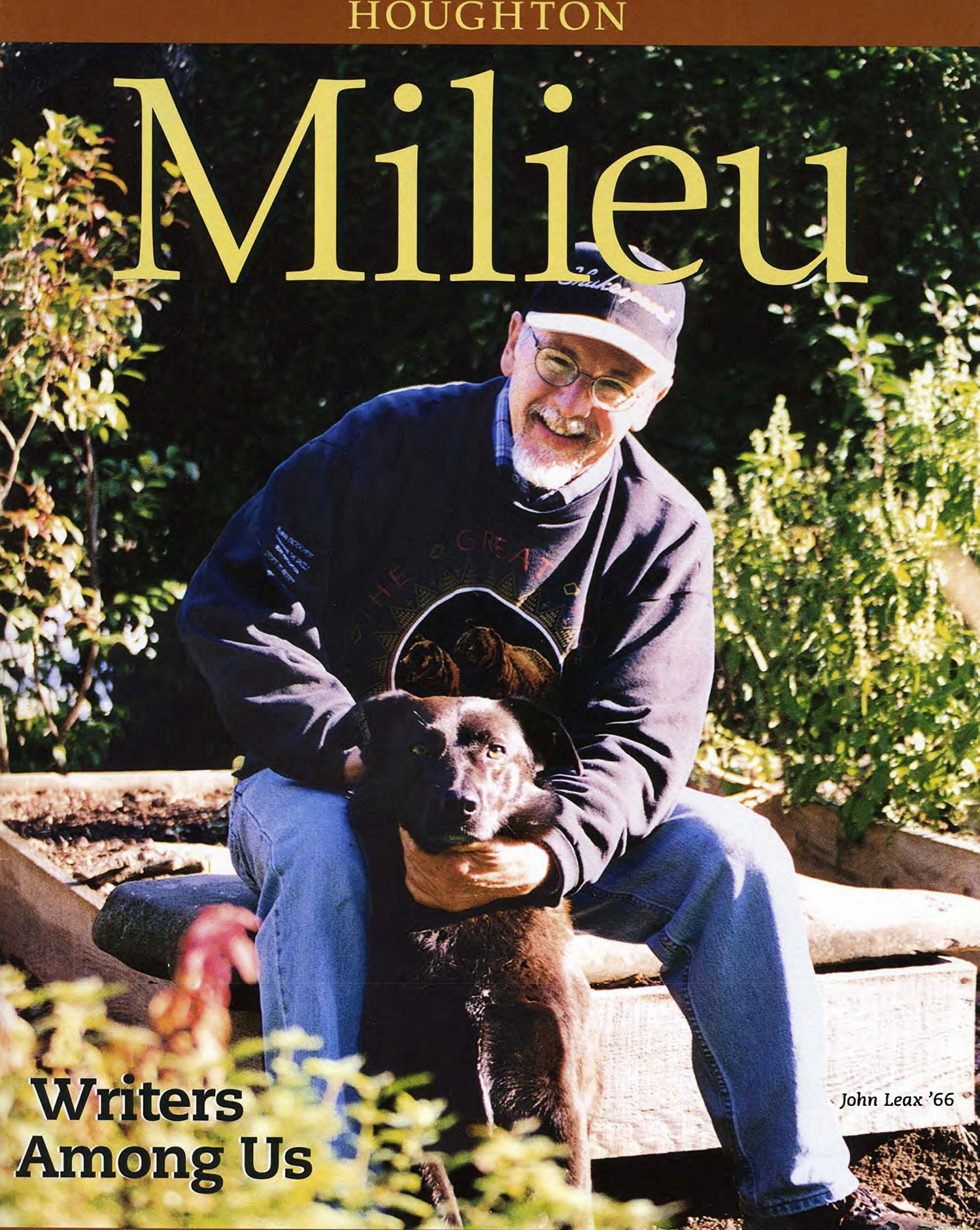


HOUGHTON

# Milieu



**Writers  
Among Us**

John Leax '66

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## *In a word*

MUCH OF WHAT WE DO in a liberal arts college can be summed up this way: We read what others write and write about what we read. For this reason one of the courses in Houghton's required first-year curriculum is Principles of Writing. One can perhaps think clearly without writing well, but one cannot write well without thinking clearly. This makes writing a useful discipline, even if you write only for yourself. It becomes more useful still when your writing must communicate to others. Some college writing is written for a limited audience: your professor. But students can always aim their writing at a wider audience—indeed, at a public—for good liberal arts education has a public quality to it. It is less like a private conversation (or an inside joke), understood only by those in-the-know, than it is like a public deliberation, intelligible to all those who share the essential tools of communication.

Writing is not the same as acting and doing. It is possible to write well about an activity and not be able to do it. It is even more commonplace

to act effectively and not be able to write about it. We must therefore have writers—those whose special vocation it is to write well. This is why one of the forty-some liberal-arts majors available to Houghton students is a major in writing. Rachel Carson once imagined a future without songbirds. She called it *Silent Spring*. Can you imagine a future without writers? To write is to preserve, and the preservation of culture in writing is the first prerequisite of education. Every college should produce writers; more, every Christian college should produce writers informed by their faith in Christ. Through writers, we influence the pervasive process of cultural transmission that goes on throughout society at large. Through writers, we continue to convey the riches of Christian culture to future generations who depend on us for their godly inheritance.

*Ronald J. Osborn*

Academic Vice President

## Calendar

### November 1- December 1

Art Exhibit, Ignite: Touring Exhibit of Emerging Artists

### November 3

Faculty Recital, Donna Lorenzo, viola

### November 4

Symphonic Winds Concert

### November 6

Faculty Recital, Ed Wadin, bassoon

### November 9 - 11

Fall Theatre Production: "The Butler Did It"

### November 10

Woodwind Faculty Concert

### November 18

Philharmonia/Chamber Orchestra Concert

### November 30 - December 2

Madrigal Dinners

### December 1

Jazz Ensemble Concert

### December 4-January 26

Art Exhibit, Milly Sheffer: "Portraits of the Aging"

### December 6

Student Chamber Ensemble

### December 8

Symphonic Winds/Philharmonia Concert

### December 10

Christmas Concert

### January 14 - 18, 2001

Christian Life Emphasis Week

### January 22

Faculty Recital, Judy Congdon, organ

### January 29-March 1

Faculty Art Exhibit: Gary Baxter and Ted Murphy

### February 3

Artist Series, Berlin Choir

### February 5

Faculty Recital, Baroque Ensemble

### February 26

Faculty Recital, Tony Franco, clarinet; Mark Hartman, violin

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Dear Editor:

I have read, with interest, the "Milestones" section of the summer 2000 *Milieu*. Having been one of the class of '37, I was glad to see the news article about Betty Ratcliff Downs. I looked in vain for other familiar names. It would be of great interest to me, and I hope to others who have graduated some 60 years ago, to see the names of people with whom we associated back in the '30s. I wonder how many of my classmates have e-mail? It would be fun to set up "pen pals" on e-mail with those I knew back in those days.

