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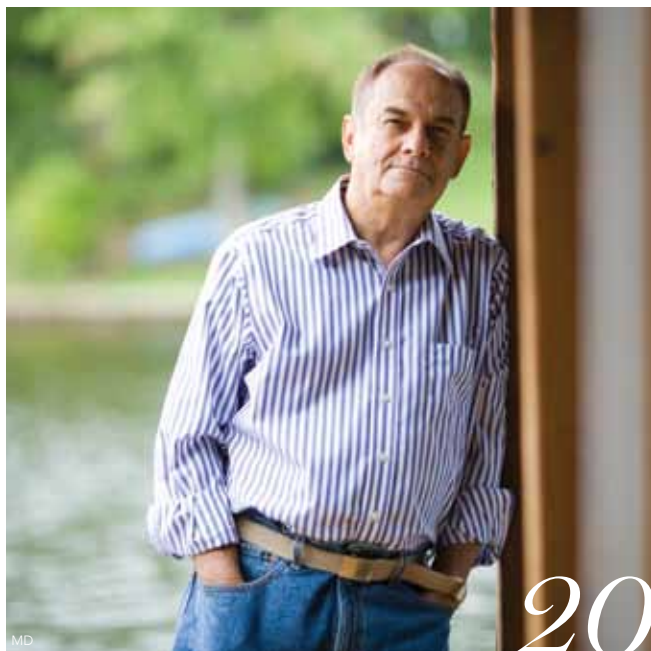
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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

When the *Houghton* magazine arrived in the mail, you might have noticed a few changes. Last summer, we asked for your input via a special survey edition of the Houghton *Milieu* and based on those responses, some changes were made. The look has been updated to reflect the Houghton of today, mindful that tradition is important and that the stories we tell will always reflect upon that tradition. You will notice the use of photography to assist in telling our story, and there is of course the name of the publication which has indeed changed. We are simply calling the magazine – *Houghton* – to recognize that everything contained within this publication will always return to that which binds us together – Houghton College. We hope you enjoy.





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~Shirley A. Mullen '76

CHOICES DETERMINE THE COURSE OF HISTORY

The choices we make shape our own stories. That is certainly true for Houghton. Willard J. Houghton chose to put his energy into a school rather than into a hospital. James S. Luckey chose to make Houghton a Christian liberal arts college rather than a Bible college. President Stephen Paine chose to take the student body from 800 to 1,200 students. President Chamberlain chose to enlarge the boundaries of campus activity from the Quad to the entire community.

Today, at the beginning of the 21st century, we have choices to make — choices that will shape Houghton's story for generations to come. Will we make the costly choice of maintaining Houghton's historic reputation in the natural sciences? Will we continue to focus on high quality Christian liberal arts education, or will we seek to join the trend among small colleges to re-invent ourselves as a university? Will Houghton expand its horizons from Allegany County

to urban Buffalo? Will we enlarge our curriculum, our mindsets and our hearts to engage the global dimensions of serving effectively in the church or the world of the 21st century? Most important of all, will we commit to continuing our distinctive identity of being both a strongly academic and deeply Christian college even at the cost of mystifying our culture?

The answer to these questions is a resounding “yes.” We believe that Houghton's historic mission of preparing graduates who have the competence to make distinguished contributions in any arena of our society, the conviction of their moral and spiritual commitments, and the compassion of their Heavenly Father for the needs of this broken and needy world is more relevant than ever.

We count on your prayers and your partnership as we choose to be faithful to the challenge of God's calling in our time.

Shirley A. Mullen '76
President



OUR JOURNEY

Houghton College is choosing a path that will determine the future of the institution for the next 125 years. Significant change has already taken place. We have a new president and celebrated our 125th anniversary. During this time both the administration and board of trustees have given considerable attention to the state of the college and planning for its future. The context in which Houghton has operated has changed dramatically during the last 30 years. This includes Christian higher education, the Wesleyan Church, the larger evangelical Church and the world in general. We must make plans to ensure Houghton's continued effectiveness in this changing climate.

The good news is that the Houghton mission is more relevant than ever. Our distinctive emphasis on integrity, competence, global engagement and service is exactly what the world is calling for in the 21st century. The notion of Houghton as "best kept secret" has also gradually changed as evidenced by college rankings in *Forbes*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Princeton Review* and *Washington Monthly*. Houghton is one of very few Christian colleges with a long-standing association in the American tradition of primarily residential liberal arts colleges.

We have a network of distinguished alumni who work throughout the world in all arenas — law, science, education, health, government and global enterprises. During the past month the college welcomed alumni of distinction back to campus. Through the Celebration of the Sciences — **Joseph Hupp, Ph.D. '79**, Morrison professor of chemistry and department chair at Northwestern University; **David Irwin, M.D. '77**, hematologist/oncologist; **James LaDine, Ph.D. '86**, director of new technology development at Thermo Fisher Scientific; **Jeffrey R. Prinsell, D.M.D., M.D. '75**, oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and **Paul La Celle, M.D. '51**, professor of biophysics at the University of Rochester. **Neil MacBride '87**, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, returned to deliver the Founders' Day address and was also named Alumnus of the Year.

Our goal is to ensure that Houghton will continue to produce graduates of distinction well into the future. We have identified six priorities that will assist us in achieving this goal:

WE WILL STRENGTHEN the structures within academic programs and establish connections between departments to support an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Team-taught and interdisciplinary courses, as well as research between faculty and students will enhance both introductory and advanced level learning for students. The challenges that our students face and the overriding problems of the world are interdisciplinary. By creating these structures, we provide the environment necessary to address and solve local and world issues.

WE WILL ENSURE the ongoing strength of Houghton's science program. Most of the major social and ethical challenges of our time have a scientific base — energy, food, security, environment and bio-ethics. The recent Celebration of the Sciences showcased the high quality of our students and the exceptional achievements of our alumni. We must provide facilities, equipment and financial support to the sciences to encourage student achievement. Science has changed in the last decade, and so will we to guarantee student accomplishment in the fields of science.

WE WILL CONTINUE the legacy of linking academic learning to service and the concerns of justice, both in the local and global contexts. The establishment of an Institute for the Study of Faith, Justice and Community will effectively highlight the breadth and depth of intercultural engagement at Houghton. In the last year, Houghton provided over 150 AmeriCorps volunteers in Western New York. Our students have worked directly with NGO's and local organizations to address the post-conflict issues in Sierra Leone. The formation of this Institute will further emphasize Houghton's commitment to creating global citizens and world Christians.

WE WILL ARTICULATE a consistent and cohesive message on Houghton distinctives, positioning the institution as a Christian liberal arts college of choice. Houghton offers natural beauty, opportunities for reflection, small size, mentoring community, commitment to the arts, and students and faculty who display their faith in action. All of these attributes exist simultaneously with high academic expectations. The achievements of our students and alumni directly reflect the success of our programs. This is the Houghton experience that we want to communicate.

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WE WILL REFURBISH facilities, with special consideration given to the residences. A significant characteristic of Houghton is our highly residential nature, and while we have a wide array of housing choices, many of the options are dated. We will be systematically renewing our residences to reflect student expectations for high quality in all areas of their Houghton experience. We must continue to provide living spaces where students can flourish academically, spiritually, socially and physically.

WE WILL FOCUS on building the endowment, with particular emphasis on funding financial aid. We award approximately \$10 million in financial aid each year and more of that needs to be funded by endowment, rather than operations. Funding more financial aid through endowment will permit both continued support of student need and significant resources for improvements in other aspects of the college program.

The world is changing and so are we. These priorities ensure the continuation of excellence and commitment to a Christian liberal arts education at Houghton College. We offer a distinct educational experience based on academic achievement and Christian faith. Our world needs more Houghton graduates to be mediators, translators, or, in the language of the New Testament, peacemakers and reconcilers to impact society. This is Houghton — students, alumni, faculty, staff, parents, friends and community. Our path forward is clear — we invite you to join with us on the journey.

