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A dangerous opportunity

After two successive classes of near-record enrollment, the number of new students coming to Houghton in the fall of 2002 dropped dramatically. Since the college is heavily dependent on tuition and fees from students for its fiscal well-being, the dip could have precipitated a budget crisis had the administration not responded quickly and effectively to the challenge. Happily, the new students entering in 2003 and 2004 again approached record numbers. However, 2002 was a sobering reminder that we cannot be complacent and that we must constantly strive to strengthen our programs and communicate our distinctives more effectively.

In Chinese writing, the character for "crisis" (reproduced at left) includes two parts: the portion on the left comes from the word "dangerous," but the portion on the right comes from "opportunity." That is precisely what we had as a result of this enrollment "crisis": an opportunity—albeit one fraught with danger.

In light of such an opportunity, the leadership of the college thought it appropriate to re-examine the ways we were communicating with our various publics, as well as the messages we were sending in those communications. We employed a consulting firm to help us research and re-discover some of the best qualities of Houghton that we could effectively promote.

In the summer of 2004, the leadership met to discuss some of those distinctive characteristics and to select several that would represent Houghton College to both our "family"—those who know us well, such as our alumni and friends, and to those whose interest we would like to attract—such as potential students, their parents, church leaders, and more. The result was a list of "first principles"—messages that should come through clearly in our publications and advertising—which, when taken together, would paint an accurate and inviting picture of Houghton College. These are not new or surprising to our internal audience of alumni and friends—we touch on each of them quite regularly in what we say and write. However, spelling them out will, we hope, lead to a consistent message that even those who have little knowledge of Houghton will grasp quite quickly.

Finally, we focused our attention on just one distinctive that we would like everyone who hears of Houghton to understand—the scholar-servant. Again, most of you will have heard this term before in regards to Houghton—we use it in our mission statement and talk about it regularly. However, those who are not familiar with Houghton may find it an unusual concept to grasp. So, we will be taking concrete action to bring the message of Houghton College as a place that equips scholar-servants to as wide a group as we possibly can.

That action will require numerous changes—in everything from our tagline and letterhead to academic and co-curricular programs. Change can be unsettling and difficult—I am reminded again of the "dangerous" half of the Chinese character for crisis—but it can also be exciting and invigorating. Likewise, change (like crisis) can offer many opportunities. During this time of change, you can also count upon important continuity. Frieda Gillette, who faithfully served Houghton College for 46 years, succinctly captured this relationship between continuity and change when she commented, "At Houghton even though people and programs change, the basic commitments to Biblical truth and academic excellence remain constant."

For example, the leadership of the college has seized this time of change as an opportunity to grow our enrollment from approximately 1,200 full time students in our regular program today to 1,400 by the fall of 2008. We have formed a task force—Houghton Higher Ground (or "H2G" in our campus short-hand)—to help steer our activities as we face such opportunities for change. You can read about it—and about some of the activities that are already beginning—elsewhere in this issue. You can also see some of the changes in our marketing materials and graphic design. We hope that you will join us in embracing such change as an opportunity to spread more effectively the message about Houghton College.



Daniel R. Chamberlain is in his 29th year as president of Houghton College.

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Still seeing Green...

Dear Editor:

Lest we forget, we are at war! September 11, 2001 marked the beginning of our struggle for survival against



world-wide terrorism. Everything we do in the area of politics will be affected by this reality.

In addition, we have, as a nation, been involved in another war for the most of the past century. We call it "the culture war." Atheistic, humanist and Marxist theories have taken root in our educational systems, news media, and political hierarchy. They have reshaped America into a state almost unrecognizable to those of us who lived in the mid-1900s.

So we have war on two fronts. The American church cannot be neutral. We must be involved. But how? What about political parties? The American government is party-oriented, so we have to play the game and use the available tools, with a little healthy skepticism.

The "party of the working man" has disregarded all pretense of moral and Christian values in favor of the radical fringe, whose only unifying force seems to be a hatred for anything and anyone out-front Christian. The "Grande Ole Party," while still giving lip-service to

decency and morality, seems more and more embarrassed by the Christian and pro-life element. Our [New York's] Republican governor is among those actively working to remove a pro-life stance from the G.O.P. platform. The Green Party features a smorgasbord of nebulous "key values," most of which are harmless. But some, such as "non-violence," are disturbing. At a time when America is under terrorist attack, party members stage demonstrations with signs of "Peace—not war." One might suggest they also picket hospitals with "Health—not sickness."

When we can, let's work with the three parties, with all of their weaknesses. But we need to find other ways to get out from behind the stained glass windows and bring to our great country the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the moral standards which made our nation great (without which the gospel message will have little respect).

Ernie Preston '50
Fillmore, NY

O Shea can you see...

I don't remember whether I called her "Miss Ortlip" or "Mrs. Shea" back in 1940 when I was a lowly music student and had to take Art Appreciation. I do remember, however, how much I enjoyed the course and have dabbled a bit since, and, after seeing her picture in *Milieu*, I thought I should say so.

Houghton College gave me an excellent education which has stood me in good stead for over 30 years in public school music and 50 years in choir leadership. I currently have two bell choirs.

Congratulations on your award, Mrs. Shea!

Ruth (Bartlett '44) King
North Fort Myers, FL

A story of health

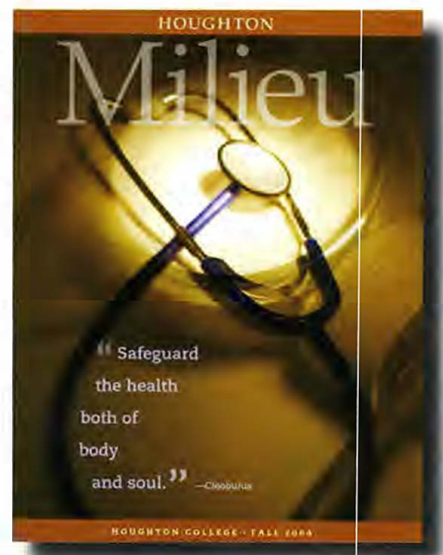
As a follow-up to last issue's emphasis on health and well being, we'd like to offer the following story from an alumna.—Editor

As a biology major and chemistry

minor, I knew that I would enter the healthcare field. I never thought it would be as a dentist. My father was a dentist. I grew up with that. I wanted some excitement, and I was looking into emergency room medicine. Then, the summer before my junior year at Houghton, as I considered marriage, I decided dentistry was for me, after all. I grew to love the fusion of artistry and science, and, of course, the hours. My dad couldn't have been more proud of my career choice. I observed and was involved in the opening of his new office in Vancouver, WA. All we wanted to talk about was dentistry, and it was exciting.

I was married in the summer of 1998, and, after graduating [from Houghton] in 1999 my husband Tom '95 and I set out for Omaha, NE to begin my freshman year at Creighton University Dental School. It wasn't UCLA, my dad's alma mater, but it would do.

As I was studying for boards the week before Thanksgiving in 2002, I got a call from my mother. "Your dad is sick. We think it's cancer." The last I had



heard, it was just a bad cough. "You'd better come here; we don't know how much time we have."

Tom and I made many trips that year. We saw my dad through several rounds of chemotherapy. We saw the weight loss; we saw the hair loss. We wit-

nessed long hours of suffering, but we knew he would recover, somehow.

My dad had a large and growing tumor in his abdomen that we nicknamed "The Beast." After attempts to shrink it, the doctors decided to surgically remove it. My graduation from dental school was nearing, and my dad was determined to be there and see me walk across that platform. Because he was also a dentist, he was allowed to "hood" me, or don me with our special robe at graduation.

With the doctor's help, he got the strength to fly 2,000 miles to Omaha. He sat on the stage with me because he didn't have the energy to make it up the stairs. Of course, there was a burst of applause when they called my name. They were cheering for the both of us. The next morning, he flew home, and a day later a team of specialists removed the tumor. As he was recovering, I was able to take my new degree and new license, and help him with his practice until he was able to come back—which he did.

What an awesome miracle! Not only for him to recover from such a serious disease, but to make it to Omaha to participate in his daughter's graduation from dental school, to watch her follow in his footsteps. That graduation day will forever be in my mind and heart. Thank God!

Erin E. (Warren '99) Elliott
Coast Falls, ID

Proper names

Due to our database software system and its limitations, many couples receive their *Milieu* and other college mail addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe," even when only one of them is the Houghton alumnus/a.

Within limits, we are able to override the software's defaults. As of September 2004, when Houghton alumna "Jane Smith" marries non-alumnus "John Doe," her *Milieu* will come addressed to "Mrs. Jane Doe," unless she specifies

another preferred form to us. If both are Houghton alumni, their address will read "Mr. John Doe/Mrs. Jane Doe," unless they specify otherwise.

While we are not able to go back and individually re-code the more than 20,000 names we already have on our mailing list, we are happy to make this change to the records of those individuals who request it. If you would like to have the form of your address changed, send an e-mail to: dj.mackmer@houghton.edu, or call 585.567.9340 and explain your preference. We will make the change as soon as possible. Please understand that it may take a mailing or two for the change to become effective.

In the next issue:

We all know that the church is not the building, but the people. In the same way, Houghton College is not its buildings—but they sure do help when it's cold or rainy outside! In the next issue, we plan to take a look at some of the buildings on cam-

pus—including the 100th birthday of one venerable Hall.

We'd like your help. Do you have a fond remembrance of a building on campus? We would especially like to hear stories relating to Wesley Chapel. We want to share them in a special look at the chapel as the campaign to raise funds for its structural enhancement enters its final months. Please share your stories with your fellow *Milieu* readers: e-mail them to Milieu@houghton.edu or send them by regular mail to: 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744.



Left to right: Tom Elliott '95, Erin (Warren '99) Elliott, Hulda Warren and Mark Warren. The baby is Jameson Warren Elliott.



Faculty and Staff News

Paul Watson, assistant professor of mathematics education, presented four sessions at the Educator Convention of the Association of Christian Schools International in Dayton, OH.

Bruce Brenneman, assistant professor of English, **Richard Eckley**, associate professor of theology, **Harold Kingdon**, professor of Christian ministries, **Bill Swanson**, professor of physical education and chair of the physical education/recreation department, and **Paul Watson**, assistant professor of mathematics education were recognized by Who's Who Among America's Teachers for excellence in teaching.

David Perkins, assistant professor of mathematics, gave a talk entitled "Graph Theory Untangles a Troubling Sum" at the 18th Midwestern Conference on Cryptography, Combinatorics and Computing.

Christie Tanner, editorial assistant, will have an article published in the February edition of *ByLine* magazine.

Steve Johnson, director of digital media and part-time assistant professor of art, will have photos featured in an upcoming issue of *Rock and Sling*.

Matt Pelletier, associate professor of biology, attended the Rochester Academy of Sciences with Indriati Hood '06 and Derek DeBoer '06 to present a poster on their genetic research entitled "Fine Scale Genetic Mapping of the TT9 Locus of *Arabidopsis Thaliana*."

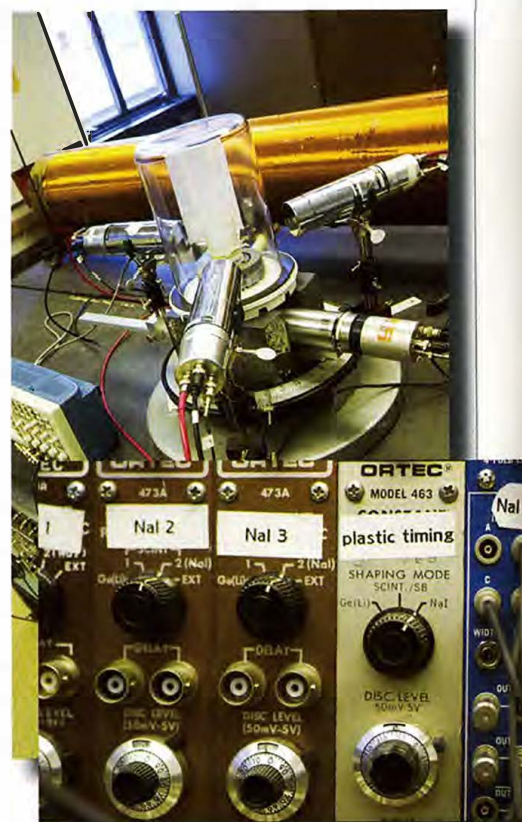
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Los Alamos National Laboratory donates equipment

HOUGHTON'S PHYSICS department recently received \$16,500 worth of physics equipment from the Los Alamos National Laboratory as part of its Laboratory Education Equipment Gift Program. The new equipment will do such things as measure the muon magnetic moment, aid in small cyclotron design and CT scanner design, and support orthopositronium lifetime measurements.