Lynn Einfeldt '37  
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Dear Editor:

I really appreciate receiving the *Milieu*. I enjoy reading the exciting new things that are happening at Houghton and love to hear about what my classmates are up to. I look back at the years I spent at Houghton as some of the best years of my life. Houghton will always seem like "home" to me.

Charis (Gibson '96) Russel  
Staten Island, New York

Dear Editor:

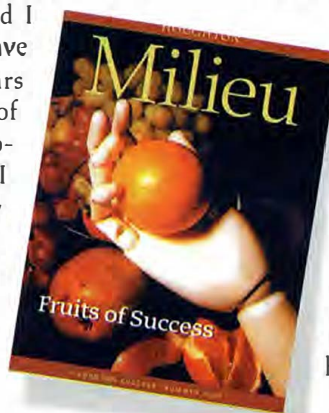
Reflecting on some of the changes that have occurred in my life since I left Houghton, I have been thinking about how God directs. I realized there is a potential for losing touch with what is happening around me and to me.

Then Moses came to mind. God used Moses because he was willing, not perfect. From my perspective, the time God spent preparing and leading him makes sense. But for Moses, he had no idea what was to come. He just lived day by day and was willing to let God train him.

At my five-year reunion this past August it was great to be reminded of the opportunities, the relationships, the experiences which have molded me into who I am today. My experiences since graduation have been diverse and at times I wonder how they will all come together. But for me, like Moses, God has a plan and I must be willing to listen, and to respond.

The challenge for this alumnus is to see where I've come from, and to value the experiences that have shaped me—to listen and watch for new opportunities.

Greg Bish '95  
Washington, D.C.







# Homecoming Highlights

THE WEEKEND OFFICIALLY kicked off on October 6 with the Founders' Day Convocation which featured the College Choir, directed by music professor B. Jean Reigles, a fanfare by select members of the Handbell Choir, and the college yearbook dedication. Former math professor Kathy Trezise was honored in this year's Boulder.

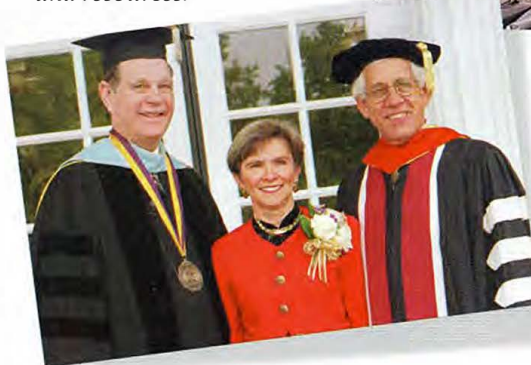
Friday night marked the first Artist Series performance of the year with classical guitarist Paul Galbraith. Music continued—though a little faster and louder—with a concert by campus band Ready for Monday and the coronation of Nate Witherow of Norwich, N.Y., and Lindsay Ackerman of Ludlow, Mass., as king and queen. A fireworks display lit up the night sky following the concert.

Saturday, the college rededicated the recently renovated Willard J. Houghton Library (see *Constantly Improving*, page 5). As part of the ceremony the archives were named in memory of librarian and archivist Linda Doezeema, who died in September after a long fight with cancer (see *Remembrance*, page 27).

Following Saturday's athletic events, the weekend closed with the student banquet, followed by the annual SPOT variety show.



At a gathering of the Founders' Fellowship, the President's Advisory Board award was bestowed on Joyce Wunderlich '49 for her significant contributions to Houghton through time, talents, and resources.



Founders' Day speaker Manfred Brauch '63, professor of biblical theology at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, shared that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Professor Brauch received a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree. (From l. to r., President Chamberlain, Marjean and Manfred Brauch )

The Highlander athletics teams went 3-1 on the day. Women's soccer (1-0 over Belhaven), field hockey (3-0 over Merrimack), and volleyball (3-0 over Wingate) all registered wins, while the men's soccer team lost, 2-1, in the last second against Rio Grande. Below, the senior class float depicts the homecoming theme, New York, New York.



At Saturday's rededication of the library, guests participated in a litany celebrating the impact of the library on the Houghton community.



## New Faculty Bring Wealth of Experience

Houghton College has welcomed eight new faculty members for the 2000-2001 academic year.

**Bradley Beach**, interim associate professor of philosophy. For the past year, Professor Beach served in the department of philosophy at both Kent State University and the University of Akron. Prior to that, he taught for 17 years at Malone College. Professor Beach received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Houghton in 1975, a master's in philosophy of religion from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 1977, and a doctorate in philosophy from Syracuse University in 1998.

**Mary Bialy**, interim instructor of biology. Ms. Bialy is a 1998 Houghton graduate. She is currently completing her master's in science education at the University at Buffalo. Following her Houghton graduation, she worked for a year at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, conducting research in molecular biology.

**Laurie Dashnau**, interim assistant professor of English. Professor Dashnau has taught various English, composition, and literature courses at numerous colleges and universities, including Miami University of Ohio, Elmira College, Tompkins-Cortland Community College, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Cayuga County Community College. She holds a bachelor's in English from Nazareth College, and a master's and doctorate in English/composition and rhetoric from Miami University of Ohio.

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## New Students on the Rise

THE CAMPUS RETURNED to a frenetic pace in late August when the college enrolled its highest number of full-time students ever—1246. National averages for returning students were surpassed as 93 percent of last year's students returned to Houghton. In addition, this year tied with 1994 for the largest first-year class (354 students) in Houghton's history.

Total new student population, including transfers, is the second highest in Houghton's history at 426. In 1980 and 1994, 430 new students enrolled.

Tim Fuller '79, vice president for enrollment management, cites several reasons for the increased numbers of first-year students, including long-term

strategies taken by the college, increased advertising, and an overall national trend of increased enrollment at Christian liberal arts colleges. "Students are discovering that colleges like Houghton provide quality educational opportunities as well as a supportive, caring, Christian environment," he said.

Houghton's Neighbor Scholarship Program, providing funds for student from surrounding schools, has also had an impact. This year 37 first-year students have taken advantage of the program. That is double the enrollment the college received from these local schools before the program was initiated two years ago.

## Curriculum Enhanced

NEW YORK STATE has approved Houghton's newest major: intercultural studies. The major will have a strong missions-oriented focus, but its intellectual base is more anthropological. Concentrations will be offered in missions, linguistics, and urban ministry.

Beginning this fall the college is inaugurating a first-year curriculum that will reserve a certain set of courses for freshmen only.