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

–Frederick Buechner



VAN WICKLIN '92



RIVERA '78

SERVING HOUGHTON

Two distinguished alumni have chosen to answer God’s call to come back to Houghton and offer their talents as the college forges ahead with a strategic vision aimed at strengthening the institution for the next 125 years. **Efrain Rivera '78**, former corporate vice president and chief financial officer for Bausch and Lomb, joined Houghton College as the new vice president for finance and administration in June, while **Robert Van Wicklin '92**, former chief of staff for two area congressional representatives, joined the college in February as senior vice president for advancement.

Both men expressed their desire to give back to the college that shaped and transformed their lives. “My oldest friends are from Houghton and I met my wife here. The friendships I made have lasted a lifetime because the people that come to this institution are fundamentally decent,” remarked Rivera. “Coming back to Houghton allows me to lend my expertise to an area of need so that we can make the college vision a reality — this is something noble and worth doing,” he stated. Van Wicklin is excited at the opportunity to represent an institution that he respects and is personally important to him. “In the political arena, I worked with college graduates from all over the United States. Houghton graduates are different — they have a purpose about them and go to college to become better people. They reach out to the world — an invaluable resource to us all,” he remarked.

Both men bring unique expertise to the college during a most critical time. That they chose to come back to Houghton reflects their personal calling to the institution and embodies the positive attributes we see in our alumni through the professions in which they serve.



“It broke my heart, not knowing if this little boy would be alive when I go back.”

SIERRA LEONE

“**T**here was a little boy who came up to me and started tugging my hand. If I went somewhere — to speak or meet with other people — he would follow, and eventually find my hand. He seemed like he just needed my attention. It broke my heart, not knowing if this little boy would be alive when I go back.”

Biology professor Matthew Pelletier visited Sierra Leone this past May to work with scientists at Njala University who are involved in research related to food security in their country. In a nation where 25 percent of children die before the age of five, sustainability and health concerns weigh heavily, making the research of the Njala scientists all the more essential.

The biology department at Houghton is working with the professors of Njala to establish a collaborative partnership that will take Houghton faculty and students to Sierra Leone each summer to jointly conduct research related to aspects of agricultural sustainability. “The individuals at Njala are extremely welcoming, intelligent, and hard-working people who lack the resources to carry out the research needed for sustainable agriculture,” commented Pelletier.

This cross-cultural partnership will offer the opportunity for professional and spiritual growth for both groups. More importantly, it can serve as a reminder that together we can help our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone.



THE ECONOMICS OF A HOUGHTON EDUCATION

Efrain Rivera '78
Vice President for Finance and Administration

The National Association of Independent Colleges recently reported that tuition costs at the average private college or university rose at their lowest rate in 37 years.¹ This moderation in the rate of tuition increases follows a decade where tuition and fees rose an average of six percent per year. Understanding that affordability was an increasing issue for parents, the average private college also increased institutional aid to students by nine percent. Houghton was no exception in this regard, raising its institutional aid budget by more than 20 percent this year. This article explores why costs continue to rise at colleges like Houghton.

It is important to begin by noting that Houghton is one of a small group of colleges on the national landscape. It is a small, private, residential, faith-based and nationally-ranked liberal arts college. These distinctives, particularly its small size, have an important impact on the way it operates. During the past decade, the college has hovered in the range of 1,200 full-time traditional undergraduate students. This small size affords Houghton the ability to personally engage with students in a way that few schools can match. It also determines the college's operating model.

Houghton's primary sources of revenue are tuition, fees, room and board, which comprise approximately 70 percent of the college's revenues. While recent years have seen these categories rise approximately five percent, this has been

accompanied by generous increases in financial aid (more than 40 percent in the last two years) that have moderated the impact of increases. The college is committed to affording value to families.

The college also relies on operating funds raised by advancement through vehicles such as the Houghton College Student Scholarship Fund. Monies raised are used specifically to provide scholarships for needy students. The college also benefits from the generous support of the Wesleyan church, which contributes more than \$1 million to the college in a typical year. The loyal support of alumni and friends who remember the college in their planned giving further helps to support the college. Last, the college relies on income from the various funds that comprise its endowment. In a typical year these funds contribute more than \$1 million to scholarships.

The largest costs of running a college are the salaries of its faculty and staff, which are approximately 60 percent of total costs. The college has been fortunate to attract a highly qualified group of faculty and staff who value the mission of the college and are dedicated to its advancement. Compensation costs rise with inflation, and, in the case of benefits such as health care costs, exceed the rate of inflation. Other expenses such as the cost of food and supplies for dining services, utilities and program services also increase yearly.

All of the factors discussed above, the small size of the college, the need to increase financial aid to students and the rising costs of operations generate the forces that cause

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tuition and fees to rise each year. Continued generous support from alumni and friends helps moderate rising costs but does not eliminate the need for increases. A recent article in the *New York Times* discussing private college costs that now routinely exceed \$50,000 asks “whether the price of (a) transformative experience is simply too dear.”² In the case of Houghton, we continue to work to be wise stewards of the institution and ensure that the answer to that question continues to be a resounding “no.”

¹ http://www.naicu.edu/news_room/private-college-tuition-rises-at-lowest-rate-in-37-years

² http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/05/your-moneypaying-for-college/05money.html?_r=1&em=



100 YEARS OF THE HOUGHTON STAR

Joel VanderWeele '10

There's something awkward and arbitrary about the celebration of anniversaries.

By concentrating the appreciation of an event in one single day — or year, as the case may be — anniversary celebrations provide an easy excuse to forget about the event that is being celebrated once the anniversary is over (recite it to yourself: “every day is Mother’s Day”).

Rather than making this year one big party, I have a hunch that the most meaningful way to thank generations of *Star* editors for their hard work and dedication is to make good use of the legacy they have handed down to us.

With this in mind, we have invited previous editors of the *Star* to contribute editorials that will be featured in the pages of the newspaper throughout the year. By including their work in the present editions of the *Star*, we hope to recognize the work done in the past while still looking ahead to the future.

Our most dramatic step into the future is the recent launch of our very own, state-of-the-art news website that will make the content

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of *The Houghton Star* available to Houghton community members across the globe. The hope is that this site will provide alumni, parents, and others with the opportunity to stay connected to the Houghton campus and maybe even encourage them to join the open dialogue facilitated by the *Star*.

I would like to echo the words of Stanley Wright:

“We ask for the co-operation of all of the old students, the co-operation of everyone interested in our educational work. May we not ask that every one become a permanent subscriber? The editing and managing of a paper is entirely new work to the present staff and we are meeting many questions which we hardly know how to settle. We shall, no doubt, make many mistakes before

everything runs smoothly, so we will very gladly receive any suggestions that our subscribers wish to give. Again let us ask your co-operation, for without it we cannot accomplish our purpose, but with it success will surely crown our efforts.” (*The Houghton Star*, Volume 1, Issue 1, February 1909)

The success of *The Houghton Star* depends on its readers. Without lively dialogue, student newspapers are destined for failure. So we request your cooperation, knowing that without it we will fail.

Web address for *The Houghton Star* online: www.houghtonstar.com

MY PATH FORWARD

Laura Bosela '13



“Other schools were quickly forgotten as God called me to Houghton.”



My name is Laura Bosela, but a name cannot be all a person's story. People's stories are those of hope, dreams, callings and journeys. And every story — every journey — is crafted by God. As I look back over my 18 years, I see all the work God has done to teach me to grow. I was born the second child of a missionary and a construction worker. My entire life has been spent in rural Alaska; from an early age, I felt God's call to work in missions.

At the beginning of high school, my family changed from just being a biologically-related family to one which included exchange students and many foster children. My experience with those foster children has been one of the most life-changing, life-challenging and rewarding experiences of my life.