Houghton's physics department has been developing a "research-based" educational model in which active participation in real-world research problems is built into the curriculum. Physics majors at Houghton College are required to participate in a research project that will eventually lead to a thesis and a formal presentation.

This gift will help to equip the large number of student research projects that are constantly underway as a result of this added emphasis. The equipment will also familiarize the students with the types of machines they will use at other laboratories.



Sold out concerts

WESLEY CHAPEL was the site of two contemporary Christian music concerts this fall. On October 30 the acoustic-pop band FFH (Far from Home) played to a full house of over 1,200, and, less than two weeks later, Houghton was a stop on Jeremy Camp's *Restored* tour, which included the band Building 429 as an opening act. That concert was also sold out.

The Family Life Network—a series of Christian radio stations with headquarters in Bath, NY—sponsored the FFH concert. The group has

recorded ten CDs and has had some of the highest-ranking singles on the Christian charts, including "One of These Days" and "Good to be Free."



Camp's first CD, *Stay*, had four number-one singles and another CD, *Carried Me: The Worship Project* debuted at number one on the contemporary Christian charts when it was released last February. "Take You Back," the first single from *Restored*, is quickly climbing the charts.

College trustee, alumna aid in tsunami relief

AMONG THE ORGANIZATIONS that are distributing aid to the victims of the devastating tsunami wave that swept southern Asia is World Hope International, under the leadership of Executive Director Jo Anne Lyon, a trustee of Houghton College. World Hope is working alongside organizations like UNICEF and Food for the Hungry to bring aid to the survivors, many of whom are living in crowded refugee camps, relief encampments and Buddhist temples, with scarce food and clean water supplies.

"The areas in Indonesia where most of our business projects and children are located were considerably south of the earthquake and our staff in Sumatra is located far enough inland that they survived," Lyon wrote in an e-letter after visiting Sri Lanka in January. These staff members are leading World Hope's

relief efforts in the region, helping to rebuild lives with medicines, blankets, food, housing, water, sanitation and short-term needs.

R. Sharlini (De Mel '88) Rodrigo, who is on World Hope's staff in Sri Lanka, writes, "I do not have to tell you what a heart-wrenching tragedy this has been. It's humanly impossible to bear the sadness and grief. The enormity of the relief effort that is needed is huge. Nevertheless, every drop counts."

Donations may be made online to help aid the tsunami relief efforts at World Hope's website: www.world-hope.org. The *Milieu* invites readers to share stories of other Houghton College alumni or friends who were affected by the tsunami or who have been involved in the relief efforts.

Students donate to Allegany County families

THIS FALL, HOUGHTON STUDENTS donated \$2,800 towards the purchase of Thanksgiving turkeys for 80 families and Christmas gifts for 75 children in Allegany County. Dean of the Chapel John Brittain (pictured) agreed to dress up in a turkey costume in chapel should the students reach their goal of raising \$1,200 for the turkey fund and kept his promise when they did. "Santa," played by Wayne MacBeth, vice president for student life, and his "elves," played by President Chamber-

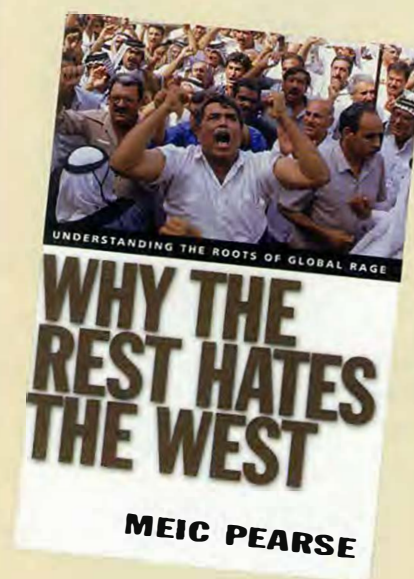
lain and Director of Counseling Services Michael Lastoria, also helped by posing for pictures with students, whose payments for the prints were put into the fund. Info Center Coordinator Kathie Brennehan helped organize the efforts.



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Daryl Stevenson, professor of psychology, presented a continuing education workshop at the Eastern Regional Conference of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies on "The Living Document: What you need to know about the new APA Ethics Code."

Why the Rest Hates the West, a book by Meic Pearse, associate professor of history, is profiled as a main selection of the InterVarsity Press book club.



Teresa Piper, assistant to the director of the alumni office, recently passed the required New York State exam to be a licensed realtor.

College welcomes new trustees

In November, four new members were elected to Houghton's board of trustees. These members will begin serving their four-year terms in February:



Michael Everett '90 received his doctor of chiropractic from Palmer College of Chiropractics in 1994. He is the owner and chiropractor of Everett Chiropractic, P.C. Everett and his wife, Kristin, reside in Walnutport, PA with their son, Nicholas.



Bruce Horsman '75 studied at the Society of Management Accountants from 1982-1986. Since 1989 he has worked as Secretary-Treasurer, CFO of The Dobson Group, several

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Fall sports review: A new dynasty?



IT'S STARTING TO FEEL like a dynasty. The women's soccer team advanced to their 12th-straight NAIA Region IX Final Four, captured their fourth region title, and made their sixth appearance at the NAIA National Tournament, finishing the season with a record of 19-1-0.

Though the season ended with a 3-0 loss to high-scoring Lee University at nationals, the Highlanders' had another season worthy of the record books. They set school records for consecutive shutout victories (16), most consecutive victories (19), and fewest shots allowed in a season (62). They ranked No. 9 in the final NAIA poll. Statistically, they were tops in the nation in team defense, with just seven goals allowed in 20 games and finished seventh in team offense, with 84 goals.

Bethany Kowalczyk '08 led the team with 29 goals and was named NAIA First-Team All-America, conference and region player of the year, and conference freshman of the year. She was also featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd." Teammate Dana Benedict '05 was an NAIA Second-Team All-America pick, and four other teammates were on the all-conference team. Coach David

Lewis was conference and region coach of the year, and won his fifth NSCAA Adidas NAIA Northeast Region Coach of the Year Award.

On top of being talented athletes, these women were excellent representatives of Houghton College. The team won the AMC North Fair Play Team Award and an NSCAA Team Ethics Award for displaying sportsmanship on the field. They were also honored for their work in the classroom, with four players named NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes* and the team earning their eighth-straight NSCAA Team Academic Award.

Men's soccer

Six members of the men's soccer team were all-conference selections, goalie Steve Cox '05 earned NAIA Honorable Mention All-America honors, and the team won the conference Fair Play Team Award for the third-straight year for displaying sportsmanship on the field. Andy Walton '06 was recognized as an NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete for the Highlanders, who finished 6-8-4 in Matt Webb's first year as head coach.

Volleyball

The volleyball team finished with a record of 17-18 as Kirsten Nelson '05 earned her third-straight AMC North Division Player of the Year Award and was an NAIA Honorable Mention All-America selection for the third time. She finished 17th in the nation in kills per game (4.81). Three of Nelson's teammates also earned all-conference honors. Lindsey Norberg '06 was named an NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete.

Field hockey

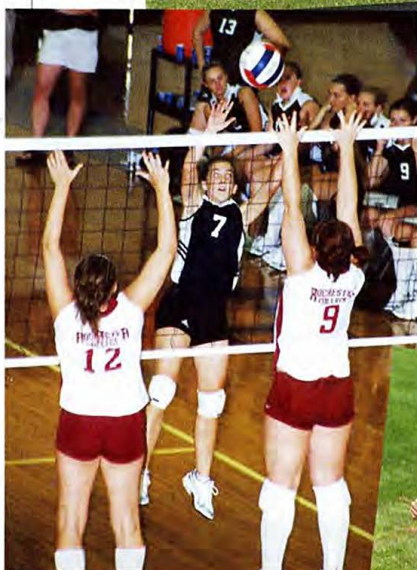
The field hockey team finished with a record of 11-4 under first-year interim coach Briana Burghardt '04. Goalkeeper

Laura Kline '05 allowed just 12 goals, while Kelly Mazzeo '06 led the team in scoring with 10 goals and eight assists and moved into a tie for second on the school's career points list.

Cross country

Several runners reached personal bests during the fall season. Academically, Larry Petry '05, Mary Gibson '06, and Hannah Becker '06 were named NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes.

**Note: NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes are juniors and seniors who have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50.*



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privately held dealerships consisting of Dobson Chrysler Dodge, Norrad Chrysler, Leisure Time RV Centre, RV World, and LTS Investments, Inc. He resides in Darlings Island, New Brunswick, Canada with his wife Linda. They have two grown children: Jennifer (LeRoy) and Timothy.



Jeffrey Leland is a 1992 graduate of Sienna College. He is president of Leland Paper Company, a family-owned business in Glens Falls, NY which was started by his grandfather. Previously he served as vice president and general manager of the company. Leland and his wife Patrina reside in Queensbury, NY with their four children: Nathalie, Madilynn, Olivia and Coleman.



Harriet Olson '80 received her juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1983. She is editorial director and vice president for publishing for the United Methodist Publishing House. She resides in Nashville, TN.

Zoller first to hold Van Gorden chair

John Van Gorden, an author and former IBM executive, endowed Houghton College with the Van Gorden Chair, which offers English and communication faculty the opportunity to engage in projects that enhance the faculty member's professional development, the instructional quality of the communication or the writing major, cooperation and coordination between those departments, and the mission of Houghton College.

In January of 2004, James Zoller, professor of writing and literature, became the first to hold the chair. "The Van Gorden Chair is an unparalleled opportunity for a teaching

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writer," says Zoller. "I have had few opportunities to write poems. The gratifying part is that I have the opportunity to make a lasting contribution to our culture."

Zoller is a frequent speaker at writing workshops; he often recites his poetry at readings, publishes his work in professional writing and poetry journals, and writes a regular column for a local newspaper, while teaching a full class load. Zoller earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1971, a master's degree from San Francisco State University in 1973, and a doc-

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What are they reading?

Have you read any good books lately? Milieu asked the professors in the English and communication department to share with us—and you—the books they've been enjoying. Here are their answers:

My reading habits tend to be quite eclectic! Henri J.M. Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* is especially

solation to his father. In it, Nouwen explores what it means to befriend death even while protesting strongly against it. Those who mourn, Nouwen explains, wait in the silence of their own metaphorical Holy Saturday, the time between the searing pain of Good Friday and the celebratory hope of Easter Sunday. Providing a glimpse into the depths of loss



Brenneman



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Dashnau



Gaerte

profound and challenging as he uses the themes of homecoming, affirmation and reconciliation so effectively. I have also recently re-read much of Corrie Ten Boom's *The Hiding Place* and was once again thrilled and amazed by her courage and outspoken Christianity. I'm a great fan of John Grisham and I'm awaiting his latest, *The Broker*. On the drama side, my taste runs the gamut from Molière to Neil Simon.—**Bruce Brenneman**, assistant professor of English

As an avid reader of fantasy literature, I heartily recommend J.R.R. Tolkien's three-book series *The Lord of the Rings*, which relates the story of the end of the Third Age of Middle-earth. From Tolkien's private letters we learn that Middle-earth is really this earth, but an earth that is pre-Christian, before the time of the Incarnation. The books relate the battle for Middle-earth, one filled not only with despair, darkness, and pain but also courage, hope, and joy. In addition to reading Tolkien's texts, I highly recommend two extremely helpful works that elucidate the Christian aspects of these books: Ralph C. Wood's *The Gospel According to Tolkien* and Fleming Rutledge's *The Battle for Middle-earth*. —**Charles Bressler**, professor of English

Six months after Henri J. Nouwen's mother died, he wrote *A Letter of Con-*

and the breadth of God's healing grace, Nouwen's letter encourages all who grieve to embrace these disquieting yet potentially instructive times of silence. —**Laurie Dashnau**, associate professor of English

A book that I read over the summer and have revisited on occasion this fall is by Stephen Carter: *God's Name in Vain: The Wrongs and Rights of Religion in Politics*. This is one of the most thoughtful books I have ever read on the relationship between one's faith and the way that commitment ought to influence the political arena. The connection between faith and politics has received a lot of attention recently, especially since many observers have attributed Bush's win to the evangelical ("moral values") vote in the "red states." While Carter's book pre-dates this fall's election, it remains timely (perhaps more so than ever) and raises some interesting questions about how the church can best