All students must now take the courses Western Civilization, Biblical Literature, and Principles of Writing during their first year. A redesign of the Western Civilization course was also

implemented, including spreading the course over the full year and offering more technology-assisted instruction in the classroom.

"This is foundational for the rest of the general education curriculum," said Academic Dean Ronald Oakerson.

Class sizes in both Western Civilization and Biblical Literature have been reduced from 50 to 30 students to allow for improved discussion and student/professor interaction. To handle this year's large incoming class, additional sections of each course have been added, and a full-time writing professor has been hired to teach Principles of Writing.

## Board Advances Residence Life

AT THEIR FALL MEETING, the board of trustees approved a plan to add seven to nine townhouses that will house between 50 and 65 students. Three to five new residences will be constructed next to each of the current townhouse complexes.

Also in the plans is a residence life center that would be a gathering place for

townhouse residents. The new "lodge" is intended to create a community atmosphere similar to that of a dorm.

Construction will begin next spring with completion by the end of the summer.

At the board meeting, the trustees also approved the college's current financial statement and nominated five new members.



# Constantly Improving

SUMMER RENOVATIONS have changed the face of several campus buildings. The Willard J. Houghton Library received a more current look with a raised tinted-glass entrance that opens up to a larger circulation desk. The building also received new carpeting, paint, and windows, and a 3,600-foot addition created more space for offices, book stacks, and the college archives.

The Information Center has relocated to the east side of the campus center. The move was made to accommodate the expanding Community Bank, which now has doubled its space, allowing for maximum flexibility to meet customer needs. Community Bank funded the move and also contributed significantly to the purchase of new furniture for the campus center.

Parking space for 160 cars has been added along Rt. 19 to handle large crowds for events at the Alumni Athletic Complex.

The second floor of the Lambein Learning Center at the West Seneca campus, currently rented by the United Theological Seminary, was renovated to add office space. Included in the project was a reconfiguration of the computer lab and new paint and carpeting.

Construction has also begun on a new entrance along Union Road that will provide more visibility and improved access to the campus. An entrance sign similar to the one along Rt. 19 at the main campus will be erected as well.



*This graceful entrance enhances access to the West Seneca campus. Union Road is in the background of the photograph and the campus lawns stretch out beyond the foreground.*

*The new circulation desk in the library stands opposite a view of the quad through an attractive glass entrance.*



Neil Couley '00

**Timothy Leonard**, assistant professor of biology. Professor Leonard is currently completing his residency in pathology at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He received a bachelor's degree in biology from Houghton in 1991, a doctorate in neurosciences from Penn State in 1996, and a doctorate in medicine from Penn State College of Medicine in 1998.

**Sue Stephens**, interim instructor of physical education/assistant athletic trainer. Ms. Stephens most recently served as an elementary physical education teacher at Wildwood Forest School in Raleigh, N.C., and as assistant athletic trainer at Sanderson High School in Raleigh. She also has experience teaching sports medicine and health on the high-school level. Ms. Stephens received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Houghton in 1988 and a master's in physical education from Indiana State University in 1992.

**Angela Tudorii**, assistant professor of French. Professor Tudorii comes to Houghton from Canisteo Central School, where she taught French for the past year. Prior to that, she studied at the Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris, France. Her teaching experience includes four years on the university level and 13 years on the elementary, middle, and high-school levels in Romania. She received a bachelor's degree from "Babes-Bolyai" University in Cluj, Romania, teaching certifications from the University of Bucharest, and a master's degree in science of languages from Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales.

**Paul Watson**, interim instructor of mathematics education.

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Mr. Watson recently completed a master's degree in mathematics education from Syracuse University, where he also served as a teaching assistant for the past two years. He is a 1998 Houghton graduate, with a degree in mathematics.

**Mark Yuly**, associate professor of physics. Professor Yuly comes to Houghton from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., where he served as associate professor of physics for the past year. During that time, he also served as visiting scientist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also taught for six years in the physics department at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. Professor Yuly received a bachelor's degree in physics from Northwest Nazarene in 1987 and a doctorate in physics from MIT.

## Faculty news

Music professor **Mark Hijleh** has been presented an ASCAP/US Standard Award for original compositions. It is the sixth-straight year he has received the honor.

These awards, made by the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, are based upon the unique prestige value of each writer's catalog of original compositions as well as recent performances of those works.

ASCAP is the world's largest performing rights organization, with over 95,000 active composers, authors, and publishers, representing music of every variety and style.

Director of Career Services **Tim Nichols '81** taught a graduate course at Geneva College's Summer Institute Program. The

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# Foundation Takes Initiative in Community Development

HOUGHTON HAS BEEN COMMITTED to enhancing the appearance of its campus; in recent years an additional focus is on giving the local community a similar overhaul.

Through acquisitions made possible by the Willard J. Houghton Foundation (see *Legends and Legacies*, page 18), the college has been instrumental in local community development over the past year. Three downtown retail properties have been purchased and major projects undertaken to not only enhance the appearance of each business but to improve the services offered to the local community.

"We want Houghton to be a place where people eat and shop," said Jeffrey Spear '79, the foundation's chief executive officer. "We want to create an environment that makes people want to come and visit. Houghton should be a destination, not just a place with a college on the hill."

The pizza shop, gas station/mini-mart, and the former flower shop are managed by the foundation. Now called Jockey Street Pizza and Ribs, one facility has received a new paint job, parking lot and menu, with interior renovations to increase seating well underway. Over the summer the mini-mart received new blacktop, interior fixtures, floor, and lights. And work has begun on what will become Sweet Attitudes Chocolates, Inc., a coffee shop that will specialize in homemade chocolates and specialty coffees. Taking over the building that housed the former flower shop, Sweet Attitudes will offer a comfortable, intimate atmosphere for students and community members.

The initial investment in these businesses is part of the foundation's goal to make the community more self-sustain-

ing and thus more attractive to other retailers and perhaps manufacturers wanting to relocate to Houghton. "We need to create an environment that would afford a reasonable possibility of a person or business desiring to locate here," said Spear.

The journey toward that goal began two years ago when the college brought a full-service bank to Houghton. Community Bank NA has been so successful in its home in the college campus center that this summer it underwent a major expansion, doubling its size.

The foundation was established in 1980 to better manage non-liquid gifts to the college and to be able to invest more freely in specific initiatives to benefit the college and community.



*The local mini-mart is one of the area businesses revitalized through the acquisition and management of the Willard J. Houghton Foundation.*



# Looking Gift Horses in the Mouth

A COLLEGE CAN expect to receive cash from donors, maybe even stocks or estates. On some occasions donors may even turn over property, including buildings, vehicles, or art collections. But as Houghton was recently reminded, the list doesn't end there. The college was given four quality show horses, worth more than \$70,000.