Following my senior year, I planned to spend a year discovering where God wanted to take me. Should I stay in Alaska and teach music lessons or begin the process of going to India to work with orphans? When August arrived, I heard God very clearly say that I was to go to college. I wanted a small Christian school with high-quality academics, world-class music, and good international study opportunities and outreach. My father, a native of Buffalo, kept mentioning Houghton.

The next thing I knew, I was headed down from Alaska. From my first moment on campus, I knew I wanted to come. The people were friendly, and the campus itself was beautiful and calm. I spent a wonderful three days visiting classes, sitting in on lessons and attending chapel. Other schools were quickly forgotten as God called me to Houghton.

I chose to pursue an Intercultural Studies major, and now that I have begun classes, I know that this is where God wants me to be. I want to grow spiritually as well as academically through my time at Houghton — deepening my relationship with God and other people. As I go on with my journey, I will take what I have learned at Houghton to help others. I hope to spend time on the mission field, but I am content to follow wherever God leads me.



THE JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION

by Jonathan Arensen | professor of anthropology; director, Houghton in Tanzania

Lions are in trouble. African lions were once the kings of the jungle, but they are losing out to rapid globalization. This beautiful land has some of the largest game parks in the world and 40 percent of the nation is designated wilderness. The rest of the country is inhabited by 120 diverse ethno-linguistic peoples; therefore, Tanzania is an ideal location for Houghton College students to study topics such as wildlife behavior, African history and anthropology.

The Houghton in Tanzania semester is now 12 years old. The students live and study at a rustic base near the highland town of Iringa; however, much of the time

is spent traveling and experiencing life in Tanzania. This past year was the year of the lions. The students saw six different prides with a total of over 70 lions. The largest pride was spotted lying on the bank of the Ruaha River, guarded by four magnificent black-maned males. Cubs of various sizes were playing near their mothers, and periodically the whole pride would gather at the top of the bank and spit disparagingly at a large crocodile sleeping in a shallow pool.

An important focus of the semester is building relationships with the Tanzanian people. Houghton students study the Swahili language and practice their new language skills with the Wahehe people who live in the village near the base. They also make friends with the shopkeepers in the town of Iringa. After studying the Maasai culture, they then go and camp with the Maasai people where they experience the traditional culture first hand with the Maasai as their teachers. Lastly they have a home stay in the southern highlands

with the agricultural Safwa people. These hospitable farmers open their humble homes to the Houghton students who become fully enmeshed in village life.

In return for the hospitality shown by the Tanzanian people, Houghton

students are involved in helping their neighbors. Over the years they have been involved in projects such as buying textbooks, fixing classrooms, building a clinic, digging a well, purchasing desks and offering scholarships to orphaned children. These are but tokens of appreciation to those who shared their beautiful country.

Houghton students return from Tanzania with a new and enlightened view of the world — a truly life-changing experience.

“Never had my white skin felt so glaring.”

—Anna Matejova '10

“Never had my white skin felt so glaring.” During the four months spent in Tanzania, I became more aware of all the stereotypes of privilege and wealth that accompany the color of my skin. It frustrated me to think that to some people I might appear as little more than a walking dollar sign. Sometimes, I found myself wondering whether it was even possible to build genuine cross-cultural friendships without the complications of these stereotypes getting in the way. The most meaningful parts of my time in Tanzania were by far the moments of finally being able to connect with a person across the language and cultural barrier that lay between us. The process of learning about a culture in which Christianity is lived out so differently from my own really forced me to think about what the essential factors of the Christian faith are and what beliefs and practices are simply peripheral, more influenced by culture than by the message of the Gospel. I look back on my semester in Tanzania as a time that was really full; new experiences, growth, the excitement and challenge of discovering how to connect with people across language and cultural barriers, struggles and frustration and questions that ultimately brought me to a deeper understanding of God and culture, and even myself.

—Anna Matejova '10



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REFLECTIONS ON CELEBRATION OF THE SCIENCES

Houghton's reputation for excellence in science and pre-medical education goes back to the 1940's. From Wilson Greatbatch's work with Houghton faculty members Bernard Piersma, Frederick Shannon and **Stephen Calhoon '53** to the efforts of George Moreland, Ph.D., Kenneth Lindley, Ph.D., J. Kenneth Boon, Ph.D., and Robert Luckey, Ph.D. — excellence has been expected and achieved. A new generation of dedicated professors is now positioned to continue the legacy. Where Houghton College science leads depends on those key people associated directly and indirectly with the college and the vision they cast today.

The Celebration of the Sciences at Houghton on September 19, 2009 was a vital step in our efforts to highlight the importance of science to Houghton's legacy and our time. It is part of our commitment over the next two to three years to ensure the science division's ongoing effectiveness in preparing graduates for the 21st century. The college's Science Council, formed in 2007 to advise the college in this critical program area, worked with college faculty and administrators to plan the Celebration.

The world of science is more global, interdisciplinary and technological than ever. Nearly every major social and ethical issue of our time has a scientific base. If the Christian community is to be able to speak thoughtfully and credibly into the ethical discussions of our time, we need to know our science.

MOVING FORWARD

Houghton's Summer Research Institute highlights students from each science discipline and their work carried out at Houghton, Cornell University and Los Alamos National Laboratories under the guidance of Houghton faculty. Examples of the research include: Quasielastic $d(n, np)n$ scattering by **Katrina Koehler '11**, joint work with Dr. Mark Yuly; An Integrative approach to discover molecular markers of tumor sensitivity and resistance to cancer therapeutics by **David King '09** and **Thomas Keane '11**, joint work with Dr. Wei Hu; Palladium-catalyzed oxidation of alcohols by **Hillary Chartrand '11**, joint work with **Kaitlin Smith '10** and **Dr. Karen Torraca '91**; Field evaluation of chemical alarm cues and evaluation of the threat sensitivity hypothesis by **Stewart LaPan '12** and **Nathanael Smith '12**, joint work with Dr. Aaron Sullivan; Towards the synthesis of biodegradable glycopolymers by **Joshua Wallace '11**, joint work with **Dr. John Rowley '03**; Effects of Ti and annealing temperature on microstructure orientations of thin Ag films by **Adam Silvernail '11** & **Lindsay Timian '10**, joint work with Dr. Brandon Hoffman.

Students who participated in the Summer Research Institute and presented at the Celebration of the Sciences had this to say about their experience:

"Summer Research Institute gave me a good feel for the kind of work I might be doing in the future, getting to actually participate in research."

—*Stewart LaPan '12*

"Spending my summer at Cornell was both hard and rewarding. I was able to experience real-life research, which can be frustrating at times. Making samples, taking things apart, analyzing data and determining where to go next — I was part of it all and that was very rewarding."

—*Lindsay Timian '10*

The Science Honors Program that began in the fall of 2009 features selected students who obtain an intensive introduction to science, mathematics and liberal arts with an orientation toward creativity in solution of real world problems as a practical focus of interdisciplinary nature. The flagship of the program, the Science Honors course, is team-taught by a biologist, chemist, physicist, writing professor and a communication professor. This year's challenge is to create a functional vehicle which will derive energy from alternative sources to the usual petroleum derivatives.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Dr. Keith A. Horn '75, former division vice president and director of commercial technology for Corning Incorporated in Corning, NY has been named Associate Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, effective November 1, 2009. Horn is responsible for leadership of the natural sciences and mathematics including strategic planning, programmatic and faculty development and the expansion of facilities to accommodate growth. He will also assist with advancement efforts to secure resources for programmatic and facilities development, endowment and scholarships. Horn received his doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Illinois, is the author of 38 scientific articles in refereed journals, and holds 13 U.S. patents.

With our talented students, well-trained and committed faculty, new programs and leadership, and the anticipation of new facilities, Houghton Science is well-poised for the days ahead.



TOP: Neil MacBride '87 was named Alumnus of the Year. RIGHT: President Shirley Mullen and Student Government Association president Zachary Adams '10 dedicate the opening of the Marjorie Paine Prayer Chapel.