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impact the larger society.—**Douglas Gaerte**, professor of communication; chair, department of English and communication

I've recently been re-reading *Sailing Alone around the Room* by Billy Collins, whose poems manage to be poignant, accessible and funny. I also read, not long ago, Jonathan Franzen's novel *The Corrections*. The main characters (a family of aging parents and three grown children) are so vividly and vibrantly drawn and yet so starkly human, so flawed. Next on my list: *Runaway: Stories*, by Alice Munro, one of my favorites.—**Lori Huth**, writing instructor

This Just In, by Bob Schieffer: A witty, insightful exposé into the world of journalism. Schieffer writes the way he talks, which he claims (and I agree) is the best way to write. The reader feels as if he or she is across the table from the writer, listening closely to every word.—**Roger Rozendal**, associate professor of communication

Fiction: *The Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel, is a fascinating comparative religions, ecosystems management, traumatic psychology adventure after the ilk of *Robinson Crusoe*. Poetry: *Collected Po-*

ems, by Geoffrey Hill, is a companionable text groping toward an inchoate light. Drama: *The Tragedy of Mariam*, by Elizabeth Cary, is a 17th-century play mashing the role of women in love, family, politics and religion together in a very contemporary blender. (Thanks to Jennifer Douglas '01 for sharing this one with me.)—**James Wardwell**, associate professor of English

Holocaust Poetry, edited by Hilda Schiff, is a collection of poems about some of the horrors of the mid-twentieth century. Many of the poems in this book are powerful for the witness they bear to human cruelty, human suffering, and the capacity for hope and even faith in the face of monstrous evil. For those who prefer to stick to prose, I would recommend Desmond Tutu's *No Future Without Forgiveness* for its reflections on justice and reconciliation in light of the gospel.—**Linda Mills Woolsey**, professor of English

Given the way current events and foreign policy have woven together the U.S. and Afghanistan, Jason Elliot's *An Unexpected Light: Travels in Afghanistan* is an important book to be reading right now. I've been using Mary Oliver's *New and Selected Poems* in my Modern/Contemporary American Poetry class, but also reading it for pleasure. It is full of lyrical beauty, joy and dazzling moments of revelation. Finally, I read as many of Penelope Fitzgerald's novels as I can get my hands on, including *Offshore*, *The Gate of Angels*, *The Beginning of Spring*, *At Freddie's*, *The Blue Flower*, and a number of others.—**Stephen Woolsey**, professor of English

A friend and writing/teaching mentor, Donald M. Murray, was raised in an evangelical household, like many of us, but the circumstances of his early years,

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torate from SUNY at Albany in 1984.

He recently completed a 70-page manuscript entitled *Living on the Flood Plain*. "The title suggests geography and theme as I had intended," Zoller says, "although I don't know yet whether it is a title that can be kept as is." The sub-title of the book, "Studies in Genesee River Poetic Realism," adds a bit to what one may learn about it. The language is both local, as any Houghton person will note immediately, and referenced to art.

The art reference is one that intrigues Zoller; he finds affinity with art and artists both in the imagistic detail of his poems and in the process he employs to write them. While the poems are realistic and approachable, he hopes the reader will also be able to respond to them emotionally, without the need for prior explanation, as one can/should learn to do with a painting. "I want the poems to be 'hung,' if you will, in the galleries that comprise my book," he says. Zoller will be giving two presentations about the manuscript this spring: at a faculty forum, and as part of the Houghton Writing Festival.

In the meantime, Zoller has begun other works related to the Van Gorden Chair. These include another poetry book and two narratives, one fictional and the other non-fiction. "For each of these prose ideas I have individuals interested in reading the proposals I am working up, so I am excited about those possibilities," he says.

"I recognize that I work in the face of a culture that is indifferent to my efforts and a world that is dismissive of the beliefs I hold most profoundly. Like all artists I hope to make a space for my work by attending to craft and to the veracity of the work itself."



Wardwell



Mills Woolsey '74



Woolsey '73



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his parents' fears and eccentricities, and the experience of combat in World War II turned him away from his faith. His two memoirs—*My Twice-Lived Life: A Memoir* and *The Lively Shadow: Living with the Death of a Child*—shed light on the persistence of questions of faith and the role of believers in this world, even for one who now disbelieves.—**James Zoller**, professor of writing and literature

Jack Leax, professor of English and poet in residence, was on sabbatical while this article was being prepared, so we were unable to include his selections.

New trend for Houghton ROTC: chaplains

by Robert F. Danner

My continuing dream and passion is for those Christians who find military service supportable, including that small number who are in the ROTC program at Houghton, to take their Christian witness into the armed forces. There they can influence decision-making, evangelism, the military chapel programs, and the support of organizations like Christian Military Fellowship and Campus Crusade Military Ministry.

Last year, among the thousands of ROTC officer candidates in the country, only 11 graduates were granted educational delays to attend seminary. Of the 11, two came from Houghton College. Michael Rumscik '04 is now attending Asbury Theological Seminary, and Adam Tietje '04

is enrolled at Princeton. Both cadets were at the top of their ROTC class (which included all St. Bonaventure University cadets). Tietje served as the student commander of the SBU/Houghton program one semester.

We seem to have begun a new trend, sending Houghton College students to be chaplains—as well as soldiers—in the armed forces. This year, Lucas Rees '05 has been selected for an educational delay to attend seminary. Rees will serve as the student commander of the SBU ROTC department, too, following in Tietje's footsteps. The Christian witness of these young men will be an influential force in the military.

After retiring from a military career, Bob Danner served as Houghton's vice president for student life and dean of students from 1981-2001. You can reach him at robert.danner@houghton.edu.

What I didn't learn at Houghton...

by Trina A. Kraus

Houghton College didn't teach me everything I needed to know. At least, not the way I expected it to.

Houghton College didn't teach me that I might have a student in my classroom who stares blankly ahead when I ask her to complete a short vocabulary assignment. "She's in tenth grade," I think to myself. "I'm sure that she is capable of completing this assignment." I ask her to please do her vocabulary. She looks at me and says, "Yes, okay Miss," and then, "Miss, what's Down-zyndrom?" She says the new words all together, like one word. This is not one of the terms on her vocabulary list. I look at her and I slowly start to say, "Well, it's a disorder...that some people are born with..." and as I speak I realize why she's not doing her vocabulary assignment. She says to me, "Miss, 'cause yesterday they did a special test on me, and they say that my baby has water on its brain or something. I don't know what I'm going to do now. They need me to tell them what I'm going to do."

Vocabulary now seems very unimportant to me, too. Houghton College didn't give me a pat answer for her.

Houghton College didn't tell me that I would be teaching a ninth grade English class when intruders enter the school building and run through the aisles of desks taunting the students and me, and then kick the door off its hinges on the way out. Houghton College didn't teach me how to hold back the tears when I realize that my students have problems that I cannot fix by bringing them mittens and medicine, and the right answers to all of their questions.

Houghton College didn't teach me to marry a soldier—I found him myself. In May 1992, when I was 14, I wrote in my diary, "there is a boy at youth group named John Kraus, and he's really cute..." Little did I know that 12 years



Trina (Frederick '99) Kraus

later that boy would be my husband, serving a year's tour of duty with a U.S. Army combat unit in Baghdad, Iraq. We live with uncertainty every day.

Houghton College didn't open my brain and pour all the "right answers" inside, nor did it offer trite answers. Houghton College couldn't possibly have prepared me for everything that would come my way.

After leaving Houghton, though, I found myself equipped with the discipline that it takes to commit to a job. I left the college knowing that there is a Power big-



John Kraus

ger than me. Knowing Who is in control, and Who is able to fix things and Who is prepared for everything that comes my way gives me the tools to deal with that terrible feeling of uncertainty. Houghton College couldn't just put God in my life. I had to learn and grow for myself.

Trina (Frederick '99) Kraus teaches English in the Philadelphia school district.

Chamberlain announces retirement

ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, President Daniel R. Chamberlain announced his retirement to the Houghton community. Chamberlain's retirement will become effective after the college selects a successor, or in May 2006, whichever comes first.

"The Houghton College Board of Trustees is grateful to President Chamberlain and his wife Joyce for their outstanding, self-sacrificing service," said Ian Lennox '51, chair of the college's Board, "Chamberlain has perpetuated Houghton's tradition of stability in leadership. His long tenure as president is quite remarkable in an age when the average college president serves just seven years. He has compiled an extraordinary record of accomplishments and transformation of the college landscape."

Karl Eastlack '79, pastor of the Eastern Hills Wesleyan church and vice chair of the college's Board of Trustees, will head the presidential search committee. The Board has directed the committee to bring up to three candidates to the full Board between now and February 2006. Eastlack, who made the announcement with Chamberlain at the on-campus meeting for the community, called Chamberlain "a leader who has set the standard." For more information, visit www.houghton.edu/retirement.



Karl Eastlack '79 (right) will chair the presidential search committee which is charged with finding a successor for President Chamberlain (left), who came to Houghton in 1976.

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—Ian Lennox '51

Affinity programs to provide scholarships

After careful consideration, the Houghton College Alumni Association (HCAA) entered in affinity agreements with both Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and MBNA. These programs serve two purposes: first, to offer alumni and friends of the college an opportunity to save money; second, to use the revenues from the program to provide scholarships for current Houghton College students.

The HCAA has decided to channel the income from these two affinity programs into annual alumni association scholarships. We will begin with one \$1,500 scholarship (renewable) for the 2005-06 academic year, and add scholarships as the income stream from these programs allows.

Now these programs provide benefits in two ways. First, you can get a discounted rate on insurances and a competitive rate on a credit card. More importantly, the alumni association has the opportunity to provide scholarships to students.

Liberty Mutual is a widely recognized and stable insurance company—the alumni office has received positive reviews from those who have investigated Liberty Mutual's prices. There is an automatic 10 percent discount from their regular rates (in addition to any other discounts that might apply) for members of our group.

MBNA offers a "Houghton College" credit card to our alumni at a competitive rate. If you don't carry a card for a specific purpose, we would encourage you to check out the college MBNA MasterCard.

This is yet another way for alumni to provide scholarship assistance for our current students.

Liddick named 2004 Alumnus of the Year

THE HOUGHTON COLLEGE Alumni Association has recognized Dean Liddick '60 as the Alumnus of the Year for 2004. The award recognizes those who have demonstrated a firm, personal commitment to Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom and who have distinguished themselves in their communities, churches and careers.

Liddick, who currently serves in the Office of Advancement as a major gift officer, graduated from Houghton in 1960. Liddick worked for a printing firm and a newspaper before being drafted into the U.S. Army, where he was a military police desk clerk and stockade guard, and pulled patrol duty. He credits his ability to write brief copy to the brevity demanded by his blotter entries as a military policeman.

In March 1964, five months before he was to marry college classmate Carmen VanderVeen '60, Liddick accepted the position of director of public information at Houghton College. Under this umbrella, he edited the college magazine, *Milieu*, which he founded in 1970. Special projects included designing, rewriting, and updating the centennial anecdotal history, *Consider the Years*, and layout and design for the Gillette-Lindley pictorial history, *And You Shall Remember*. Later he did design and layout for *Deo Volente*, the biography of Stephen Paine, longtime president of Houghton College.

In July 1998 Liddick hung up his editor's cap and became a major gift officer. This work built upon the relationships he had developed as director and editor of the college magazine and served as a halfway house to semi-retirement. It has been observed that Liddick has more Houghton history in his head than we do in the college archives. He has served as vice president and president of the staff cabinet and on two presidential inauguration committees. During his tenure, Dean wrote more than 100 citations for



alumni of the year, pastor of the year, distinguished alumni, and employee service and retirement. He received a Distinguished Alumni award in 1986.

Beyond his work, Liddick is a man of many interests and talents. He has been involved in Rotary and in church as assistant Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school treasurer and trustee. Currently, he leads Houghton Wesleyan Church's fund-raising campaign for a new organ. He has photographed more than 60 weddings in Houghton and beyond and enjoys architectural modeling, carpentry, and reading biographies, mysteries, and spy novels. Liddick enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and his two children, Casda (Liddick '88) Danner and Mitch, who works for the college maintenance department.