The prize of the newly-acquired equines is a 16-year-old thoroughbred Prix St. Georges Schoolhorse named Murphy. The horse, bought for \$50,000 just a year-and-a-half ago, was donated in June. "Besides being a gorgeous horse, Murphy is trained to compete at the international level of dressage," said Jo-Anne Young, director of Houghton's equestrian program. "He will make a good lesson horse for the upper-level riders."

Two other horses were donated by Anne Whitcomb of Brookville, Pa. One is an eight-year-old Morgan mare named Shalloy's Monique that Professor Young describes as a good driving horse. The other is a three-year-old Morgan-Friesian-cross filly named Silk and Sapphires. Young describes her as an "exquisite mover with potential to move



*Director of the equestrian program Jo-Anne Young with Murphy, whose international-level skill challenges advanced riders in Houghton's horsemanship program*

on to the international level of training in dressage."

A fourth horse, a 19-year-old Dutch Warmblood Gelding named Enskadey, was donated in January by Hart and Kathleen Goldsmith.

Houghton offers courses in beginning horsemanship, eventing, dressage, and mini prix jumping.

course, "The History of Higher Education," was Nichols's emphasis area for his doctorate. Nichols, who had previously served as director of residence life, moved to the Career Services Office this summer.

Professor of theology **John Tyson** received the annual Excellence in Teaching Award, sponsored by the Independent College Fund of New York.

During the presentation, associate academic dean Carlton Fisher remarked, "Professor Tyson sets high standards, both for his students by requirement, and his faculty colleagues by example. We are better for his presence in this place."

Outside of the classroom, Professor Tyson is an active researcher and writer. His most recent book is titled *Invitation to Christian Spirituality: An Ecumenical Anthology*, published last year by Oxford University Press.

## Around the World in 21 Days: Students Get Real-World Experience

Ninety-three Houghton College students experienced learning by application through off-campus courses during Mayterm 2000.

"For most of our off-campus experiences, students go abroad. They gain cross-cultural experience or apply things they've been studying," said Academic Dean Ronald Oakerson. "They have access to primary resources and the opportunity to apply what they've learned in class. It gives them a better sense of the meaning and importance of what it is they are studying, applying it rather than just studying it in the classroom."

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# Upward Bound Receives Technology Grant

HOUGHTON'S UPWARD BOUND Program has received a \$10,000 grant for technology from the U.S. Department of Education. The funds will be used to purchase computer hardware and software, and will support staff training. According to Rebecca (McClelland '93) Ashe, program coordinator, the Upward Bound students use computers extensively during the program, designing Web sites and

PowerPoint presentations. "This grant means we will have exclusive computer access," said Mrs. Ashe. "The plan is to set up our own lab on campus." The grant was well timed. While Houghton had provided these students with access to college computer labs in the past, with the move to student-owned laptop computers now complete, the college no longer maintains computer-dedicated lab space.



### Life on the Trail: An Appalachian Experience

Four students joined sociology professor Richard Perkins on a 12-day, 161-mile journey along the Appalachian Trail from Damascus to Parisburg, Va., for Life on the Trail: An Appalachian Experience. Students took the course for either physical education/recreation or sociology credit. "It was a study of anthropology rather than sociology," said Professor Perkins, who hikes the trail frequently. "There are hundreds of microcultures in our society. These subcultures are groups of people with a very distinctive way of living."

The aim of this course was for students to meet these people along the trail, mingle with them, and find out more about their culture. "There's no better way than to put on a pack and do it," said Professor Perkins.

### Adventure Sports

Another nine students explored the rugged outdoors out West in what is perhaps the most physically demanding course offered at Houghton: Adventure Sports. The excursion through Colorado and South-eastern Utah, led by recreation professor Tim Trezise, included 21 days of rockclimbing, whitewater kayaking and rafting, canyoneering, day hikes, backpacking, mountaineering, and mountain biking.

The class was about more than just having fun. "We hope to develop leadership and teaching skills, promote stewardship of God's creation, and promote lifetime fitness," said Trezise, who created the course last year.

Each student taught a hands-on lesson on topics such as avalanche safety, learning to

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## Mud, Mud Everywhere

THOUGH NOAH'S ARK was nowhere to be seen, a major downpour on August 9 flooded a large section of the Houghton community, filling yards with mud, and requiring a major month-long cleanup.

The rainstorm eroded a vein of sand, loosening trees and sending them into Houghton Creek. The trees were able to pass under the bridge on Genesee St. leading up to campus, and the footbridge to Randall Townhouses, but several trees became caught at the footbridge near South Hall. With its path blocked, the water overflowed the creek into town, filling Rt. 19 from the maintenance parking lot to the mini mart, and flooding the basements of several residences.

Though no considerable damage was reported at any of the homes, mud-filled yards required a major cleanup effort for many community residents. The college has aided in the cleanup by providing equipment and personnel. Jeff

Spear '79, vice president for finance, says the damages and clean up could cost the community more than \$150,000.

Spear adds that the college is considering making the footbridge higher and relocating it further to the north.

A similar incident occurred at the Lambein bridge 15 years ago, causing minor flood damage.



*Buried beneath the log jam which caused water to overflow the banks of Houghton Creek, is the footbridge near South Hall.*

## Houghton Joins American Mideast Conference

MORE CHANGES are in store for the athletics program. The college recently announced it had been accepted to join the NAIA's American Mideast Conference (AMC).

"We were looking for more stability," said Houghton athletics director Harold "Skip" Lord '80. "We fit best with the NAIA, considering size of schools, religious affiliations, and modest scholarship offerings." The move solidifies regular-season scheduling and strengthens postseason qualification opportunities, two issues which had prompted Houghton to pursue NCAA Division II affiliation as an insurance measure last year.

The AMC, one of the NAIA's largest and strongest conferences, is made up of colleges from Ohio, western Pennsylvania, and New York. In addition to Houghton, the AMC added four other schools—Roberts Wesleyan College, Daemen College, Carlow College (Pa.), and Ursuline College (Ohio)—to bring its total membership to 21 schools. Houghton, Roberts, Carlow, and Daemen were together in the former Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference and the Northeast Atlantic Conference which was established two years ago.

The new schools will begin league competition in 2001-2002.



# Reuniting on Campus

IT WAS A HOMECOMING of sorts for 775 alumni who returned to campus for two Summer Alumni Weekends (SAW) and the college's highly-successful Health Care Symposium over the summer.

July's SAW event welcomed 300 former students, while the August event brought back 425.

Aside from a chance to reunite with old friends and get up to date with their alma mater, the weekends offered numerous activities, including thought-provoking seminars.

Highlights from this summer included presentations by Dr. Earl Parvin '52, past president of the Association of North American Missions; Houghton religion professor Paul Shea '69, who discussed current student interest in missions; and Gregory Sperry, who offered practical advice on estate planning.