Homecoming & Family Weekend 2009 started under a deluge of rain and ended with fall sunshine and

perfect conditions for fireworks. As is typical in Western New York, the weather did not dampen enthusiasm but rather, contributed to a festival-like atmosphere. Alumni were a central component to the weekend fun – including the honoring of Neil MacBride '87, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, as the Houghton College Alumnus of the Year and the induction of David Smith '73 into the Hall of Honor. Alumni also sponsored a career fair and business expo to assist current students exploring potential job opportunities.

Other highlights included the College Choir Homecoming Concert, a Homecoming parade, a Family Fall Fest and barbeque, as well as a student-sponsored Jazz Fest featuring a live swing band that included alumni Elizabeth (Crane) '09 and Mike Humphrey '09. More than 500 alumni and students were swinging to the music! The fall sporting events proved popular, as did the many organized and themed meals for attendees. Cider and donut “spots” were enjoyed on the Quad while viewing the fireworks display, and the highly-anticipated student talent event – SPOT – capped off an ideal evening.

Family Weekend participants enjoyed a golf scramble, Quad activities, a weekend breakfast with President Mullen and a Worship Service. A wonderful opportunity to connect with faculty, students and alumni – Homecoming & Family Weekend 2009 was a resounding success.





DR. EUGENE GEORGE '60

Dr. Eugene George's advice to younger generations is simple: "Beware of old guys giving advice because the majority of the time they're wrong." Dr. George, a 1960 Houghton graduate, argues that history never repeats itself in quite the same way. New generations must always look at the past with fresh and skeptical eyes. This philosophy of constant intellectual inquiry has been a theme for Dr. George in both his career as a neurosurgeon and in his newfound retirement.

Dr. George began his higher education at Houghton College where he studied pre-med and psychology. "I was really pleased with my experience at Houghton," he said. The smallness of the college, the challenging academics and the supportive atmosphere were especially important to him. Not only did Dr. George feel academically prepared for medical school, but he also left Houghton having developed both strong values and relationships.

After graduating from Houghton, Dr. George enrolled in medical school at the Upstate Medical University at Syracuse. During his first year of residency, he chose neurosurgery as his specific area of study and specialized in micro-surgery for aneurysms and blood vessel problems of the brain.

After serving with the military during the Vietnam War, Dr. George became the Neurosurgery Chairman at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. According to Dr. George, his eleven years at Walter Reed were some of the greatest of his life. He became friends with roughly 75 percent of his patients and enjoyed being a source of support for them and their families during difficult situations.

One Walter Reed patient who remains in contact with Dr. George is current Vice President Joseph Biden. In 1988, Dr. George performed surgery on two ruptured aneurysms on opposite sides of the former

Senator's brain. "Not only is Gene an amazing surgeon, he's one of the most decent human beings I've ever known. He saved my life! Houghton should be very proud of him," stated Vice President Biden.

Dr. George left Walter Reed in 1990 and became Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Rochester and later at the University of Texas. "I really enjoyed teaching the most," said Dr. George, reflecting on his career. "A lot of medicine involves helping to teach the next generation of neurosurgeons."

While he was passionate about his neurosurgery and teaching, Dr. George retired to Virginia a few years ago to spend more time



"Not only is Gene an amazing surgeon, he's one of the most decent human beings I've ever known. He saved my life! Houghton should be very proud of him."

—Vice President Joseph Biden

with his wife of 37 years, his four children and his grandchildren. Retirement has also given Dr. George the time to pursue his lifelong interests in history and current events. His study of political affairs has been supported by ongoing friendships and discussions with government officials who were his former patients. Vice President Biden, for example, still calls Dr. George occasionally to discuss issues, and he and his wife attended the Presidential inauguration as a guest of Biden.

Dr. George increases his knowledge of current affairs by reading about 70 internet newspapers from around the world each day. "I have really enjoyed a continuing approach to intellectual curiosity," said Dr. George. He is hoping to go back to school to study either history or astronomy.

Whether practicing neurosurgery, teaching a new generation of doctors, or devoting time to family and the study of history, Dr. Eugene George looks at his life with joy and satisfaction. "If I could live my life over," he said, "I would do the same thing."



ANA LUCILA FIGUEROA '86

“I had to come to Houghton to learn about the issues in my own country,” reflected Ana Lucila (Lucy) Figueroa '86. She recalled living a very sheltered life in Honduras that centered on family, church and school. It was at school that she first heard of Houghton. “Some of the teachers at my school in Honduras were alumni of Houghton and they suggested that I might want to apply,” she stated. Through the generosity of a Houghton sponsor, Figueroa was able to begin her journey.

Arriving on campus presented its own set of difficulties — from no international student orientation to the change in climate. “I stayed in my room quite a bit that first winter. As a biology major this was a positive — I had a great deal of time to reflect and study,” Figueroa remarked. Yet she found her passion and thus her life’s work through courses she was taking on social issues. By the end of her sophomore year Figueroa became a sociology major, a field of study that was particularly important if she was to return to Honduras and make a difference.

Upon graduation, Figueroa went back to Honduras and began working with development agencies. Quickly she recognized that education was a key component to improving the situation for local residents. “The process of learning could not be done in traditional ways — for these people it was based on life experiences,” she stated.

Figueroa returned to the United States with a Fellowship from the Kellogg Foundation to attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Attaining her master’s degree in 1996, she returned to Honduras and from home, worked as a consultant for a number of non-governmental organizations (NGO’s). She did this while raising three children, Andrea, Alec and Guillermo, with her husband, Alexis.

A defining moment for Figueroa and her country was the arrival of Hurricane Mitch in 1998. She recalled, “The force of nature was devastating, yet, at the same time, I was excited by the renewal and possibility that faced my country. This was an opportunity to change.”

In 2001 Figueroa founded the consulting group ARCA Associates with her colleagues Peter Clark and Jo Ann Van Engen. Their vision was, “to become a creative educational, social, and cultural force, thus helping transform the quality of life in places where we work.” [www.arca-associates.org] ARCA has accomplished this by acting as a consultant to NGO’s and creating education and communication solutions that foster new learning in local communities — resulting in attitude and behavior change that is sustainable. “I do believe that through our efforts we have changed lives,” Figueroa remarked.

Now she has returned to Houghton, but this time as mother to her eldest child, Andrea. “My husband and I encouraged Andrea to explore options for college outside of Honduras. While we didn’t think she would travel quite this far, Houghton

“Do not focus only on career goals, but give yourself the chance to explore relationships and be open to and tolerant of new ideas. Ultimately, this is what will change your soul.”



matched the type of person she is — involved, studious, and committed,” Figueroa remarked.

Houghton College provided financial assistance and this time, an international student orientation. Andrea plans to pursue a degree in environmental biology and art. Her mother believes the path that brought her daughter to Houghton was not random, but rather, God’s hand guiding her daughter.

As she departed Houghton for Honduras, Figueroa offered a piece of advice to Andrea and her classmates. “Do not focus only on career goals, but give yourself the chance to explore relationships and be open to and tolerant of new ideas. Ultimately, this is what will change your soul.”



KIITI '88



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FACULTY ACCOLADES

Brian Casey, assistant professor of orchestral studies and horn, attended the Northeast Conducting Symposium at Ithaca College and the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles Conference in Cincinnati this past summer. Brian also served as the conductor of the Rushford Town Band and the pit orchestra for the Short Tract Town Theater.

Paul DeBoer, professor of brass instruments, **William John Newbrough**, associate professor of piano, and **Gary Stith**, professor and coordinator of music education, all served on the Csehy Summer School of Music faculty this past summer. Csehy was founded in 1962 and has been based at Philadelphia Biblical University for many years. This was the first year the camp, which hosts students from more than 16 states and seven countries, was held on the Houghton campus.