In recognizing Liddick during a chapel ceremony this fall, HCAA President Miriam (Danielson '91) Kruppenbacher said, "Dean, we thank you for giving 40 quality years to your *alma mater*. Even as you have helped write about the history of Houghton College, you have become a valuable part of its tapestry. You've built meaningful relationships with alumni and friends that continue to benefit the college and you have done all your work with graciousness equaled by few. In the true sense of the word, you are a genuine, Houghton College scholar-servant."

Summer Alumni Weekends

Plan now to attend one of the Summer Alumni Weekends. If you would like to help plan your class reunion for either weekend, contact the Alumni Office at 585.567.9546 or e-mail alumni@houghton.edu.

Alumni Weekend I—July 8-10, 2005

- Cluster reunion for Senior Alumni (all classes prior to '55)
- Landmark reunions:
 - 50-year reunion for the Class of '55
 - 40-year reunion for the Class of '65
 - Youth in One Accord reunion

The weekend will begin with lunch on Friday, July 8. During the afternoon current HC faculty will present seminars on topics of particular interest—to them and you. You can also join a guided tour of the campus, which is particularly beautiful during the summer. Faculty of the Greatbatch School of Music will entertain on Friday evening. Saturday will begin with a tour of the organ loft, a devotional, a college update and a faculty/staff reception. Plan to spend the afternoon getting caught up with your classmates.



The alumni banquet will be Saturday evening, followed by a hymn sing. The weekend will conclude on Sunday morning with an alumni communion service and then the regular Sunday worship service at the Houghton Wesleyan Church.

Alumni Weekend II—July 15-17, 2005

- Cluster Reunions:
 - 30-year cluster for the classes of '74, '75 and '76
 - Young Alumni cluster for the classes of '00, '01, '02, '03 and '04
- Landmark Reunions:
 - 10-year reunion for the class of '95
 - 25-year reunion for the Class of '80

Those who arrive Friday afternoon will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of the campus. The first class get-togethers will follow dinner. The schedule will allow for a time of praise and worship on Friday evening—please contact the alumni office if you would be willing to lead and/or organize it. Saturday's schedule includes an organ loft tour, a devotional, a college update and a faculty/staff reception. Plan to spend Saturday afternoon reconnecting with your classmates. We would like to have a "Spot" on Saturday evening—if you are interested in organizing and/or performing, please contact us. The weekend will conclude with the Sunday worship service at the Houghton Wesleyan Church. This Alumni Weekend will have a full "Kids' Program" for children from ages three through high school. There will even be a "toddlers corner" where parents can drop off children younger than three for an hour or two at a time.

Upcoming Alumni Weekends

2006

Alumni Weekend I:

Cluster reunions:

Senior Alumni (all classes prior to '56)
45-yr. Cluster: classes of '60, '61, & '62

Landmark reunions:

Class of '56 (50-yr.)

Class of '66 (40-yr.)

Alumni Weekend II:

Cluster reunions:

Young Alumni (classes of '01-'05)

20-yr. Cluster (classes of '85, '86, & '87)

Landmark reunions:

Class of '81 (25-yr.)

Class of '96 (10-yr.)

2007

Alumni Weekend I:

Cluster reunions:

Senior Alumni (all classes prior to '57)
35-yr. Cluster: classes of '71, '72 & '73

Landmark reunions:

Class of '57 (50-yr.)

Class of '67 (40-yr.)

Alumni Weekend II:

Cluster reunions:

Young Alumni (classes of '02-'06)

15-yr. Cluster (classes of '91, '92 & '93)

Landmark reunions:

Class of '82 (25-yr.)

Class of '97 (10-yr.)

2008

Alumni Weekend I:

Cluster reunions:

Senior Alumni (all classes prior to '58)

Landmark reunions:

Class of '58 (50-yr.)

Class of '68 (40-yr.)

Alumni Weekend II:

Cluster reunions:

Young Alumni (classes of '03-'07)

30-yr. Cluster (classes of '77, '78 & '79)

Landmark reunions:

Class of '83 (25-yr.)

Class of '98 (10-yr.)

Emerson Foundation makes challenge grant

Houghton College has received a two-to-one challenge grant of \$250,000 from the Fred L. Emerson Foundation. Under the terms of the gift, Houghton must raise \$500,000 by November 2007 to receive the full amount from the Emerson Foundation.

"We are pleased to accept this challenge from the Emerson Foundation," said Eric Alcott, vice president for advancement. "I have every confidence that the alumni and friends of Houghton will not let this opportunity go unmet."

The college will use the grant for the modernization of Paine Science Center. Built in the 1960s, the Paine Science Center houses the bulk of math and science classes. While it continues to serve the college well, changes in technology and a growing interest in integrating student research into the science curriculum have warranted upgrading this facility.

Refurbishment of the Paine Center is one of four capital projects that are part of the college's ongoing *Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts*, with a goal of \$48.5 million. Individuals interested in donating to the campaign and thereby helping to meet the challenge can contact the Office of Advancement at 585.567.3400 or donate online at www.houghton.edu/alumni/giving.

Think about it:

For years fundraisers have considered a \$100 donation a "benchmark" for giving to an annual fund or other campaign. Interestingly, this "standard" has remained constant for decades, despite its erosion in value. Consider:

Year	Gift	Buying power*
1980	\$100	\$230
1994	\$100	\$78
2004	\$100	\$44

(*According to the web-based CPI calculator of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)

Now is the time...

Campaign enters final phase

by Eric Alcott

IN THE FALL OF 2002, Houghton College publicly announced its *Campaign for the Christian Liberal Arts*—a fund-raising effort with a goal of \$48.5 million for our people, our programs, and our physical plant.

The first goal of the campaign was to increase giving to The Houghton Fund each year, reaching \$8.5 million over the course of the campaign in operating support. This operating support helps to bridge the gap between what students pay and the total costs to run the college—keeping tuition down and making Houghton accessible to more students. With the ongoing, faithful gifts of many, we expect to reach this goal. Thank you for remembering The Houghton Fund throughout the campaign.

The second goal was to add \$30 million to the college's endowment—and we are grateful to acknowledge that this goal is within reach. Through a single, transforming gift of \$15 million, the college has been able to add a master's program in music. Additionally, through the significant gifts of others, the college has been able to affect many students' lives. Many of these gifts have been through pledges or deferred gifts such as annuities or bequest arrangements. For additional information regarding deferred gifts, please contact the Office of Advancement.

In the third area of the campaign, we have four capital projects that together will require a total of \$10 million. This is the area where we need to focus our attention as we enter the last portion of the campaign. The four projects include:

- upgrading and modernizing the Paine Science Center,
- building a new visual arts center,
- remodeling the Stevens Art Studio into a modern fitness center,
- and structurally enhancing Wesley Chapel.

We are pleased to report that early efforts in support of the Paine Science Center's modernization have produced steady progress. Upgrades are already underway to replace outdated equipment, with plans for improved energy efficiency, too. A federal earmark of \$300,000 has been applied to this project, and several foundations have made grants. Our efforts for this project will continue with interested alumni, friends and foundations.

Through the personal donation of a single alumnus we already have the equipment for a modern fitness center, currently housed in the Nielsen Phys. Ed. Center. This equipment will occupy what is now the Stevens Art Studio when the new visual arts center is built. While several individuals have shown an interest in bringing the vision of a new arts center to reality, our Advancement staff continues to seek lead gifts for that building.

That leaves one key project on which we'd like to focus for the remaining months of the campaign: the renewal of Wesley Chapel. Now in its sixth decade of use, the chapel requires new seating; updated treatments for the floors, windows, and walls; air conditioning; and modern systems for sound and lighting. The need is to provide a comfortable setting for worship and fellowship—to restore the luster of the chapel as a center for spiritual formation.

President Chamberlain will be speaking at a series of events across the country over the next year and a half in support of this project (look for your invitation in the mail), and we will be sending a series of direct mail pieces requesting your gifts as well.

Thank you for your continued support of the campaign. As we enter this final phase we look back with astonishment at how far we have come, and we look ahead with excitement over what God will accomplish next.

Eric Alcott is vice president for advancement.

Now is the time...

The path we take through life is a fine line.



The line separates today from tomorrow, yet connects one moment to another, each day to the next.

Today's deeds define tomorrow's possibilities—so the time to act is now.

The Campaign for
Christian Liberal Arts
at Houghton College



TOMORROW
TODAY
THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN
TODAY AND TOMORROW

Now is the time to give....

...to The Houghton Fund.

The Houghton Fund "helps fill the gap" each year, providing operating funds vital to the everyday operation of the college. It is imperative that any fund-raising we do for enhancements to the physical plant additions to the endowment not reduce the regular giving that is so critical to the ongoing expenses not covered by tuition and fees alone. So, before you make a special donation to the campaign, the college asks that you first consider making a regular, annual gift to The Houghton Fund.

...to the endowment fund.

An ample endowment fund provides a level of financial security for future generations. Steady income from the invested funds enables the college to withstand economic downturns, to plan boldly for innovative programs, and to anticipate trends in higher education. Experts recommend an endowment equal to five times our annual operating budget—or approximately \$125 million. Houghton's endowment has grown from \$3 million to around \$24 million, but it is still far smaller than this benchmark and there is an urgency to continue growing this fund.

...to the capital projects.

The Houghton campus is more functional and beautiful than ever. However, even the finest facilities age, requiring renovation, and demands shift, necessitating new space. The trustees have authorized the campaign to raise up to \$10 million for four capital projects: structural enhancements to Wesley Chapel, upgrades to the Paine Science Center, the construction of a new visual arts center, and then the conversion of what is now the Stevens Art Studio into a modern fitness center.

This campaign means more to me than raising funds for buildings, technology, and controlling tuition costs. It's about honoring our Houghton values and casting our vision for the 21st century, to see that other students are offered the same quality education that I have been blessed to experience.

—MINDY ALBRECHT, '03



...to support the equipping of
scholar-servants at Houghton College.



With only a short
time remaining
before the end of
*The Campaign for
Christian Liberal
Arts at Houghton
College*, the time
to act is now.

Now...

...is the time to meet the needs of today's students, to provide
the means they require to complete their education.

...is the time to position the college for financial
stability in the years to come.

...is the time to change the face of the campus:
to upgrade and enhance the physical plant.

...to support *The Campaign for
Christian Liberal Arts at Houghton College*

The rewards I receive from teaching are seeing what the students do with their lives after they leave here, whether it's as missionaries, doctors, or teachers. It's nice to get letters back from graduate schools where our former students attend asking us to send them more students like this.

—BERNIE PIERSMA, RETIRED PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY



There is a window of opportunity here, a chance to provide the proper equipment, the necessary settings and the qualified people for the programs that will develop scholar-servants, both now and for the next generation.

I am more excited about Houghton College today than I was when I became president over 25 years ago. My excitement comes from seeing lives transformed when personal engagement and innovative programs combine to open the world of ideas to students. We are preparing people for meaningful lives—lives as scholar-servants in a changing world. What we do today will make a difference in the Houghton of tomorrow. Now is the time: I invite you to make an investment in the mission of Houghton College—and, by doing so, to impact the lives of others—through your participation in this campaign.



—DANIEL R. CHAMBERLAIN, PRESIDENT



Yes, I want to participate

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CHRISTIAN LIBERAL ARTS AT HOUGHTON COLLEGE

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Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

CC# _____ Exp. Date: _____

Visa | Mastercard | Discover | Amount: \$ _____

Print Name _____
(as it appears on card)

Signature _____

My Houghton Fund contribution is \$ _____

I want to contribute towards:

☐ Wesley Chapel enhancements \$ _____

☐ Paine Science Center upgrades \$ _____

☐ Visual Arts Center \$ _____

☐ Other _____ \$ _____

☐ Please call, I have some questions.

Mail card to: Office of Advancement
1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744 • 585.567.9340

OR Visit <http://www.houghton.edu/alumni/giving>

H2G: A catalyst for change

by Wayne MacBeth

Houghton in the 21st century is a different place than it was 25 years ago—and it should be. More students have cars. All students have laptop computers. They don't pass notes

in class, they text message each other on cell phones. They research online, check the library's holdings from their rooms, and read the Scoop Sheet electronically. Nonexistent 10 years ago, Intercultural Studies now ranks in the top five most popular majors on campus. *Forty percent* of recent Houghton graduates spent some of their college experience in other cultures and countries.

