noted in the adjacent faculty profile, Manney's previous career included various posts with famed missionary radio station HCJB in Ecuador.

Editors and publishers of *The Christian Scholar's Review* presented **Richard Perkins**, professor of sociology and head of the department, with the first Christian Scholar's Award for his article titled, "Values, Alienation, and Christian Sociology." This award is given to the author of the article in each *Review* issue that "provides a model of Christian scholarship in exhibiting the relationship of the Christian faith to an academic topic." Perkins reviewed major perspectives (Durkheim, Weber, and Marx) on the relationship of values to sociological study.

Philosopher **Brian Sayers** continued work on a book length project, moved his family to Buffalo and got a handle on administrative responsibilities at the suburban campus, while preparing a response paper for an October philosophy conference, leading a session of a week-long Ethics Across the Curriculum seminar in Wheaton, and preparing lectures for delivery in the Oregon Extension program.

Religion division chairman **Carl Schultz** traveled over 40,000 miles abroad during the summer, participating in a Middle East Study Seminar Tour, attending the Eighth Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies in Oxford, England, and leading a tour of Israel, Jordan and Egypt—all in addition to Elderhostel and Alumni Hostel lecturing.

Daryl Stevenson, associate professor of psychology and head of the department, participated in an annual three-day retreat of Wesleyan World Missions in Marion, IN. He presented a workshop and was available for counseling appointments. He said it was "thoroughly enjoyable!"

Richard L. Wing, associate professor of education and chairman of the division of education and recreation, with Eileen (Griffen '52) Spear, completed writing of a Christmas cantata they named "...and Joseph."

James Zoller, assistant professor of writing and literature, published his short story, "At Home in the Country," in *BlueLine*. His poem, "Watermelon Rind," was accepted for publication in *Oxford Magazine*.



Names left to right:
Cameron Airhart,
Glen Avery,
John Jost,
Jonathan Lauer,
David Manney

Six join the Houghton faculty

Houghton College academic dean Dr. Bud Bence has announced six new faculty appointments, two of which are interim positions.

A. Cameron Airhart is assistant professor of history and acting head of the history department. He had been an assistant professor at Geneseo's State University College of Arts and Sciences. In 1983 he was an instructor at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA. That year he received a Patent Fund Grant, an Instructional Improvement Grant, and was a University Fellow, all at the University of California, where he earned a master's degree in 1979, and a Ph.D. in 1985. Airhart was a Research Fellow at the Institut für Europäische Geschichte in Mainz, Federal Republic of Germany, in 1984. He has delivered two professional papers and has had a review of two authors' written work published in *The Review of Books and Religion*. Professor Airhart is a member of the Medieval Academy of America and the American Society of Church History.

Glen Avery is interim assistant professor of history, replacing professor William Doezeema who is on a sabbatical leave, studying American history in Massachusetts. Avery earned a B.A. degree in music from Houghton in 1976, an M.B.A. from Plymouth (NH) State College in 1980, and is currently completing his Ph.D. in business history at Ohio State University, where he was a teaching associate from 1982-86. In 1985 Avery was selected to participate in a Michigan seminar on Japanese business. That year he acted as moderator and commentator on "An-

drew Carnegie: Two Perspectives" at the Duquesne History Forum in Pittsburgh, PA. Professor Avery has received two fellowships, the most recent a 1986 research fellowship with the Ohio Historical Society. He has had several papers published in scholarly handbooks.

John Jost is interim assistant professor of music and is college choir director. He replaces Jean Reigles who is on a two-year sabbatical leave, working on her doctorate at Texas Tech University. Born and raised in Reedley, CA, Jost received A.B. and A.M. degrees in music and a D.M.A. in choral conducting from Stanford University in 1976, 1977, and 1986, respectively. From 1972-75 he was a music instructor at Ecole Ste. Trinite in Haiti, where he was co-director of a summer music camp this summer. For the following year he taught music at a public school in Palo Alto, CA. Jost was director of creative ministries at Peninsula Christian Center (CA) from 1977-87, while concurrently co-directing the school's symphony orchestra.

Jonathan Lauer, director of the Willard J. Houghton Library, was profiled in the *March Milieu*. His educational and professional background is in Illinois and abroad, most recently at Aurora University.

During 19 years with HCJB World Radio of Quito, Ecuador, David Manney directed the FM station in Quayaquil and for the last 10 years was international programs director. At Houghton he is assistant professor of communications and manager of campus radio station, WJSL. After earning a B.A. degree in Bible from Houghton in 1964, Manney received a master's degree in com-

munications from Wheaton Graduate School in 1979. Recently, he taught a course he developed, "Administration and Programming for an FM Station," at the Christian Center of Communications, an HCJB institute. He regularly attends the National Religious Broadcasters' Convention in Washington, DC, and has twice served on a workshop panel there. Manney is an ordained minister.

A 1985 Houghton graduate, Paula Maxwell is a physical education instructor and trainer, and coaches the women's soccer team. While working on a master's degree in athletic training at Indiana State University, she was head trainer at North Central High School. Miss Maxwell was an assistant athletic trainer at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, NJ, this past year. She was pictured in the June *Milieu*.

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Remember the last time that brown UPS truck dropped off your L.L. Bean order? You probably didn't think the transaction would benefit Houghton College, but it did.

Houghton has received \$1,900 as its share of \$58,900 distributed to 32 independent colleges in New York from a \$21 million educational endowment fund established in 1979 by the UPS Foundation. More than \$1 million will be distributed nationwide by Independent College Funds of America which administers this charitable activity of United Parcel Service. President Chamberlain, who is immediate past chairman of ICF for New York, lauded increasing corporate support as a means to maintain "the quality, diversity and independence of our educational institutions."

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Fred, formerly a dentist with the VA in Albany, recently set up private practice in Cazenovia, NY. Linda, a certified teacher, is now a full-time mom to Eric's younger brother and sister. After getting a liberal arts base, Eric hopes to transfer to architecture school. Fred and Linda may need that loan yet! Thanks to Rich Koch '66 for spotting and sending us the ad.

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