Brandon P. Johnson, associate professor of conducting and vocal music, conducted the Grammy-winning Oregon Bach Festival Chorus and Orchestra this summer as part of the conducting master class led by world-renowned conductor Helmuth Rilling.

Ndunge Kiiti '88, assistant professor of intercultural studies, was part of a presentation team at the African Religious Health Assets Program Conference in Cape Town, South Africa this past July. The topic was “The Intersection between Religion, Health and Empowerment: A Research Study Conducted among International Development Organizations.” Professor Kiiti also traveled to Washington D.C. in April to present a workshop on “Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals” for the Sojourners & ONE Campaign Conference: Mobilizing to End Poverty.

Donna Lorenzo, assistant professor of violin and viola, was invited to play and teach a master class at Indiana University in Pennsylvania.

Matthew Webb, instructor of physical education and head men’s soccer coach, received his doctorate degree from Regent University this past winter. His dissertation was entitled “An Exploration of the Relationship between Moral Reasoning and Leadership Style of Athletic Team Coaches.”

BOOKSHELF

Houghton College alumni have published their writings and research on a myriad of topics in a variety of media. If you have had some of your work published, please contact the Public Relations Office so we can celebrate your achievements with you.

PUBLICATIONS BY HOUGHTON ALUMNI

Morris Inch '49. *Pain as a Means of Grace*
WIPF Publishers

Morris Inch '49. *Space/Time Odyssey: A Christian Perspective*
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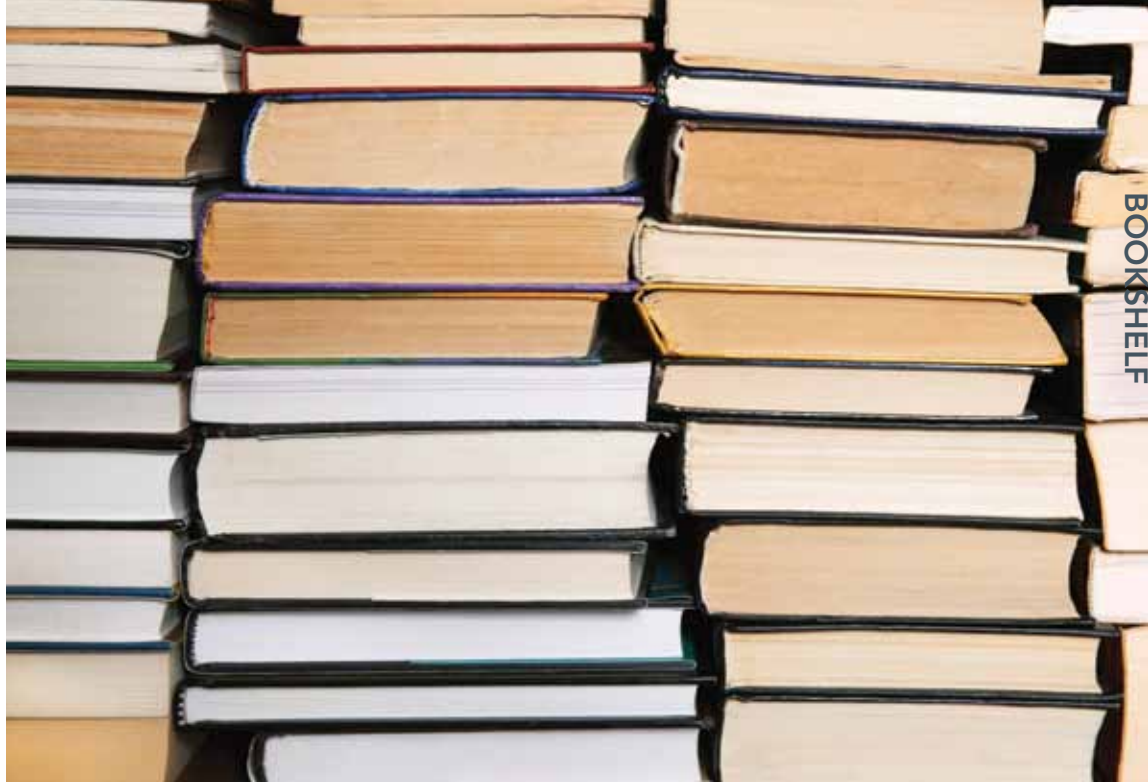
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University Press of America

Joel L. Samuels '57. *Child of the Church: University of Dubuque 1852-2008*
University of Dubuque – pictorial history of the first 150 years

Dr. Richard Mouw '58. “Less Shouting, More Talking”
Newsweek, February 9, 2009

Lars Brownworth '97. *Lost to the West: The Forgotten Byzantine Empire that Rescued Civilization*
Crown Publishing

Leda Warner '08. *Conflict on the Conococheague, 1755-1758: Terror in the Backcountry of Pennsylvania and Maryland*
Conococheague Institute Museum



PUBLICATIONS BY HOUGHTON FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Houghton College faculty and students have had their research and writing published in journals and periodicals around the world. Continuing in the tradition of excellence, Houghton celebrates the work and findings of our faculty and students.

David King '09, Thomas Keane '11, Dr. Wei Hu. “Correlation of Selected Molecular Markers in Chemosensitivity Prediction”
Journal of Biomedical Science and Engineering

Jonathan P. Case. “Being a Christian is Not About ‘Just Following Jesus’: Christian Worship and the Doctrine of the Trinity”
Crucible 1 No. 2 (October 2008)

Peter C. Meilaender. “American’s Cold Civil War: A Cultural Clash”
The City II.1 (Spring 2009), pp. 46-55.

Peter C. Meilaender. “Immigration and the Kingdom of the Left Hand”
Journal of Lutheran Ethics, 2008

Peter C. Meilaender. “Loving Our Neighbors, Both Far and Near”
Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University, 2008

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The Cresset, Advent 2008 (Vol LXXIII, No. 2 pp. 30-32)

Ronald J. Oakerson. “Local Public Economies and Metropolitan Governance: A Research Program Retrospective”
The Practice of Constitutional Development
Lexington Books, 2009

Ronald J. Oakerson. “The Politics of Place: Linking Rural and Environmental Governance”
Frontiers in Resource and Rural Economics
Resources for the Future, 2008



ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY

Daniel Noyes '93, executive director of alumni relations

Rarely is Houghton College referred to as big, nor is that the goal of a school like Houghton. Our enrollment has hovered around 1,200, and we pride ourselves on small class sizes and our sense of community. It is hard to get lost here.

When we leave Houghton, however, we become part of a much larger Houghton community. Houghton has more than 18,000 alumni, and graduates spread around the globe. Houghton alumni are represented in 66 countries around the world and in every state and territory of the United States. The seniors who recently walked across the Wesley Chapel stage and received their diplomas this past May join a larger group with graduates dating back to 1926. We range in age from 21 to 104 years old. We serve as doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, missionaries, and many other professions. The potential of our alumni is immense since we share the common Houghton experience. Opportunities to reconnect, network, learn, and to grow and enrich our lives are almost limitless, but the obstacles in making these kinds of connections are obvious.

Houghton's new online community is a tool that can help alumni overcome these obstacles and benefit from the extended Houghton family. Houghton College would like to make it possible for you to connect with those you knew as a student and those you have not had the chance to meet in person. Whether you are a homemaker, a minister or a research scientist, we want to connect you with others whose vocations match yours. We want to make it possible for you to find alumni who share your interest in rock climbing, global missions or the Civil War; to share your blog and to read blogs from many generations of Houghton grads; to connect with current students and the learning that happens here on campus, such as the research our students are doing in the sciences or the "Houghton Reads" campus wide book discussions. If you are looking for a job or know of a job that is available, you will be able to share this with Houghton alumni who represent a potentially powerful career network.