Amidst all of this change, Houghton remains a wonderful place to grow spiritually, to learn academically, to establish lifelong relationships, and to become scholar-servants. One of the challenges this change has brought is how to communicate that message effectively to prospective students and their families.

"Houghton? Where's that?" "I've never heard of it." Most of us have heard these comments—or variations on them—at one time or another. It's one thing to hear them in, say, Montana, but it's much more alarming to hear them in Buffalo or Rochester, only an hour away from Houghton's main campus. To address these issues—of spreading a clear and compelling message about what Houghton is, and of spreading that message to much greater numbers of people—Houghton has established the Houghton Higher Ground (H2G) task force.

Created by President Chamberlain in June 2004, this group—composed of nine administrators, faculty and staff members—has sought to implement integrated marketing activities which will help guide student recruitment and shape the branding efforts of the college. Early on, we asked the president and his administrative team to clarify the distinctives of the college and to give our team an updated goal for student enrollment on which to focus our efforts. Within the month we had our answers.

Based on extensive research by an outside consulting firm and after a great deal of discussion, the college administration affirmed a clear commitment to focus our branding message on the *scholar-servant* concept. This powerful idea seeks to communicate Houghton's commitments: first, to a rigorous academic approach to the development of excellence in thoughtful Christians as lifelong learners, and, second, to a culture that fosters a deep commitment to acts of service for Christ and His kingdom. (*For more on the concept of a scholar-servant, see Ron Oakerson's article in this issue—Ed.*)

Then, the administration set a new goal of raising Houghton's traditional undergraduate enrollment from 1,200 to 1,400 by the fall of 2008.

With the message and our aim clarified, the H2G team has been serving as a catalyst, meeting weekly to process ideas and develop key recommendations for the college administration to act upon. Here are a few of those recommendations:

- **That the college begin a direct mail campaign to reach 100,000 targeted prospective students**—Vice President Tim Fuller and the Office of Admission have taken up this challenge. They have reached 90,000 new households with an invitation to learn more about Houghton—in addition to the 25,000 prospects already in the college database. Already, 7,000 have responded!

- **To form a partnership with the Kingdom Bound music festival**—See the sidebar for details on this initiative.

- **To develop a new advertising campaign, college viewbook and other print materials to reflect Houghton's distinctives**—the Office of Admission is working with an outside vendor to develop new materials, some of which you may

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have already seen. If you would be willing to help distribute some of these materials—at your church, for example—call us at 800.777.2556.

- **To expand international awareness of Houghton and increase the number of international students through targeted contact with key schools overseas**—Houghton serves a growing number of third culture kids, including international students and children of missionaries. H2G has encouraged the development of a small team of recent graduates who will travel to a dozen international schools around the world in the fall of 2005 to promote the college and personally interview prospective students.

- **To upgrade Houghton's web presence by committing to a staff position for a full time webmaster**—Research on prospective students clearly indicates that the Web is the top source of obtaining information about college. Houghton

has already developed a well-utilized web site that attracts dozens of applications and thousands of visitors each year. However, the demand for electronic information and services is rising rapidly and the college will need to add staffing not only to coordinate current requests and to keep existing Web pages updated, but also to forge ahead and offer new pages of information, interactive communication links, and more visual information.

The H2G team has more ideas than we have resources to implement, but we expect to continue to operate as an agent for change—and you can expect to see additional activities in the area of marketing and communications—in the foreseeable future.

Wayne MacBeth '75 is the vice president for student life and chairs the H2G task force.

Kingdom Bound—A natural fit

Picture this scene: a concert with over 20,000 young people from all over the region, worshipping God as they enjoy contemporary Christian music. The scene is real. The concert is part of Kingdom Bound: several days of music, fellowship, worship, play, teaching and relationship-building held each summer at Six Flags/Darien Lake, a major theme park near Batavia, NY.

Students leave Kingdom Bound with a sense of God's majesty and the knowledge that they are not alone in their growing commitment to Christ. For months afterwards they remember that gathering of God's people and are encouraged and strengthened as they seek to live the Christian life on a daily basis.

A Christian college like Houghton is a natural fit in this scene as a "next step" for these young people, don't you think? We do, and that was a major factor in Houghton's decision to become the exclusive Christian college sponsor of Kingdom Bound. The Christian music festival attracted close to 65,000 people last summer for several days of worship and contemporary Christian concerts and seminars, all situated in the midst of the rides and attractions of a major theme park—about an hour from the Houghton campus.

The college has had a presence in the exhibit area for most of the festival's 19-year history, but in the summer of 2005 Houghton will attempt to redefine the word "ubiquitous" with its presence there. We will have at least three exhibit booths; be the major sponsor of one of the two main stages; show our videos; lead seminars; give away Houghton merchandise; place Houghton logos on signs, banners, and buses—and more!

Why sponsor this event? It reaches a great number of peo-

ple—in fact, it is the largest gathering of Christians in the state, and one of the largest such gatherings in North America each year, attracting potential students from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ontario and the rest of the Northeast. Plus, it's an audience that we want to reach: high school students, parents, youth pastors, and other Christian leaders. We want the opportunity to build relationships that will aid in recruiting students and raising the profile of Houghton College.

Houghton will enjoy tremendous visibility from this sponsorship—not only at the event itself, but throughout

the year. Kingdom Bound is promoted on the web, with e-mails, in radio and television advertisements, in publications and through many other venues. Now, Houghton College is a part of all of these efforts—we are mentioned as a "title" sponsor in each ad. That's not to discount our visibility at the event itself, with multiple exhibit spaces, video promotions during prime concerts, on-stage giveaways and advertising on the back cover of the program.

What is involved in sponsoring an event like this? Signing the agreement was the easy part! Houghton employees are already working on ads, giveaways, staffing schedules, themes, and more. We've already created our first two print ads and a banner ad on the web with a link from Kingdom Bound's busy web-site—which got over 3 million hits last year!—to Houghton's. We'll be working all year long and building up to the festival itself, held July 31-August 3.

We hope that this sponsorship will help place us in the minds and hearts of everyone who is part of the Kingdom Bound scene next summer and beyond, so that when they think "Christian college," "Houghton" is the first one that comes to mind.—Tim Fuller, vice president for enrollment management



Scholar-servants: the heart of Houghton

by Ronald J. Oakerson

Picture in your mind for a moment the image of a scholar. Now picture a servant. I suspect that those two images are quite different. So, when we connect those two words with

a hyphen, it may be difficult to form a mental image of this new hybrid—the scholar-servant. Yet “scholar-servant” has long been the most memorable word in Houghton College’s mission statement, where we commit ourselves to equip students “to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world.” It is a word at the heart of what makes Houghton a special place and what will continue to shape Houghton into the foreseeable future.

Note that I say the *word* scholar-servant—in the singular. The helpful hyphen makes it one word, and we use the hyphen because it is one idea, one concept. Defining that concept is not an easy task. We need more than a pat, dictionary definition. Perhaps we should look at each of the parts and then examine how they come together to form more than the sum of the parts.

Scholarly discipline

In his book *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster describes a number of “spiritual disciplines” that Christians use to deepen their faith and strengthen their walk. Two of those disciplines are study and service. The discipline of study is essentially the discipline of the scholar. Foster writes that study requires repetition, concentration, comprehension, and reflection.

It requires repetition and concentration because we don’t make anything part of us—make it our own—by skimming it once or twice. Real learning is not a superficial thing; rather, we should study until the subject has become part of the very fiber of our being. Scholarship requires comprehension, because there

is no learning without content. Finally, scholarship requires reflection, because this content does not change us until we have turned it over and over in our mind, examined it from the vantage point of our own experience, questioned it, and decided for ourselves to make it part of us.

A Houghton education provides for each of these elements. It requires real learning—repetition and concentration to make the content a part of us. It is content-rich—a rich broth, filled with good things to nourish the mind. The community of Houghton provides an ideal place for reflection—a serene milieu in which to mull over challenging concepts; fellow scholar-servants to sharpen one’s thinking; and the freedom to question, but also to accept.

Service: to transform

In some ways the discipline of service is quite different. In study, we seek to transform *ourselves*; in service, we seek to transform *the world around us*—to redeem it for Christ. Foster stresses that the discipline of service finds its beginnings in small things, not in great projects. Performing small courtesies, cheering up a friend, declining to pass on the latest gossip—these are services that Christians can practice daily. It is only on such a foundation of daily, small acts of self-denial that we can build greater projects of service to the world. We find service opportunities in our home life, our communities, and our careers. Every human interaction provides the chance to transform the world through service.

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At Houghton we seek to take these two spiritual disciplines a step further—to serve a higher purpose. We believe that the scholar who is a servant is a different and better sort of scholar, and that the servant who is also a scholar is a different and better sort of servant. Specifically: we seek to discipline our scholarship with the spirit of a servant and our service with the spirit of a scholar.

The connecting link

While we may ordinarily see these two ideas that we join with a hyphen as radically different, in at least two critical ways they are linked.

First, both should conform to the same high standard of excellence. More obvious perhaps for scholarship, standards of excellence apply equally to service. Service requires as much self-discipline as does study—if we are truly to serve *others*,

“...the connecting link that makes scholars truly scholars and servants truly servants.”

not just a mirror image of ourselves. Learning how to serve is hard work, and Christians cannot afford to be mediocre in either their scholarship or their service.

The second, and more basic, connection is that both involve the Christian discipline called submission. Scholarship requires submission to truth and its companions: logic, evidence, reason, and argument. Service requires submission to others and their needs as members of communities. Submission is the hyphen, the connecting link that makes scholars truly scholars and servants truly servants. It marks the higher ground on which we want to walk.

Scholarship and service share a common enemy: it is pride, or self-righteousness, which threatens our scholarship and our service in equal, potentially fatal, measure.

No easy task

If you still have difficulty forming an image of a scholar-servant in your mind, I commend to you the figure of John Wesley, the 18th-century founder of Methodism. Wesley was both an Oxford don and an itinerant preacher who worked tirelessly to serve—and to save—English society. I like the image of Wesley on his horse, reading. It demonstrates his work ethic, his willingness to be less than comfortable. This is no easy task to which we are called. It is not for those who seek comfort in community, rather than challenge.

No doubt you have discovered your own favorite personifications and exemplars of the scholar-servant. Each of us will continue to learn and articulate its meaning as we live out its message.

Ron Oakerson is the academic vice president and dean of the college.

Do you know a scholar-servant?

In its mission statement, Houghton College declares its intention to equip students to be “scholar-servants,” which begs the question—just what is a scholar-servant, anyway? As Ron Oakerson points out, a pat, dictionary definition will not do justice to this concept—it takes more.

It takes some flesh-and-blood examples. So Houghton College decided to collect some. In December, the college established the Houghton College Gallery of Scholar-Servants to put some human faces to the concept. We started with just a few examples and we’re adding more each month—so that soon we can see men and women from a variety of disciplines and at various stages of their lives who embody this ideal.

We expect to use these examples on marketing materials, perhaps: display posters of them on campus, post them on the college web site, and run them on the back cover of Milieu.

The Houghton College Gallery of Scholar-Servants includes alumni or those who have served on the faculty, staff or administration of the college who meet the following criteria:

- Members must be professing Christians.
- Members must have a record of accomplishments (published works, research, patents, etc.) in their field.
- Members must have a record of acts of service to God and to humanity, whether through their vocations or their volunteer activities.
- Members must be nominated by faculty, staff, administration, students or alumni of Houghton College.
- Members must be confirmed by a majority of the Scholar-Servant Gallery Review Board, comprised of the following members: the president of Houghton College, the Academic Dean, the Dean of the Chapel, the Director of Alumni Affairs, and the President of the student government.

Houghton College is the ideal place to equip people as scholar-servants. It takes a foundation of faith and a tradition of academic excellence to embrace the concept of a scholar-servant. Then it takes two choices—a commitment to service and an intentional building of community—to incubate that concept and watch it flourish in class after class of students who leave here prepared to lead and labor in today’s changing world.

To nominate someone for inclusion in the Houghton College Gallery of Scholar-Servants, send a letter outlining how he or she meets the criteria to the Milieu, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744 or visit www.houghton.edu/scholar-servant.