The third Health Care Symposium once again offered medical professionals a chance to earn continuing medical education credit in a program and environment informed by Christian principals.

Featuring a general theme of "Life Span Issues," the program offered seminars in three areas: health issues related to the human lifespan, the medical professional's life cycle, and the continuous evolution of medical practice. Content highlights included ethical issues, new viral threats (including those which have made the leap from animals to people and the West Nile Virus), stresses of the so-called "Sandwiched" Generation, herbal remedies, mental health, and concerns over new-age therapies.

Symposium faculty included Robert Davidson, M.D. '65, Donald Gent, M.D., Donal O'Mathuna, Robert Orr, M.D. '62, Houghton psychology professor Daryl Stevenson '70, John Stewart M.D. '56, and former Houghton faculty member Wilson Greatbatch.

*Future alumni enjoyed the juggling show during SAW August children's program.*



Neil Cowley '00

*Dean Gilliland '50 led SAW July hymn sing.*



Neil Cowley '00

*Getting reacquainted, from left: George Johnson '50, Doug Gallagher '49, Priscilla Ries '50*

navigate by the stars, and reading whitewater hazards; they also had to present on a topic they had researched during the spring; and they had to lead the entire group for two one-day experiences, deciding when to get up, eat, and rest.

## Australia

Twenty students went "down under" on a three-week trip to Australia for their course. The course was led by professors Michael Walters '86 (religion), Ken Boon '62 (biology), and Paul Young '76 (psychology). The experience included ample studies of the country's vast outdoors, with trips to zoos, botanical gardens, rainforests, fruit bat colonies, wildlife sanctuaries, a penguin sanctuary, and seal colony, as well as a visit to the Great Barrier Reef.

The psychology students explored the country's relatively isolated culture and how it develops in comparison to the United States, specifically in family dynamics and its role in developing personality. Meetings with pastors and psychologists, as well as spontaneous interviews on the street, provided the students with plenty of practical experience.

Students also participated in Mayterm courses to study biology in Maine with Professor James Wolfe, art in England with professors Gary Baxter, Scot Bennett, Ted Murphy, and Jon Rhett, and ecotourism with Professor Thom Kettelkamp in Honduras. A group of students also traveled to Mali, Africa, to gain experience in accounting.



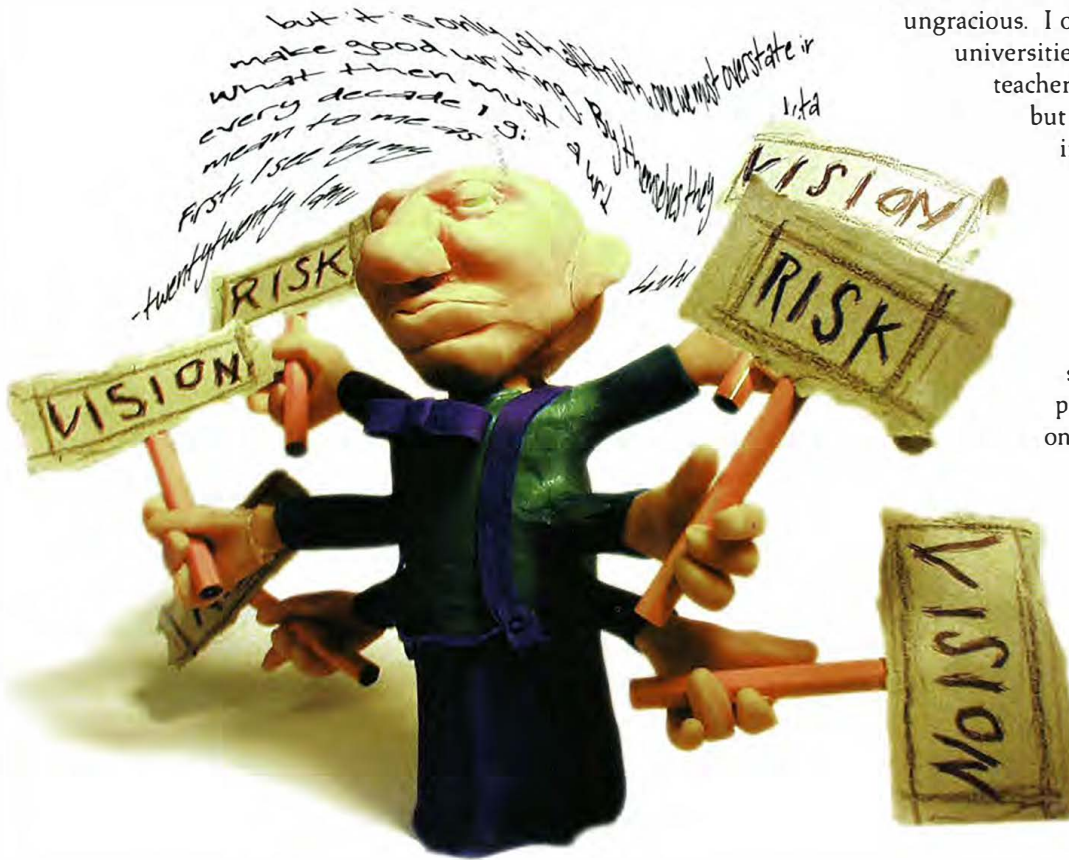
# Vision and Failure:

The mid-twentieth-century fiction writer Flannery O'Connor wrote in one of her essays that she was often asked if universities stifled writers. A graduate of the famed Iowa Writers Workshop, O'Connor reported her answer was always, "Not enough of them." In the rest of her essay she did her best to correct the situation.

O'Connor's attitude seems to me remarkably ungracious. I owe much to the colleges and universities where I studied, to my teachers, and to my fellow students, but I believe O'Connor is making a point that needs to be considered.

A culture should not blindly and uncritically encourage its young writers. For the sake of its health and for the sake of its writers, it should demand a long, disciplined apprenticeship of anyone setting out to make art, and in doing so it should provide that aspirant a reasonable set of obstacles.