The new Houghton online community offers the features listed above and much more. Sign up today at community.houghton.edu



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1930

Marjorie Alice Donley Stevenson passed away on July 28, 2009, in Brooksville, Fla. at the age of 98. She taught for three years before raising a family of four children — all Houghton College graduates. She returned to teaching, and worked within the schools in some capacity until she was 93 years old. Marjorie is survived by her four children, seven grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren — among them current students **Emma Fitzgerald '10** and **Aaron Fitzgerald '13**.

1935

Lovedy (Sheffer) McCleery passed away on March 12, 2009 at her home. She was the first female to earn a varsity letter at Houghton College, having participated in five college sports. Lovedy served as a teacher and assisted her husband,

Marshall J. McCleery, in his ministry as a pastor. She encouraged young people to consider participating in missions and enjoyed singing hymns and playing the organ and piano. She is survived by three children, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

1937

Mildred (Guiles) Vanderburg died March 30, 2009. She is survived by her husband of 72 years, Rev. Carl Vanderburg, children Vance Vanderburg and Penny Guyer, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1940

Mariam (Crofoot) Fordham died peacefully on January 30, 2009, in Surprise, Ariz. She was an active member of church choirs for 77 years and a talented homemaker. She is survived by son Malcolm Fordham. She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen Fordham Jr., and children Stephen Fordham III and David Fordham.

1944

Elwood A. Mann passed away on March 28, 2009. He pastored churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. He is survived by his children Janice, Charlene and Evan. His wife, Elspeth, died in 1985.

1946

D. Ruth (Bird) Buckey died March 11, 2009, following a 23 year battle with cancer. She retired as a bookkeeper at the Massillon, Ohio Salvation Army. She was a musician at Massillon Wesleyan Methodist Church for over 60 years. She is survived by her daughters, Susie Buckey, Becki Lemon and Jennie Miller, and several grandchildren.



WILLIAM GREENWAY

He taught literature for 37 years, played noonball unfailingly, coached intramural and intercollegiate teams, began and inspired the drama program, filled in as the sports information director for 15 years, and made many parents happy by providing photos of their children on the athletic field. He was raised in the South, served in the military, and loved his dogs. Those who knew him well called him "Greenie."

William N.A. Greenway passed away on March 22, 2009, at age 75. Professor Greenway spent almost four decades in the classroom, passionate about teaching American literature to would-be high school teachers. He also started the drama program at Houghton. He felt strongly about the use of dramatic interpretation as a valuable tool that Christians had abandoned. In order to bring drama to Houghton, Professor Greenway even recruited the English faculty to wield paintbrushes in an effort to transform the Woolsey Auditorium into a setting for drama productions.

Bill supported and coached sports teams: Purple/Gold football teams, men's and women's basketball teams and volunteered as the sports information director. He was often found on the sidelines of events snapping photos to display and hand out to players and their families. He began the tradition known as noonball (an everyday basketball game at noon for faculty and Houghton community members), and played until his retirement in 1999. Bill was inducted into the Houghton College Hall of Honor in 2002 for his meritorious service.

Bill Greenway left his mark on the Houghton community from the classroom to the playing field to the theater. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, his two children, **Tara '87** and **Bill Jr.**, and four grandchildren.



ELIZABETH FELLER

Driving by herself in an evening rainstorm, she got lost coming to Houghton in the fall of 1944. She stayed, however, for seven years as the dean of women, planned and designed what is now Gillette Hall, and served as the first female member of the board of trustees. Elizabeth (Becky) Beck Gilbert Feller passed away on July 22, 2009, but her contribution has touched thousands of Houghton alumni.

President Stephen Paine asked Miss Beck during her Houghton tenure to plan a women's dormitory. At the time, she was enrolled in summer school at the University of Michigan to finish her graduate degree and used the dormitory project as her master's thesis. President Paine had her critique the architect's plans before they were approved. Gillette Hall now stands as her legacy.

In 1951, she left Houghton to return to Michigan where she had grown up, but her experience at Houghton did not end. She returned to Houghton in 1975 when she agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees. She was the first female member of the leadership and opened a door for other women to serve. "In Houghton there is that opportunity of being a whole person and enjoying it," Mrs. Feller noted in a 2002 interview. "The focus was not only study, but it was association with others."

Elizabeth Feller could never know that her trip through a rainstorm would leave such a lasting Houghton landmark and forge a path for women to lead and labor together for the sake of generations to come.

1947

Henry Brandt passed away of complications from Parkinson's disease at his Florida home on November 24, 2008. He was 92. He was an author, professor and frequent radio host for Moody Bible Institute. He is survived by his wife, Jo, his four children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1949

Ernest Sperring passed away on March 27, 2009. He was a pastor who served in churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. He also spent time teaching courses at Atlantic Baptist University in New Brunswick. A faithful prayer warrior, Ernest is survived by his wife Maria, his six children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1951

Marianne (Boyce) Townsend died on April 7, 2009, in her home in Fayetteville, N.C. with her family by her side. Marianne had a teaching career that lasted over 50 years. Even after retiring, she continued substituting and tutoring. She is survived by her husband, Darwin '51, three children, Joy Choi, Paul Townsend and Anne Townsend, and numerous grandchildren.

1952

Robert L. Merz passed away on June 30, 2009. He was a Latin teacher, and elementary school reading consultant. He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Kupka) '52, and five children, including Lawrie H. Merz '79, Miriam M. Mears '86 and Robert R. Merz '88.

1953

Charlotte (Owen) Snowberger died of cancer on September 13, 2008 with her husband of 54 years, John '53, at her side. She was a high school English teacher, an avid traveler, and the founder, principal and administrator of two successful Christian schools. She is survived by children John Snowberger Jr. '77, Ann Snowberger '80, René Snowberger, Michele Snowberger and Yvette Quinn.

1957

Charles Omdal passed away on August 21, 2009, at the age of 73. He was a pediatrician who spent his early career in Hong Kong establishing a pediatric clinic that specialized in the treatment of the poor. Following his time overseas, he served as director of emergency services at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, while teaching at Temple Medical School. He was also involved in developing legislation for the first child abuse laws in Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Johanna, and his children, Kristen (Delano '80) Stevens '81, Dr. Daniel (Marla '83) Omdal '84, and Dr. David (Dawn '88) Omdal '87, and nine grandchildren.

Joel L. Samuels was recently recognized with the 2009 Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising from the University of Dubuque in Iowa.

1958

Ed and Carol (Sturgis) '59 Savolaine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Ed is a retired professor of neuro-radiology from the University of Toledo College of Medicine, and Carol is a homemaker and volunteer. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. *OI*

1959

John (Pete) Hammond passed away on December 29, 2008, of a heart attack. He worked with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for 40 years in a variety of capacities. He is survived by his three children, Scott Hammond, Leigh Carlson and Layne Champion. His wife, **Shirley '58**, predeceased him.

Angelo Barcia died July 12, 2009. He was a well-known real estate broker and business owner near Mount Pocono, Pa., who enjoyed skiing, fishing, reading and playing the trumpet. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carolyn, three daughters, Stephanie Weeks, Kristen Tortorella and Brooke Barcia-Higgins, four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

1961

Wayne Bergmann passed away on July 12, 2009. He made his home in Clarence, N.Y. and is survived by his wife, Evelyn.

1962

Frederick L. Bailey is retired and now invests his time in two Bible studies and assisting local churches. He is the proud grandfather of Daniel Bailey born November 17, 2008 to his son and daughter-in-law, **Michael '95** and Kathryn. Daniel joins sister, Grace.



1963

Lillian Gordon passed away on August 5, 2009 of complications from a brain aneurysm. Lillian and her husband **Ray '62**, served as linguists with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Lillian served the music ministry of the church her entire life and shared her gift freely. Her husband and children survive.

1964

Grace Bokma passed away March 20, 2008. She was a former junior high teacher at St. Catherine Labouree in Harrisburg, Pa. She is survived by her sister, Lois Weaver, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

John H. Dickerson died August 28, 2009 from leukemia. He served 31 years with the Central Intelligence Agency, where he was a senior operations officer and served in several major U.S. cities. He is survived by his wife, Diane, and children, Karen Dickerson-Liss, Crista (Dickerson) Quinn '93 and Nathan Dickerson.