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A personal “portrait” of John Wesley

by John R. Tyson

John Wesley, English theologian and founder of Methodism, is an important figure in Houghton College’s past—after all, we began as the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist

Seminary. Is he still relevant to Houghton today? We asked John R. Tyson, professor of theology and world-renowned expert on Wesley, to answer that question and to help us get to know Wesley better. In this, the first of a series on the Wesleys, Tyson shares why John Wesley continues to be a personal role model today—more than 200 years after his death.—Editor

I am a person who (to use the Wesleyan phrase) stands “in connection with Mr. Wesley.” There are popular “portraits” of John Wesley which describe him variously as “strangely warmed,” an evangelical evangelist, and a Christian social activist. Each of these is accurate—in the same way that a caricature “accurately” captures a few prominent features of a person—but none of them explains why I find Wesley to be a valuable theological mentor as I go about the demanding tasks of trying to be a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. Wesley is a spiritual guide who helps me live out my Christian faith. He is a theological mentor to whom I frequently turn, and from whom I occasionally learn. Here, then are some reasons that I find John Wesley worth remembering, and, more importantly, worth consulting as a partner in ministry for the challenges of the 21st century.

1. Wesley’s optimism of grace:

Wesley had a holy optimism that both challenges and encourages me because, quite frankly, optimism seems to be a scarce commodity in our world. Wesley’s optimism was not based in romantic notions like the goodness of humans or the viability of human efforts. It was, instead, rooted in his bedrock conviction about the power of God’s grace. He summarized the cutting edge of his gospel by saying: “All people *can* be saved. All people can *know* that they are saved. All people can be saved to the *uttermost*.” This brief statement combines three of Wesley’s cardinal doctrines: the universal efficacy of the gospel, the inner witness of the Holy Spirit, and entire sanctification.



Photo courtesy of The Methodist collections of Drew University Library

Woven together, these three assertions not only encapsulate the cutting edge of Wesleyan theology, they capture the mood of his theology. The Wesleyan “all” reminds me of the inclusiveness of God’s mercy, the intimacy of God’s willingness to work personally within the lives of God’s people, and the persistence of God’s grace in dealing with the residual effects of

sin in my life. Rarely does a day go by that I do not find myself willing to call upon this sort of grace-filled optimism.

2. Wesley’s catholic spirit:

In an age when doctrinal disputes fragmented the community of faith, Wesley preached and published “A Catholic Spirit.” He offered a constructive alternative to religious bigotry: a “catholic” or universal Christian attitude empowered by the love of Christ. Wesley distinguished essential doctrines from what he described as Christian “opinions,” such as: “modes of worship,” forms of church government, and modes of Christian baptism. These were not matters about which Wesley was indifferent—quite the contrary!—but he believed that these were matters about which genuine Christians had genuine differences of opinion. Wesley believed, however, that the Christian love that unites the community of faith should enable us to work together and fellowship together despite these differences.

Wesley had ample opportunity to demonstrate this “catholic spirit,” and in most (but not all) instances he practiced what he preached. Perhaps the most notable of these occurred in 1770, when he preached the funeral sermon for his friend, the Calvinistic Methodist George Whitefield. In the midst of a rancorous controversy between the Wesleyan Arminians and the Whitefieldite Calvinists, Wesley urged his listeners to unite behind principles upon which he and Whitefield had always agreed: “let us hold fast to the essentials of ‘the faith which was once delivered to the saints’ [Jude 3], and which this champion of God [Whitefield] so strongly insisted on at all

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times and in all places." I sometimes find myself wishing that my brothers and sisters in Christ could find enough "catholic spirit" and Christian love between them to "agree to disagree" about "doctrines of a less essential nature" so that we could worship and work together and thereby serve Christ, and God's people, more effectively.

3. Wesley's conjunctive mood:

Just as the word "all" was indispensable to Wesley's theology, the word "and" was essential to his version of the gospel. There is a synthetic, inclusive mood in Wesley's Christianity, evident at almost all levels. He stressed justification *and* sanctification by faith. "Holiness of heart *and* life" was his recurring phrase. (He challenged both the temptation to personalize the gospel in a way that lacked societal expression and the willingness to advocate for social change without first pursuing holy attitudes and motives within.) In a similar way, he championed "inward *and* outward holiness." When looking to the classical resources for Christian theology, Wesley found himself drawn to Scripture *and* Tradition.

In an age dominated by religious rationalists on the one hand and by witless enthusiasts on the other, John Wesley championed reason *and* experience as appropriate tools for expressing and communicating the gospel. He was as impatient with those who "over-value reason" as with those who cast reason aside in flights of religious experience: "Why should you run from one extreme to the other? Is not the middle way best? Let reason do all reason can; employ it as far as it will go. But at the same time, acknowledge it is utterly incapable of giving either faith, or hope, or love; and consequently of producing real virtue, or substantial happiness."

Wesley's fascination with electricity is an example of his willingness to embrace faith *and* science. Five years before Benjamin Franklin's famous kite experiment, Wesley read about electrical experiments being conducted in France and purchased a small electrical generator. In his subsequent sermons and writings, electricity became a recurrent illustration of the limitations of human understanding and the powerful, but invisible operation of God. People who stopped by his parish house complaining of a cold, of arthritic pain, or of a nervous disorder were apt to receive a prayer, a blessing, and a jolt from Wesley's electrode! Scriptural Christianity and scientific developments have too often been presented as though they are at odds with each other. Wesley's optimism—born of God's grace—points us to a more excellent way.

4. Wesley's practical divinity:

The Wesleys are not esteemed as great theologians, and are generally not appreciated as creative Christian thinkers. This lack of academic acclaim seems almost inevitable, given their "target audience." Schooled and credentialed to joust with the academicians of the Enlightenment Era, they turned their attention—instead—to the plight of the working poor, the unchurched, and the undereducated. They were willing to distill and shape their theological verities into a standard



hymn book, a series of published sermons, and a handbook of New Testament Notes. These were rather modest standards upon which to build a major theological tradition, but the enterprise was startlingly successful because their penchant for a popular and practical version of Christianity fit the tenor of their times.

We find ourselves in a similar situation. We stand amidst a so-called "post-modern," or "post-Christian" era. The church of the 21st century faces plummeting attendance and social deterioration. The time for strictly academic theology is well past. Wesley would urge us to return to "practical and experiential divinity"—the kind of lived theology that makes a real difference in parish life and in Christian discipleship. New theological tomes will not stem the tide of church irrelevancy and decay, but a return to solid preaching, to enabled study of the Scriptures (by clergy and laity alike) and to vital Christian worship just might.

While John Wesley is often remembered as a traveling mass evangelist, the real substance of early Methodism lay in the infra-structure of small groups. Weekly class meetings became the locus of spiritual formation, through peer-directed pastoral care and Christian accountability. People continue to hunger for intentional, Christian fellowship set in the context of the support, encouragement, and direction of a small group. Christian practice in the 21st century will be significantly enhanced if we find new and creative ways to employ Wesley's small group strategy to modern church life.

A role model

John Wesley's historical significance alone makes him a Protestant churchman worth remembering. His optimism of grace, his catholic spirit, and his conjunctive theological mood make him a suitable mentor amidst the challenges of our post-modern age. Finally, his insistence upon practical divinity makes him a stimulating role model as we seek to proclaim, and embody, the Christian gospel in our own challenging and rapidly changing times.

John R. Tyson is professor of theology.

What would you like to know about John or Charles Wesley? Contact Milieu (see page 3) and we will attempt to address questions about the Wesleys in upcoming issues.

"Survey says:"

As part of the marketing effort and changes discussed throughout this issue, Houghton College has done quite a bit of research among its many constituencies—alumni, students, faculty, staff, friends—to uncover the characteristics that are vital to the college. We included another important constituent group as well: the children of alumni who were visiting during last summer's alumni weekends. "What is the most important thing to look for when choosing a college?" we asked them, "What will the college you attend be like?" Here—in their own words (and spelling!)—are some of their responses:

It will be suney and NO BOYS! It will be like you can go out to resase 4 times.

Good teachers.

I want hourses, a swimming pool and knew fiends.

The college has good teachers and good teaching. The college I attend will be big and be cold in winter.

It should be a big college. But not a lot of people! And they can draw anytime they want.

A college should have a church and a pastor and a pool for scuba diving.

I think that you shouldn't go to the same place were your friend goes because you should pick were you want to go. I think my college will have nice teachers. It's going to be big.

That it is a cristian college. Must have an indoor pool and it is Houghton College.

The college should have a soccer field and a tennis court.

Look to see if they have good job's at the college, if it let's you do serten stuff, and if they have pools. The college I attend will be on a island, have rock climbing, have a water slide on a big big pool, have lesons for dir bike and go karts, have a skate park, room servise and good cooks.

What you need to look for is what college you like, right? Like you fit in with other kids and have fun. It will be like hoten college.

The teachers are good and let you get hyper sometimes. It must be big, warm and have lots of girls.

Picture of college
- by Madison

A good teacher
- by Aubrey

Let Milieu help you share your important life experiences—employment, honors, graduate school, marriage and births. Your news and photos connect you with classmates. Contact: Christie Tanner, Public Relations Office, 1 Willard Ave., Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744, or e-mail: milieu@houghton.edu. Visit the alumni online community at www.houghton.onlinecommunity.com.

43 **Carlton Van Ornum** has served for the past 15 years on the Governor's Committee for New York State Aging. He and his wife Jean have been ushers at the Syracuse University Carrier Dome for 20 years, since his retirement from the First United Methodist Church in Rome, NY. While ushering on their 60th wedding anniversary, they were honored before a crowd of 43,000 people.

44 **J. Stuart Campbell** has made over 1,000 heart-shaped pillows for the patients at Loma Linda University Hospitals where he volunteers. He lives in nearby Redlands, CA, where he founded the Footlighters theater group in the late '40s. Learning to sew costumes on his wife's sewing machine for productions then serves him well now as he creates pillows and neck-rests for hospital patients.

49 **Rosalie Lombard** competed in nine events during her second appearance in the Florida Senior Games State Championships in December 2004. Her events included softball, table tennis, tennis, and track and field, where she's a defending state champion. Last year Lombard won the shot put, discus and javelin events in the women's 75-79 age group. Lombard is a resident of The Villages of Ocala, FL.

50 **Harold Blatt** and his wife Jean celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 9, 2004. The couple renewed their vows in a service led by a retired missionary who became their dearest friend in the Philippines over 40 years ago, and capped off their celebration with a cruise to the Caribbean. The Blatts live in The Villages, FL. Harold may be reached at hblatt2568@aol.com.

52 **Edna Prinsell** has spent another year as a missionary to Okinawa, Japan, working with her pastor and missionary partner. She works with Immanuel General Mission.

53 **Homer Cornish** and his wife spent October, 2004 as volunteers at Heifer Ranch in Arkansas. They are regular volunteers for Heifer International. Cornish preaches on a regular basis at two small churches in the Virginia mountains. They are busy with their families and enjoying life at their retirement community at Sunnyside in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.

56 **Phil Janowsky** and his wife (of 48 years) **Mary Jo (Wilson '58)** have lived in Colorado for the past 30 years. Phil is a retired minister who was involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He recently had the privilege of speaking to a group of athletes and coaches at Wrestle the World summer camp, sponsored by Olympic wrestlers Terry and Tom Brands. Mary Jo is on the staff at Our Savior Lutheran School in Pagosa Springs. They have four children and four grandsons.

59 **John "Pete" Hammond** has recently published *Re: Learning Family*—a booklet on family dynamics, values, structures and ideas. The booklet was published by InterVarsity Marketplace. Pete and his



Front row (l to r): Dr. Kin-Ho Chan '96 and Eloise Chan
Middle row (l to r): Chris Dellinger and Jody (Binkley '96), Rebecca (Coords '95) Loaiza and Sebastian Loaiza '06
Back row (l to r): Keely Jones '99, Heidi (Oberholtzer '96) Lee and Michael Lee, Ben Rice and Dr. Diana (Nichols '96) Rice with baby Grant Rice

Down the Aisle

Kent & Miriam (Koch '99) Gerber	06-19-04
Bradley & Bethany (Crozier '01) Goering	06-19-04
Nicholas & Carrie (Rogers '03) Kingsley '03	04-10-04
Karl & Elizabeth (Iddings '96) Kunkle	10-31-04
Mark & Nina (Johnson '03) Kaltenbaugh '04	07-24-04
Andrew & Jennifer (Wright '96) Kamell	06-29-02
John & Trina (Frederick '99) Kraus	01-24-04
Michael & Heidi (Oberholtzer '96) Lee	10-18-03
Jeremy & Tia Martin '01	08-07-04
Daniel & Casey (Furrow '04) McGaffick '01	10-09-04
Michael & Julia (Hanna '92) Stephenson	11-20-04
Iain & Nicole (Adinolfe '03) Velez '03	08-01-04

wife **Shirley (Dye '58)** live in Madison, WI.