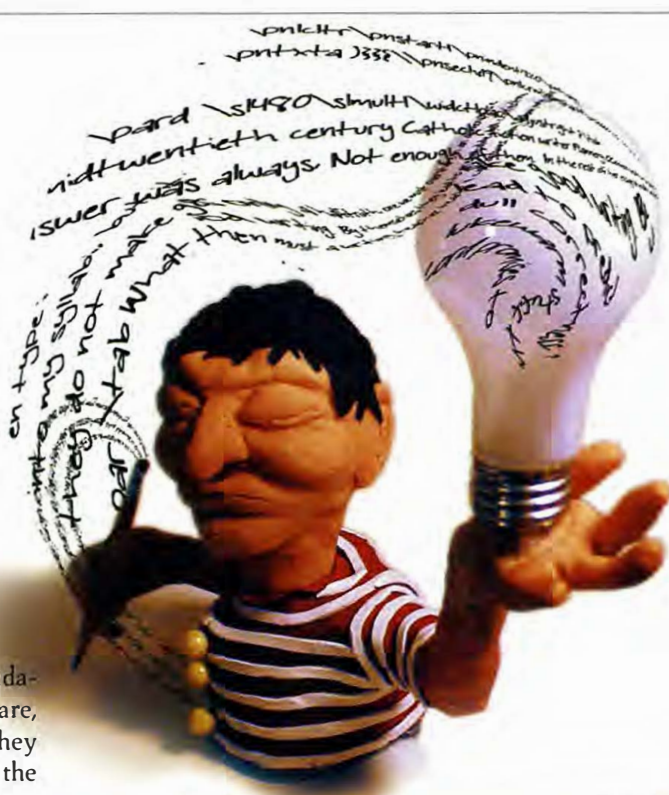
Teachers of creative writing are fond of pronouncing, "Writing can't be taught; it can only be learned." I often type it into my syllabi, but it is only a half-truth, one we must overstate in an atmosphere of outcomes assessment and potential





# A Credo

by John Leax '66



litigation. Techniques and tricks can be demonstrated. Fundamentals of craft can be set down. As important as they are, however, they do not make good writing. By themselves they lead to predictable, dull correctness, the lukewarm stuff the Lord promises to spit out in disgust.

What then must a writing teacher teach? I can answer only from my uncertainty, an uncertainty that increases with every decade I give to learning and instruction. In the midst of this uncertainty, I am pretty confident of two things: Writing is determined more by vision than by craft, and excellence comes only when one risks enough to fail. I know what these things mean to me as a writer.

First, I see by my vision. It is the tool that allows me to explore the world. My vision is Christian faith. I do not write my vision; I write what it reveals. It tells me the shape of things. Unfortunately, my vision is not twenty-twenty. I am usually too close or too far from what I see to see clearly. Nevertheless, my vision is all I have to go by, and I trust it to get me through each day. It determines what I write. It is not an end. It is a way. My craft is even less of an end. Its work is to serve the vision.

Second, every poem, every essay I write falls short of my intention. Neither critical acclaim nor financial reward can be allowed to trick me into believing otherwise. I must not risk failure; I must fail, for I must be reaching always beyond my mastery into the unknown and unknowable. This reaching also is a way. It is a way of hope, an opening into a world larger than my experience, larger than my imagination.

I believe my task as a teacher is to hold these principles before myself in a way that enables my students to see them at work. This means I must write, and I must share my writing with my students — not just the finished work of my books, but the work I'm doing, the work that confuses and troubles me. I must make as plain as I can that my vision is more than a personal vision, that it is a vision I've received from a people choosing to serve the Lord, that it is a vision disciplined by a great cloud of witnesses. I must also demonstrate that, though

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*"I do not write my vision; I write what it reveals. It tells me the shape of things."*

a particular writing task can be onerous and discouraging, the movement from failure to failure is finally a great excitement and a sustaining joy.

I do not believe I have ever taught anyone to write. I do not believe I ever will, but I am not discouraged, for I believe students have learned to write at Houghton, and I believe my teaching has contributed to that learning. I believe students have become writers at Houghton for the same reason others have not. Here, in academic work, in the principles of community life, and in worship, the requirements of a disciplined apprenticeship are enforced by a community, a community unafraid of setting up a few obstacles, a community unimpressed by mere facility, a community willing to demand growth, maturity, and excellence. □

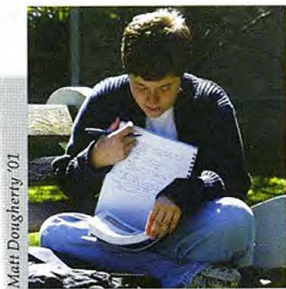
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*Author, professor, and poet-in-residence, John Leax is now in his 33rd year at Houghton. Students continue to appreciate his "laid back" style and the genuine respect he fosters in others. His newest book, out walking, published this year by Raven's Ridge division of Baker Books, offers a glimpse into his life of faith, writing, and environmentalism.*



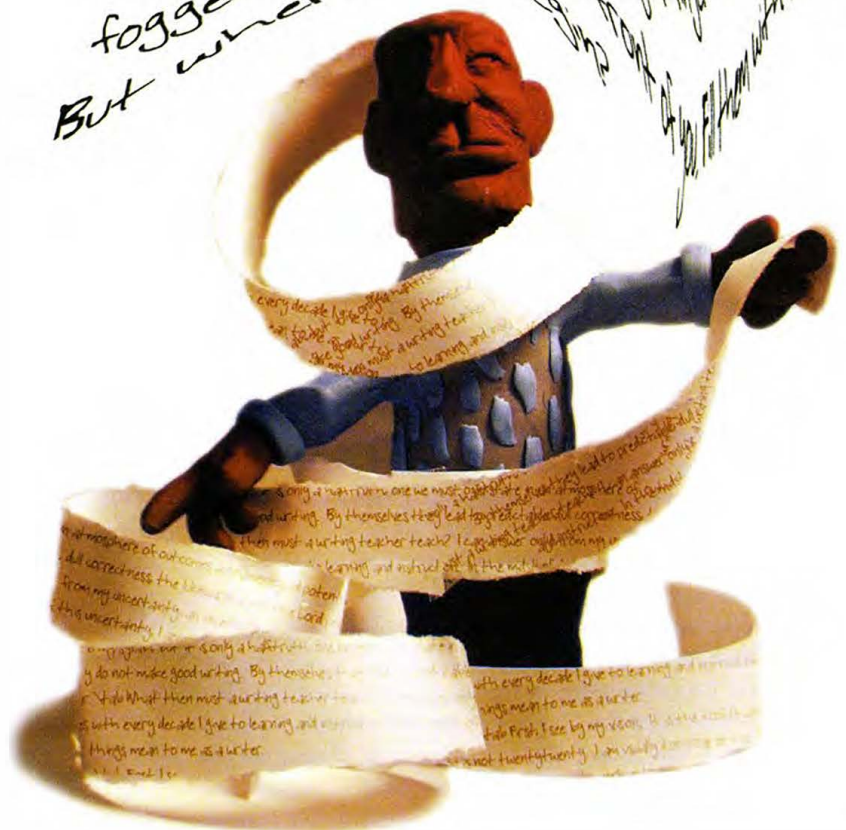
# Your Day's a Story

by Tom Noyes '92



Matt Dougherty '01

*As you stand at the sink brushing your teeth, you feel words welling up. Like a pen to a blank page you feel the strong desire to take up your pen and write. But where to begin? You look down at the row of foggedup mirrors in the hallway and you feel them with words.*





**Y**OU'RE IN BED, IN YOUR DORM ROOM, mulling over possibilities. Every nine minutes the alarm clock sounds, and your roommate hits the snooze button. This cycle is not conducive to creative thought.