1967

Sandra Ann Mallula passed away on July 30, 2009 at the age of 64. She touched many lives in her years as a teacher at Elmira College and Messiah College, where she was known as "Doc Sam." She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Spencer, N.Y.

1971

R. Louise Swaney O'Donaghue passed away June 27, 2009, from complications of ALS. She studied English and art while at Houghton. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, and sons Kevin and Jack. She lived in Pittsford, N.Y.

RUTH LUCKEY

Ruth Luckey was the woman who would soundly beat her grandchildren at Trivial Pursuit – in



a single turn. "She was the reason our family had to institute special house rules that allowed only one wedge to be won per turn," remembers granddaughter **Danielle (Luckey) MacDonald '05**. "My brothers and I always fought to be on Grammy's team."

Excellence wasn't just a word to Ruth Luckey; it was a way of life. Ruth, the salutatorian of Houghton's class of 1945, had an impressive career as a student, filling her time as a social science major, the vice president of the student government, a captain of women's basketball, hockey and volleyball, a violist in the Little Symphony, an assistant editor of the *Star*, the editor of the Boulder, a member of music and missions study clubs, forensic union, Wesleyan Youth, a member of the oratorio society, a recipient of the Who's Who award, and the senior class president.

Ruth taught at Houghton Academy and Houghton College and spent time raising her six children while staying active in the local church. She loved learning and made history live by reading books about historical destinations aloud on family car trips. The Luckey Christmas party was one not to be missed and often included games from radio or television shows with a unique Houghton twist.

Ruth served with her husband, Robert, for over 60 years. When he accepted the presidency of Marion College, now known as Indiana Wesleyan University, Ruth assumed her new role and became known for her entertaining, her avid knowledge of trivia, and her quick ability to develop friendships.

Ruth Luckey, described by those who knew her as intellectual, gentle, patient, kind and generous, passed away February 1, 2009. Ruth was a gifted writer, had a brilliant mind, and possessed a wonderful sense of humor. She left behind a legacy of excellence and faithfulness.

1973

Laurel Buckwalter, an Alfred University carillonneur and technical specialist in the performing arts department, performed two recitals at the International Carillon Festival in Springfield, Illinois this summer.

1974

Ruth C. Miles Stone died on March 1, 2009, after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was a chemist recognized for her original research that led to the development of a pre-conception blood test to predict the likelihood of conceiving a Down Syndrome child. She was a dedicated Christian woman, mother and scientist, most passionate about her faith. She is survived by her two daughters, Joanna Cline and Sara Elizabeth Stone, and step-son, Gary Stone.

David Clark has been named the executive vice president and provost of Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn. He had most recently been serving Bethel as a professor of theology.

1975

The American Health Care Association (AHCA) elected **Robert Van Dyk** chair of its national Board of Governors. AHCA, which represents 11,000 facilities, is the largest long-term health care organization in the United States. Bob is in a key position as the nation debates health care reform in Washington. Robert lives in Ridgewood, New Jersey and is also a member of the Houghton College President's Advisory Board.

1976

Steve and Becky (Locke) Thorson currently serve as missionaries in Nepal. Steve spends half of his time as a pediatrician at Patan Hospital and the other teaching Bible school and developing materials for the church. Becky is the coordinator for language orientation for United Mission to Nepal. In March, **Dr. Frank Billman '75**, along with a team of 10 people, joined the Thorsons as they presented seminars to the United Methodists in Nepal. Frank serves at Aldersgate Renewal Ministries and Forest Grove United Methodist Church in Tennessee.

1977

Richard Pointer has been named provost of Westmont College for a temporary two-year term.

1980

On August 13, 2009, **Polly Sue (Jennejahn) Tice** passed away peacefully with her family at her side after a courageous battle with cancer. After college and working in Honduras, Polly returned to Buffalo, N.Y. to devote her life to improving the lives of others. She taught physical education and was an administrator at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic School. Polly, an ordained minister, served as the chaplain of Jericho Road Family Practice and Jericho Road Ministries, while co-pastoring RiverRock Church with her husband, **Robert '80**. She left her long-lasting smile, generosity, and great faith to her husband, children Matthew Tice and Jessica (Eric) Czubaj, and grandchild Jackson Thomas Czubaj.

1984

Craig Nelson has been appointed district superintendent of the Southeast District of the Florida Annual Conference of the United

Methodist Church. Craig and his wife, **Janice (Kibbe)**, have relocated from Naples, Fla. to Miami, Fla.

1985

Dr. Rob Lamberts, a physician from Augusta, Ga., has gained quite an audience on iTunes as the "House Call Doctor" on the Quick and Dirty Tips podcast from Macmillan Publishing. He gained so much popularity through the podcasts that he was invited to a Washington D.C. summit on healthcare reform.

On May 9, 2009, **Cynthia Machamer** was united in marriage to Darin Leavell.

1989

Brian and Pam (Lewis '88) Osterhus are the proud parents of Grace Elizabeth, born August 13, 2008. **02**

1990

Melissa Fisher, senior vice president of marketing and communications at Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, was named winner of the Stevie Award for Best Executive in a Service Business at the fifth annual Women in Business Awards Dinner





**STACEY "TATE"
SMITH '95**

AUGUST 30, 2008

held in New York City. The Stevie Awards for Women in Business, widely considered one of the world's premier business awards, recognizes individual women executives for their accomplishments. **03**

Brenda Tremblay was recently promoted to morning drive host/producer for Classical 91.5 FM – WXXI in Rochester, N.Y. She will host the weekday classical music program, continue to produce and host the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra radio concerts and other

local productions, and work with the Center for Public Affairs to create arts and cultural coverage for all media services. **04**

Jeff and Laurel (Trexler) '89 Kennell are the proud parents of **Daniel Eoin**, born July 7, 2008.

1992

In August, **Dr. Heather (Coords) Kuruvilla** was promoted to professor of biology at Cedarville University, where she has taught since 1997. She earned her Ph.D. from SUNY Buffalo. Heather and her husband, **Saju**, live in Xenia, Ohio with their daughters, **Debbie** and **Julia**.

1993

John-Paul Roederer and his wife, **Jihane**, welcomed **Nicolas** into their family on March 24, 2009.

1995

Michael Bailey and his wife, **Kathryn**, are the proud parents of **Daniel**, born November 17, 2008. **Frederick L. Bailey '62** is the proud grandfather of **Daniel** and sister, **Grace**.

Danielle Hull, the graphic designer for Colorado Christian University, was part of the university's marketing team that won two national awards, the Hermes Creative Award and the Admissions Marketing Award, for their "Your Journey, Your Choice" integrated marketing campaign. **05**

Stacey "Tate" Smith passed away on August 30, 2008. While at Houghton, she studied communication and psychology, and was very active in drama productions. She worked as a resident director at Duquesne University and was an admission counselor at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh. Tate was known for her wonderful smile. She is survived by her parents, and sisters **Shelley '93 (Dan '93) Noyes** and **Cindy Smith '12**.

1996

Clarissa Eumi was born on June 22, 2009 to **Michael** and **Heidi (Oberholtzer) Lee**.

Patricia Sayre earned her master of nursing degree from Pace University and now serves as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. She also received the American Psychiatric Nurses Association Janssen Scholarship.

1998

Tim and Tara (Force) Amick are the proud parents of **Rian Noelle**, born on January 15, 2009. **06**

Mathias Timothy was born to **Norah (Griffiths) and Tim Goggin** on July 30, 2009. **07**

Scott Heisner and his wife, **Mindy**, are the proud parents of **Emma Erin**, born February 11, 2009. **08**

Rebekah (Tanner) Anstadt and her husband, **Eric**, welcomed **Abigail** into their family on March 25, 2009.