60 Stanley Sandler has had a 10th book published: *Battleships: An Illustrated History*. The book lists all ironclads, pre-dreadnought battleships, and dreadnoughts ever completed, as well as all those lost by misadventure. It describes and analyzes propulsion, armor, and construction, but also deals with combat, design controversies, seamen's lives, and the economic, social, and political considerations that led to the construction of the great battleships. An illustrated appendix describes significant capital ships of the world's major naval powers.

62 Naomi Glock expects to finish her missionary work in Belize in the summer of 2005. She plans to take a furlough in the U.S. and then—after January 2006—travel to Tanzania, where she was born. She will be working with Wycliffe Bible Translators as a literary specialist, as well as with the Africa Inland Mission.

Gary Larder and the Rochester Redwings baseball team, of which he is president and CEO, were awarded the John H. Johnson President's Trophy as the outstanding franchise in minor-league baseball. The top honor in minor league baseball's 160-team system, the trophy is based on team stability, contributions to league stability, work in

the community and promotion of the baseball industry. In an article in the Rochester (NY) *Democrat & Chronicle*, Larder said, "In an era in which most corporations are trying to maximize revenues and profits, our

corporate objective is to provide reasonably priced, wholesome entertainment to our community."

66 Both William W. Francis and his wife **Marilyn (Burroughs '65)** were featured speakers at the Salvation Army's centenary celebration of its Latin America North Territory's Panama Division, entitled "100 Years Lighting the Way." The couple lives in Nyack, NY.

67 Sam and Nancy (Miller '68) McCullough have both served full-time for over 34 years with Campus Crusade for Christ. Sam is chief of staff of the Christian Embassy and leads Bible studies for members of Congress and their chiefs of staff. Nancy has led the congressional wives' Bible study on Capitol Hill for eight years. She is a speaker at large with a special emphasis on evangelism. They have three grown children and live in Reston, VA.

75 Stephen Haffly and his wife **Ruth (Weiss)** live in Wahiawa, Hawaii. After more than 21 years of active military duty (he is now a master sergeant), they are considering retirement. In November 2003, Stephen graduated with a bachelor's in occupational education from Wayland Baptist University. Ruth is active as a team leader in the Mililani Baptist Church's Sunday school evangelism training program. She also sings in the choir and stitches with the quilters group, which makes quilts for special needs babies. Steve leads an adult Sunday school class, sings in the choir and serves as a deacon. They can be reached at rchaffly@earthlink.net.

78 Now that her four children are in school full time, **Jan (Weber) McNeil** has become a business education teacher at Kittatinny Regional High School in Newton, NJ. She welcomes e-mails at jmcneil@krhs.net.

79 Barbara Trudell recently completed her Ph.D. in international education at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland). She is the coordinator of literacy programs for SIL International in sub-Saharan Africa. Her husband **Joel Trudell '80** finished his doctorate in non-Western Christianity at the same university. He will also be taking a position in the Africa regional offices of Wycliffe and SIL International. They can be reached at barbara_trudell@sil.org.

80 Paul M. Percy was appointed as the vice president for academic affairs at King College, TN. Percy began his teaching career at King College in 1988, and is a researcher and writer who has published and presented many articles. Among his awards are the Distinguished Graduate award from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute and the Class Speaker Award from the Academy of Military Science. Percy volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, teaches Sunday school and is a youth soccer coach. He lives in Bristol, TN with his wife **Jan (Steinhoff '81)** and three children.



Paul M. Percy '80

81 Art Gibbens directs Wheels to Work, a faith-based charity that refurbishes donated vehicles and gives them to those who couldn't otherwise afford a car, helping them to hold a job or take children to daycare. Visit the Wheels website at www.wheels-to-work.org. Art and his wife Renee live with their three children in Cottage Grove, MN.



Gary Larder '62

82 Dexter J. Davis, assistant professor at Alfred State College, traveled to Amsterdam, Holland, where he coached a boys' soccer team at the Haarlem Cup, part of the World Youth Friendship Games, which is sponsored by People-to-People International. Players had time for sightseeing and for participating in a service project to help transform an old farm into a home for children with disabilities. Davis lives in Rushford, NY with his wife Roxanne.

Thom Dutton completed his certification program with the Music for Healing and Transition Program and is now a music practitioner, certified to play therapeutic music bedside for hospital and hospice patients. Dutton lives in West Chatham, MA.

86 Royce (Anderson) Brand and her husband are on their second tour to Central Asia. She is working at the U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan as a nurse practitioner.

86 David and Laura (Mercadante '95) Mee live in Johnson City, TN, where David is a vice president at Milligan College. Laura is a stay-at-home mom for their daughters, Jillian and Olivia (see "Future Alumni"). She is also involved in the local community's production

of *Footloose*. The Mees attend Grace Fellowship Church, where they lead a Bible study and Laura is on the worship team. Friends may contact the Mees at dlijmee@earthlink.net.

87 Ned Farnsworth and his wife Marisol are on home assignment from their work in Ecuador with Liebenzell Mission USA. Ned is pursuing his master's degree from Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, Pa. He is also teaching an adult education Spanish course for Reading Area Community College and working part-time at a bilingual daycare. Marisol, an Ecuadorian citizen, is studying English two mornings a week with Motivated Moms in Reading. Their son Joel Mark is 16 months old and keeping his parents busy. They plan to return to Ecuador in the summer of 2006. Friends may contact them at nedfarnsworth@hotmail.com.

88 Stephen Bariteau and his wife Karin enjoy being new parents in Indianapolis, IN (see "Future Alumni"). Stephen works for Riley Hospital for Children in their fundraising and public relations department. Karin is staying home to care for their daughter. Prior to taking time out for motherhood, Karin worked for Target Corporation with the Marshall Field's Department Stores. The Bariteaus attend the Church at the Crossing and enjoy traveling to Minnesota, New York and Florida to visit friends and family.

91 Carolyn (Schiller) Clark received the Teacher of the Year Award for 2003-2004 from Sedgely Elementary School in Newport News, VA. In June 2004, Carolyn, her husband Glenn, and their three children moved to Crystal River, FL to be closer to family.

92 Shawn and Tami (Marzolla '93) Gale are living near Stuttgart, Germany, where Shawn works for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools as a fifth grade teacher. He is working toward his

master's in educational technology from Lesley University. Tami is an editor and writer for the Morale Welfare and Recreation marketing office of the 6th Army Support Group. She helped to organize and launch a new publication that promotes activities for families in the Stuttgart area. Both "enjoy volksmarching and taking German language classes at the local Volkshochschule." Their website is <http://www.geocities.com/sagale2>.

96 Rachel (Elliott) Baldwin is a middle school math teacher in Swartz Creek, MI, where she lives with her husband James, and their sons Caleb and Andrew (see "Future Alumni").

Jennifer Joy (Wright) Kamell and her husband Andrew are living in Albuquerque where he is training in palliative medicine at the University of New Mexico. She finished her master's degree just three days before their son Josh (see "Future Alumni") was born. The Kamells spent the summer preparing to move from Cheyenne, WY to Albuquerque. They took a month-long car trip from Cheyenne to San Francisco and throughout the Pacific Northwest. Of the trip, Jennifer says, "Andrew's highlight was fly fishing in the Madison River. My highlight was spending time with **Johanna Kraus '96**. Josh liked all the waterfalls!" Friends may reach them at joykamell@earthlink.net.

Elizabeth (Iddings '96) Kunkle married Karl Kunkle October 31, 2004 (see "Down the Aisle"). They were married at sea aboard the Caribbean Princess (Princess Cruise Lines) with friends and family in attendance. The newlyweds are residing in Wilmington, DE and can be reached at eli1017@yahoo.com. Elizabeth continues to work as a revenue field auditor II for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. Her husband works as an environmental/soil scientist.

97 Aaron Brown and his wife Janine are celebrating their fifth anniversary this year. Aaron works for Sanofi-Aventis Phar-



Carolyn (Schiller '91) Clark



Christie Groff holding her new little sister Molly Allison.

Future Alumni

Brian & Kristie (Chapman '96) Bailey
James & Rachel (Elliott '96) Baldwin
Stephen & Karin Bariteau '88
Kevin & Laura (Wenger '97) Bedell '98
Jon & Patricia Bradshaw '97
Aaron & Janine Brown '97
Aaron & Leslie (Arnold '98) Buzzell '98
John & Jodi (Kramer '97) Coots '96
Richard & Jennifer (Gerhardt '02) Cusson '02
Jason & Kirsten (Conklin '96) Davis

Christopher & Jody (Binkley '96) Dellinger
Mark & Susan E. (Stevens '82) Doty
Brenten & Ruth (Bulkeley '98) Gilbert '98
Jeremy & Erin (Spear '03) Gorham '03
Alex & Lynnette (Craft '97) Gort
Ken & Tara (Young '94) Griffin
Duane & Tammy (Grossman '95) Groff
Toshi & Aya (Nakagawa '92) Ishida
Andrew & Jennifer (Wright '96) Kamell
Jonathan & Jennifer (Scharmann '98) Klemanski
Kevin & Jeannine (Sanson '83) Krieger
David & Janine LePere '91
Mark & Charissa (Westerlund '91) Lyons
David & Laura (Mercadante '95) Mee '86
Andrew & Jennifer "Jea" (Adams '01) Moore

Napp & Angela (Fulkroad '96) Nazworth
Tobias & Jorene (Kelly '98) Ring '98
Greg & Jennifer Rohrs '98
Emmanuel & Pam (Morgan '97) Tanghal
James & Abigail (Gurak '03) Thomas '03
Benjamin & Laura (Tolley '03) Wells-Tolley '03
Daniel & Amy (Peck '02) Worral '01

*adopted

Brooke Alivia	02-17-04
Andrew James	08-26-04
Katherine Grace	10-13-04
Rachel Grace	08-19-04
Isabelle Rose	09-25-04
Aiden Jason	05-11-04
Natalie Grace	11-16-03
McKenna Joy	04-01-04
Zoe Elizabeth	07-13-04
Collin Eugene	01-07-03
Evan James	08-31-04
Zachary Matthew	09-14-04
Aaron Raymond	08-19-04
Peter Douglas	09-22-04
Ayden James	10-22-04
Mara Jade	10-23-04
Casey James	11-16-04
Molly Allison	06-17-04
Akane*	08-27-04
Joshua Luke	05-11-04
Jillian Faith	06-24-04
Kaden William	11-20-03
Cole Alexander	09-14-04
Linnea Grace	11-03-03
Olivia Grace	07-30-03
Sebastian Elihu	07-09-02
Bronwen Eliza	02-14-04
Xylie Holloway	01-25-04
Lydia Kelly	11-10-03
Emma Marie	11-27-04
Emma Noelle	11-19-03
Zachary Albert	09-10-04
Susana Esmeralda	07-10-04
Isaac Asher	03-22-04



Ayden James Gorham



Brooke Alivia Bailey

maceuticals, and Janine is a psychiatric nurse. Their son, Parker, recently got a younger brother (see "Future Alumni"). The Browns live in Wadsworth, OH. Friends may reach Aaron at abrown@wadsnet.com.

99 Stetson and Anne (Warner) Knight are living in Tampa, FL. Anne is teaching the second grade and Stetson is working as an accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. They are expecting their first child in June 2005.

00 Kevin Beers, son of Gary and Debra (Barnett '77) Beers '75, was ordained as a Wesleyan pastor in a service at the Hamburg (NY) Wesleyan Church on



Elizabeth (Iddings '96) Kunkle with husband Karl

October 3. Kevin is in his third year of serving as the youth and young adult pastor at Fellowship Wesleyan Church. His wife Becky (see "Down the Aisle") teaches English at Orchard Park High School. The newlyweds live in West Seneca, NY. Friends may reach them at heypastorkevin@hotmail.com.

01 Timothy Chapman was promoted in November to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army, and is stationed at Fort Sill, OK. He completed a master's in organizational leadership from Regent University and is working on a master's in economics from the University of Oklahoma.