You need a story for your introduction to fiction writing class—it's due in a couple days—so even before your feet hit the floor, you've resolved to think of all you do and see today in terms of story. You're new at this, but in class and in your reading, you've picked up on the idea that, as a writer, you're to take stock of the world. You're to use your five senses to fuel your imagination.

Today you'll immerse yourself in the everyday details that add up to life. You'll try to miss nothing.

You've missed breakfast, but you have an emergency stash of care-package Rice Krispie treats in your sock drawer.

Energized by artistic intention and a sugar rush, you head for the shower. As you make your way down the quiet hall, you fight urges to knock on every door and take aside every toweled passer-by.

You have important things to say. You're a seer, a bard. You recall a poem you read last semester in British Lit, Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," and you feel a kinship with the old sailor who accosts anyone who comes near with his horribly profound tale. He's breathless and aching with a story! He can't not tell it!

As you stand at the sink brushing your teeth, you feel words welling up.

Like a pen to a blank page, you feel the strong desire to take your finger to the row of fogged-up mirrors in front of you. Fill them with words. But where to begin?

Back in your room, as you dress and pack your book bag, you consider the metaphorical potential of your roommate's snoring. It's heavy and labored like a cold truck engine. Harshly rhythmic, deeply toned. You close your eyes and envision a whale's spout hole, a choir of chanting monks.

You're rained on as you hurry to your first class. The sky's the color of a tarnished nickel. Good detail. A sentence like that enhances texture and evokes tone.

You have no umbrella. You've gone through two this semester. You are unable to hold onto an umbrella for more than a few weeks at a time. You leave them places—on top of coat racks, hanging on stall doors in restrooms, under desks—and by the time you remember and return to these places, the umbrellas are gone.

It's possible that someone on campus is hoarding umbrellas. On rainy days like today, this pilferer sloshes around campus from building to building, filling her soggy, over-sized duffel with

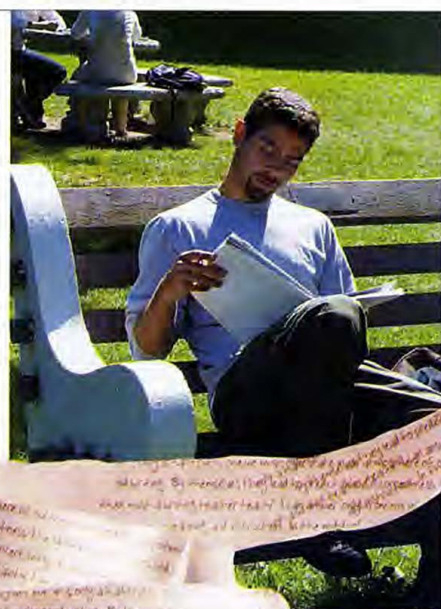
other people's raingear. This person's closet is stacked with umbrellas of every size and color. At night, this person locks her door and counts umbrellas like money. Perhaps she even opens one right there in her room and stands under it, imagining the calming pitter-patter of raindrops on nylon.

After morning classes and chapel, on your way to lunch, you note, while walking under a tree, that rain falling through leaves sounds like squirrels.

In front of you, behind you, and on either side of you, are living, breathing characters. You study them, observing details of umbrella-sharing etiquette and various methods of puddle-dodging.

You note that a red umbrella opening slowly is not unlike a blooming rose.

You're intrigued by the fact that some carry umbrellas straight up like torches, while others angle back their umbrellas against their shoulders and twirl them like pinwheels.





In the dining hall, as you eat soup and grilled cheese, you file away other details which might later prove useful: the smells of wet leather and wet hair, the squeaking of wet shoes, the way in which the person across the table from you cradles her warm coffee mug in both hands and sips deeply as if out of a bowl. The curve of her cupped hands reminds you of an upside-down umbrella.

Later in the afternoon, back at the dorm, you'd like to begin hashing out your story, but if you don't squeeze in laundry soon, tomorrow you'll be wearing clothes that could walk you to class, take notes for you, perhaps even participate enthusiastically in group discussion. The dorm laundry room is busy, though, so you have to pack up and hike downtown to the laundromat.

The gray sky is breaking up. Patches of pale light burn through. The rain has slowed to a drizzle, and the air's warming. People all over campus fold closed their umbrellas. They remove their hoods, unzip their jackets. While some simply drop their collapsed umbrellas to their sides and carry them like luggage, others treat their umbrellas like props. Members of one boisterous group twirl



Marti Dougherty '01

their umbrellas like batons, swing them like tennis rackets, slice and stab the air with them like swords.

Others you pass gesture with closed umbrellas to underscore important points in their conversations. They wave umbrellas at friends in greeting.

At the laundromat, you start a load of whites, a load of darks, and sit down with your notebook. You get everything, all the details of the day, down in a list.

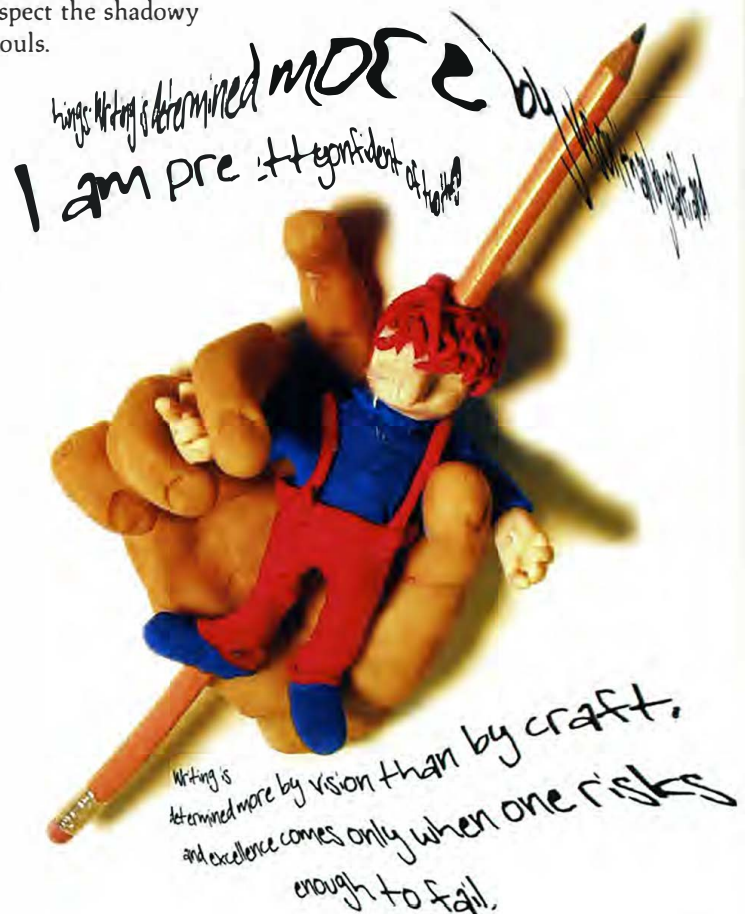
You write the story's first sentence: "The day's forecast called for showers."