1999

On February 28, 2008, **Nathan James** was born to **Amanda (Duheme) Rondeau** and her husband, **Steven**.

Julie (Siemens) Bailey and her husband, **Perry**, welcomed **Susannah Joy Bailey** into their family on September 23, 2008. **09**

Jeffrey and Liana (Weirich) Joslyn are the proud parents of two children. **Noah James** was born on July 10, 2006, and **Norah Marie** was born on July 15, 2008. **10**



2000

William and Kristin (Leach) Palmer are the proud parents of Caden James Palmer, born on December 15, 2008. **11**

On April 18, 2009, Susanne Lehman was united in marriage to Jonathan Lessard.

Christine Reese completed her doctorate degree in Early Modern European History at Pennsylvania State University. She is currently working at PSU as an adjunct professor.

Paul Ulrich was united in marriage to Rachel Brown on January 17, 2009. In attendance were Houghton graduates Mindy (Lewis) Hanawalt '00, Doug Graham '00, and Heather Huth '00. Paul is working on his doctorate in tropical diseases at the University of Georgia, and Rachel is a physical therapist in Atlanta.

2001

Jennifer (Bock) Nelson and her husband, Todd '93 welcomed Joel Patrick into their family on May 14, 2007.

Michelle Kuscsik was united in marriage to Jessi Flores on October 13, 2008. **12**

On June 20, 2009, Kerry Moon married Paul Dellea Jr. Guests at the wedding included several Houghton

graduates: Nicole (Chapple) Coen, Wendy (Rader) Lima, Melissa Stafford, and Bethany (Shearer) Cutting '02. The photographer was Jason Baldomir '96. **13**

2002

Nicole (Hayes) and Blake '03 Arensen welcomed their second child, Quinn Maddox Arensen, into their family on November 27, 2008. Quinn joins older sister, Maddie. **14**

2003

Rebekah Young Clifford and Jason Philip Noël were married September 6, 2008 in Wells River, Vt. Rebekah is currently employed at King George School in Sutton, Vt., and Jason is a safety consultant with Jay Karpin and Associates. **15**

Katherine J. Elliott received her master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2009.

Adeline Maisie Kuntzman was born to Joshua and Karen (Adams) Kuntzman on February 10, 2009. The Kintzmans live in Hershey, Pa. **16**

Emily Schwartz was married to Nathan Dewey on May 16, 2009. Three fellow Houghton alumni, Bethany (Schwartz) Warsaw, Jennifer Neroni, and Audrey Oppedisano '04 were in the wedding party. **17**

2004

Kelly (Pate) Willard died on May 11, 2009 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She had worked as the division director of Head Start for Allegany County, and was also employed by Suburban Adult Services, Inc., in Arcade, N.Y. as a case manager. Kelly is survived by her husband, John F. Willard, and children, Joshua F. Willard, Jessica M. Willard, and Kaylea R. Willard.



KELLY (PATE) WILLARD
MAY 11, 2009



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1978



Janelle Arendt married Thomas Max Hollingshead on June 21, 2008. Houghton graduates in attendance were Janet (Elliott) Arendt '68, Barb Green '69, Kelly (Dahlseng) Garay '04, Beth Miner '04, Stephanie (Pocock) Boeninger '04, Miriam (Lawton) Berg '04, Dan Gehret '04, Lisa Kolb '04, Stephanie (Arendt) Pease '00, Jim Elliott '69, Laura Kolb '00, and Bob Elliott '65. **18**

Alfred and Elizabeth (Krantz) Brown are the proud parents of Lucy Elizabeth, born on June 25, 2009. **19**



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2005

Gloria Rachel Smith was born to parents Jason and Naomi (Spurrier) Smith on July 18, 2008. She is pictured with her grandfather, Jim Spurrier '74. **20**

2006

Nora (Jacob) and Patrick Montanye were joined in marriage on May 26, 2007. **21**



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Daniel Fuller married Kristin Kiefer on February 15, 2009. Dan and Kristin live in Indianapolis, Ind., where Dan has been working as a Spanish interpreter/Latino advocate for the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic. He is currently working with fellow Houghton alumnus Larry Mitchell '76, training to become part of a church planting team focusing on ministering to the Latino immigrant families in the area. Kristin works as a Street Outreach Worker with Outreach, Inc. She focuses on serving homeless youths by offering them an alternative to street life. **22**

2007

Rob Campbell and Joanne Rohe were joined in marriage on July 11, 2009.



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Grace Essley was united in marriage on June 13, 2009 to Daniel Black, MMus '08.

Annette Bliss, a member of P.A.C.E. cohort N5 in Dansville, has risen through the ranks of the Lane Board of Directors. She is currently in Saratoga County, N.Y., serving as the area manager for New York and New England.

2008

Heidi Marie Sprunger was united in marriage to Alexander Brian Dagg '09. Alec is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and he will be stationed in North Carolina. Heidi served as an intern in Washington D.C. and plans to pursue a job for the government on the base. **23**

Nicole Trask and Alan Gustfason were married on August 2, 2008. Fellow alumnae Casey Trask and Kymrie Sisson were in the wedding party. Nicole currently is an AmeriCorps volunteer at Snell Farm Children's Center in Bath, N.Y. Alan is a news producer at Family Life Ministries.

Lindsay Yandon has been hired as the editor for the *News Enterprise*, a Denton Publications weekly that is the leading source of news for its circulation area.

Queena (Yoder) and Ethan '09 Mast are the proud parents of Dorothea Rose born on August 8, 2008.

2009

Amy Labzentis, a student at Regent University School of Law, was awarded a Regent World Changer Scholarship based on her LSAT score, undergraduate grade point average and her demonstration of leadership, spiritual maturity and academic excellence.

Erik Lefebvre, former Highlander standout soccer goalkeeper, was signed by the Charlotte Eagles of the United Soccer League.

Rebecca Stafford began teaching at Apple Pie Ridge Elementary School in Winchester, Va. this fall. She was featured as a new teacher on the TV3 Winchester News—an affiliate of ABC.

2010

Daniel N. Miller passed away on July 9, 2009, while on training maneuvers for the Army ROTC at Fort Lewis, Wash. He was active in the Gowanda Free Methodist Church and missions at Houghton. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Miller and sister, Andrea Miller.

FACULTY/STAFF/ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Clifford W. Thomas, died on January 8, 2009, with his family gathered at his bedside. He was a pastor, a professor, a college administrator, and a college president. He served Houghton College as the academic dean from 1969 to 1973. He is survived by his wife, Carla, children, Deborah Nadlicki, Carol Brown, Elaine Mohl and Walter Thomas, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

FRIENDS

Hilda Palmer passed away on August 3, 2009. She was 92 years old. She was predeceased by her husband, James. They had made their home in Binghamton, N.Y. Her daughter, Carol, survives.

Ivan Ernest Watts, friend of the college, passed away on July 8, 2009. He attended Allentown Bible Institute, part of the United Wesleyan College. He was a pastor for several years, and planted churches in four states. After retiring from the pulpit, he served as a high school Latin teacher in Lecanto, Fla. Ivan is survived by daughters Gail Robertson and Frances Pratt, step-daughters Marlene Nelson and Marguerite Renfree, seven grandchildren and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

Bette Zoumbaris, friend and former employee of the college, passed away. She had lived in Houston, Texas.



SUMMER ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010

All Houghton alumni and their families are invited to return to campus July 9-11 for Alumni Weekend 2010.

Reunions are being planned for classes ending in '0' or '5' with special honor given to the class of 1985 as they celebrate 25 years, and the class of 1960 as they celebrate 50 years.

Activities include an alumni talent and variety show, hymn sing, coffee house, a question and answer time with Houghton President Shirley Mullen '76, faculty lectures by some of your favorites, Big Al's Buffalo wings, and plenty of time to catch up with classmates and their families.

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