Jessica (Roberts) Glunt is working for Drayer Physical Therapy Institute in Clearfield, PA. She was recently married (see "Down the Aisle") in a wedding ceremony performed by **Francis Gasparri '00**. Alumni in attendance included matron of honor **Jennifer (Roberts '01) Gasparri** and bridesmaid **Heather (Focht '01) Borchert**. The Glunts live in Clearfield, where Jessica is a certified athletic trainer for Curwensville Area High School.

Jeremy Martin is married (see "Down the Aisle") and living in Danvers, MA, where his wife Tia works as an el-

ementary school teacher. Jeremy works for the Center for Christian Studies at Gordon College, where he is also the assistant men's basketball coach.

Jennifer "Jea" (Adams) Moore writes, "I am currently living my dream, spending my days as a stay-at-home mom to my two children and writing when time permits." She has published two essays in the book *Loving Mama: Essays on Natural Parenting and Motherhood*. She has also written essays on natural and attachment parenting for local newsletters. Her husband is an accountant and will be attending graduate school starting in the spring. The Moores live in Palmyra, PA. Contact her at andyandjenmoore@yahoo.com.



03 Iain and Nicole (Adinolfe) Velez are married (see "Down the Aisle") and living in Trinidad, Bolivia, doing short-term missions with CCC La Palmera. Friends may reach them at nicoleadnolfe@hotmail.com.

Nicholas and Carrie (Rogers) Kingsley (see "Down the Aisle") live in Roswell, GA. Carrie teaches math at Dickerson Middle School in Marietta, and Nicholas is an engineer for BOA, Inc. in Cummins.

04 Meara Dietrick, of Gettysburg, PA, is beginning a one-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in Guatemala,



Meara Dietrick '04

where she will work as a facilitator for a youth development program. Dietrick is a member of the First Baptist Church of Gettysburg.

Faculty/Staff News

John Andrews, who taught stringed instruments at Houghton from 1935-74, also composed numerous pieces. One was a Palestrina-style motet, the *Dies Sanctificatus* (Holy Day), which was lost when Andrews retired. Recently, Andrews' daughter, **Alice (Andrews '60) Wilkins** found the original manuscript and published it, with the help of a friend. The Houghton Wesleyan Church Choir, under the direction of **Amanda (Young '01) Cox**, performed the *Dies Sanctificatus* in December.



John Andrews

27 **Paul A. Steese**, the class president during each of his four years at Houghton, died October 20, 2004, in California. Steese grew up in Houghton, the son of Alex Steese, who owned "The Houghton Corporation"—a grocery and shoe store. Steese was president of the Houghton Athletic Association, and coach of the champion Purple Girls' Basketball team. He played an integral role in organizing intramural sports at the college. These achievements earned Steese induction to Houghton's Athletic Hall of Honor in 1996. Steese taught at Houghton College early in his career, then in the public school systems for 29 years, retiring as vice-principal of Monroe High School in Rochester, NY. He served as interim dean of students for Houghton College in 1968, the same year in which he received the Alumni of the Year award. In addition to his wife Ruth, who predeceased him in 1996, he was predeceased by two sons, including **Peter B. Steese '54**; a brother; and four sisters, including **Laura (Steese '25) Pardee**.

34 **Clifford E. Mix** of Panama City, FL died September 18, 2004. He was 96. He had worked as a barber and a senior supervisor at Industry State Boys' School for 20 years. He also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mix was a resident of Florida since 1975. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alta, in 1991. Survivors include a daughter, three sisters, three brothers, two grandsons and seven great-grandchildren.

43 **Josephine (Reed) Douglass** of Ft. Myers, FL passed away February 22, 2004 in Shell Point Nursing Pavilion. She was 86. Douglass worked as an assistant matron at Houghton College under Mildred Gillette, the matron. She was a homemaker and member of the Calvary Wesleyan Church in Cape Coral, and was a member of the Gideons Auxiliary for over 50 years. She is survived by her husband, **Roderick B. Douglass '39**, two daughters, a sister,

three grandchildren, a great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

44 **Ila (Grandy) Phillips** died October 24, 2004 at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, MD at the age of 82. Phillips earned her master's degree in education from Towson State College. She worked as a teacher and for the Harford County Health Department and the Baltimore County Bureau of Environmental Services. When she retired she remained active, obtaining a master's degree in theology at the age of 78. A woman with a love for music, poetry and creative writing, Phillips published several articles in Baltimore's *The Sun* newspaper and served the church with her musical talent. She is survived by a daughter, **Diane (Phillips '71) Stevens**, a son, **Neal Phillips '75**, five grandchildren, including **Megan Springstead '04**, and one great-granddaughter.

47 **John Miller** passed away at his home in Wheaton, IL on April 2, 2004, while surrounded by his family. Miller received his MBA from Columbia University in 1948 and worked at the Prudential Insurance Company in Newark, NJ until 1957. He then taught economics at Wheaton College from 1957-79. Besides his widow, **Leah (MacMillen '50)**, survivors include three sons, one daughter and five grandchildren.

51 **Lester Fuller** died October 21, 2004. Fuller taught mathematics at Rochester Institute of Technology for 31 years, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Surviving are his wife of fifty-seven years, Dorothy; a sister and brother-in-law, Ernest and **Myra (Fuller '41) Hollenbach '40**; a sister, **Thelma (Fuller '43) DeRight**; a son, two daughters, and several grandchildren and other relatives, including his nephew, **Dennis Deright '67** and his niece, **Marcia (DeRight '69) Little**. He was predeceased by a brother-in-law, **Jesse Deright '41**.

53 **Jean Marie (Tutton) Ross** of Clinton, OH died September 25, 2004. She was a dedicated member of her church, a Bible teacher and a member of the Summit Choral Society. She is survived by her husband, **Richard B. Ross '53**, her sister, **Betty Jane Tutton '47**, two daughters, and many other relatives and friends.

69 **William "Bill" Davis** of Gloucester, Ontario, died June 27, 2004, following a stroke. Before his retirement in 2000, he worked as an emergency nurse and was well-liked by his co-workers. A man who was very involved, Davis was vice chair of the Local Board of Administrators and chairman of the trustees of his church, and served on his church's foreign missions committee and camp board, among other activities. He also served his community as president of the condominium board. Surviving is his wife of 34 years, **Jill (Wallace '71)**, who wrote of her husband, "On any given day he would be taking care of the kids at church while their moms attended a Bible study or sorting the recycling or digging a hole in front of the church or putting up a new display on the bulletin board or setting up chairs for a meeting." The son of Wesleyan missionaries, Bill met Jill at Houghton College, and their children—who all survive him—each met their spouses at Houghton College, too: **Alana (Davis '97) Torraca**, **Jule Ann (Davis '00) Wakeman**, and **Benjie Davis '01**. Also surviving is a sister, **Ester (Davis '70) Gliwinski**.

95 **Ralph Pomponio** of Middletown, NY died April 25, 2004 of a heart attack. He was 38. Pomponio was a much-beloved music teacher at S.S. Seward High School in Florida, NY, where he also coached track and field and taught private lessons. Survivors include his parents, two sisters, a brother, and his fiancée.

Christmas Eve in Iraq

The following letters were exchanged over e-mail between Robert Danner, Wheaton ROTC graduate and assistant to the vice president for enrollment management at Houghton College, and Dr. Dean Bricker '83, USAF Lieutenant Colonel, who is serving with 20,000 Army and 4,000 Air Force personnel in an 80-bed tent hospital at Balad Air Force Base, 50 miles north of Baghdad.—Editor

Dean,

Christmas Eve here and I am thinking of you. Christmas 1968 I was in Viet Nam so I know how it feels to be in the middle of a war zone and away from family. But that turned out to be one of the most memorable Christmases I've ever had. In the middle of a BOQ area where many were trying to forget that they were away from home (by drinking heavily!), Chaplain John Stevey and I listened to *Messiah* on the Armed Forces Radio Network, went out for a run together, then popped corn over a barbeque grill before reading the Christmas story to one another from the Scripture. I probably could not tell you that much detail about any other Christmas in my life.

I trust that God will give you some pleasant memories from this Christmas, even though you are away from your family. We here in the U.S. appreciate what you are doing in support of world-wide freedom. And, as one who spent a lot of time visiting wounded soldiers at the hospital just across the street from my Viet Nam BOQ, I appreciate what you're doing for the troops there.

Congratulations on making full Colonel. That's quite an accomplishment and you should be justly proud, sir. If you have time, drop us a note and let us know how you're doing. Roselyn sends her love and greetings also. Merry Christmas.

In His Love,

Bob

P.S. I suspect that if anyone had thought of me on Christmas Eve 1968 it would have taken weeks to get the greeting there; you will possibly read this in hours, maybe even minutes. How times have changed.

Bob,

It's ironic and special to get this greeting from you—written just a few minutes ago. It reminds me that you got me into this mess! (You know I am kidding.) Kathe and I have often looked back at how God worked in our life. In trying to sense God's career direction for us and considering spiritual milestones, we remembered that it was more than chance that a retired Army Colonel from West Point (that would be you!) entered my life, and even wrote unsolicited letters of recommendation that helped me get accepted into med. school and get an Air Force scholarship. Thank you for your spiritual influence on my life at that critical time, and for all your years of devoted Christian service at Houghton.

I have been working in the 24-bed intensive care unit, mostly taking care of very sick patients after they have had "life and limb" surgery. Since September we have admitted close to 1,000 patients and done more than 800 surgeries. We take care of all sorts of patients—U.S. soldiers, coalition forces, Iraqi civilians, Iraqi National Guard (good guys) and even some detainees (bad guys). During the battle of Fallujah we were extremely busy—helicopters landing every hour with mass casualties of up to 40 injured patients at one time. Although the medicine is challenging, it has at times been physically exhausting and makes you weary emotionally. The hardest thing for me has been seeing burn victims or young soldiers with multiple amputations.



Robert Danner

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Although staying within the confines of Balad is safer than other places (like Baghdad or driving in convoys), it is not without danger. Almost every day there have been mortars or rockets fired at the base. Soldiers here have been wounded and killed from those attacks, but by God's grace and protection the vast majority have not caused injury. As you can imagine, God's peace and protection as my *literal* fortress and refuge are among the foremost spiritual lessons God continues to teach me. I have had to come to grips with the fact that no armor, sandbags, or bunkers can protect me—it is only God alone, and I must daily entrust myself to Him. The Psalms are a great comfort.

These weeks and months have been long, monotonous, and lonely, but I know God is with me and sustains me in times of trial. I'm also learning that it's OK (emotionally healthy) to cry before the Lord—he sees our tears and is attentive to my cry for mercy. The Bible assures me that God is always thinking about me (Psalms 139:17-18) and that Jesus is constantly praying for me: "Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (Romans 8:33-34). Despite the reassurance of these awesome truths, there is still a daily struggle. How easy it is to dwell on the fears and "what ifs."

There is at least one other precept that I have experienced in a whole new way. Prior to my deployment I thought loving your enemies meant not hating those who don't like you. Having to provide medical care to detainees has not always been easy. Although some seem friendly and almost grateful for the care given, others have obvious hatred in their eyes and have snarled and spit on us as we have been caring for them. I cannot dwell on the fact that a detainee I am caring for may have killed or injured my fellow servicemen. I have had to consider the medical care given as a sacrifice to Christ—striving to love my enemies.

Thank you for encouraging me in the Lord. I am overwhelmed by the thought that literally thousands of people have been holding me up in prayer: many have included me on their church's prayer list. I hope to be finishing my tour in just a few weeks and it will be very excellent to be re-united with family. There are so many spiritual lessons I have learned here and so many things I won't take for granted when I get home.

Christ's love to you and your family,
Dean

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Dean Bricker '83



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Willard J. Houghton

THE FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOLS were established in England in the 1800s, to teach children working in factories to read—using the Bible as a text. In western New York, Willard J. Houghton organized a dozen Sunday schools, increasing in area parents a concern for both the spiritual and academic welfare of their children. Known for his “scripture cards” and for making house calls, Houghton eventually quit farming and focused his efforts on revivals, Sunday schools and the establishment of the seminary which would bear his name. Under his influence, the raucousness of Jockey Street gave way to Sunday school, concerts, and the growth of both Houghton Academy and Houghton College. He worked to bring in both students and new residents to the community, stating his conviction in a letter: “What a blessed world we would have if all men were Bible Christians and had the great principles of supreme love to God and love to their fellow men established in their soul [as] the fountain of moral actions.”



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