By the time your washers are in final spin cycle, you've got two pages. By the time your clothes have been through the dryer twice, you've got five, a complete first draft. The emotional climax of your story occurs when the umbrella thief's roommate discovers the stash. At first she's self-righteous, but eventually she's moved to examine herself and what it is that she, in a metaphorical sense, hides away in her own closet. Readers will sense in this character an individual on the brink of life-changing self-discovery and, if attentive, will be inclined to faithfully and honestly inspect the shadowy corners of their own souls.

The story ends with this enigmatic line, delivered by the repentant yet still tortured umbrella thief to her therapist as she stares into a nickel-gray cup of coffee which she holds in her hands like a bowl: "After all, an umbrella in the sun is nothing more than a parasol."

No denying it needs tinkering. But it's on its way. □

Tom Noyes '95 completed his Ph.D. in 20th-century American literature and creative fiction writing at Ohio University. There he earned the Shively Award for Outstanding Achievement in Graduate English Study. He now serves as visiting writer-in-residence and professor at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Besides teaching, Professor Noyes also serves on the staff of Concordia's nationally-recognized journal, *Ascent* (see *A Life Worth Writing*).







John Borge, Concordia College

# A Life Worth Writing

by Cynthia Machamer '85

Whether it's serving as the mascot of a minor-league baseball team, winning a grocery store shopping spree, or serving up sand and crushed stone for the Maranucci Gravel Company, Tom Noyes '92 can be anybody on any day.

That's the prerogative, and beauty, of being a creative writer.

At an early age, Tom felt the satisfaction of writing well, as evidenced by the applause at the production of his third-grade play, "The True Meaning of Christmas." His parents instilled in him love of books and he was encouraged to pursue the life of the mind through writing.

At Houghton he initially studied English literature and education, then writing—his creative writing classes thoroughly engaged him. Editing the student literary magazine, *Lanthorn*, and interacting with other student writers over informal lunches and coffeehouses, helped reveal new chapters in the writing life of Tom Noyes. By the time he graduated he was chosen as the department's most outstanding senior writing major and won both a place in the Pine Grove Press literary anthology, *Just A Moment*, for his short story, "Stones," as well as in their humor writing contest with "Pot Shots."

After earning his bachelor's degree, Tom accepted a position as technical editor and writer, but after a year on the job claimed, "Editing computer manuals chased me into graduate

school fast!" By 1996 he'd earned a master's of fine arts in creative writing from Wichita State University, after he'd clinched a teacher assistant position and a full stipend. That year he also received the Dora Wallace Hodgson award for the university's most outstanding master's degree candidate.

Tom's short stories have made writers put down their pens and observe. His short story collection, "Vehicles," in particular, has captured attention. A compilation of 13 stories—from a minister in crisis to a butcher struggling to survive a ground-beef sale to a couple dealing with the aftermath of unfaithfulness—"Vehicles" captured two semi-finalist slots, and garnered finalist positions in the Breadloaf/Bakeless Prize, the Sandstone Prize, the Associated Writing Program Awards Series in Short Fiction, and for the Flannery O'Connor Award. Stories from the collection have been finalists in other prestigious competitions, such as the Pushcart Prize.

Tom continues to tap into the resources afforded by his own life, that of raising an eight-month-old child with his wife A.J. Clemens '93, for example, and he continues to target magazines and presses for publication of his stories. Ohio University's English professor and Tom's dissertation director, Professor Darrell Spencer, said, "Tom is a remarkable young writer, exacting in his prose and inventive, while never imitative, in his story telling. He's one of the top writers I've worked with in my 15 years of teaching creative writing. He's a writer we'll hear from in the future."

Writer Tom Noyes can be anyone he wants to be. Through his lively and imaginative short stories he has enriched the genre of fiction. He serves as an example of a Houghton graduate who has believed in himself and in the education he received. Tom says, "Writing is not work to me. Writing is my vocation. I first began to learn about and understand this concept from Professors Leax and Zoller. Without my teachers, from third grade right up through college, I wouldn't be a writer. Writing well can be taught; I'm living proof of that." □



# An Apple of Gold in a Setting of Silver

by Kim (Weaver '96) Maxwell

EVELYN "DINDY" BENCE '74 didn't dream of writing award-winning novels or poems. Cs in freshman composition classes proved discouraging. As a senior she took another creative writing class, from Lionel Basney, because it seemed slightly less painful than the alternate public speaking requirement. She recalls, "Struggling to write a personal essay for Professor Basney, I thought: There are people who do this for a living. Why would anyone put herself through this torture?"

Although majoring in business administration, Evelyn audited several literature classes and surrounded herself with English and writing majors. As the one who could balance the checkbook, she signed on as business manager for the *Boulder and Star*. She says, "Houghton's liberal arts base and friends who drew me into campus publications sent me on my life path." Her first job was in the purchasing department of *Christian Herald* magazine, then edited by Kenneth Wilson '41. Bored with the business aspect, she took an editorial position with their book club division. She relates, "Two years of reading potential book selections and making subconscious judgments—this works, that doesn't—taught me to write."

In 1978 Evelyn submitted a B-graded essay written for that "Basney class" to *Campus Life Magazine*. They bit, and the adrenaline rush from that initial publication carried Evelyn through subsequent rejections. While employed as an editor first for Doubleday and later *Today's Christian Woman* magazine, she continued to write poems, articles, and later, books. The professional network and credentials she established there laid the groundwork for self-employment—for 13 years now.

Though varied in genre—personal narrative, novel, devotional, prayers—her books carry the stamp of the author's voice. Each offers moments that snap you into awareness, like stepping from a warm room into a crisp autumn night. *Mary's Journal*, a biblical novel, garnered a *Christianity Today* Critics' Award, though the project had been turned down by four

or five prospective publishers. "I'd put it in a file drawer and figured it would be discovered after I'd died," she says, "but then a friend got on me for lacking courage and an editor coaxed the pages out of the folder and I signed a contract." The novel proved the most challenging to write. "*Mary's Journal* is start to finish about a mother and son. People who read it and then find out I haven't had children are quite amazed," she explains. Moving from wonder to humor, the journal conveys both the uniqueness and human quality of Mary's motherhood.

Evelyn's latest publication, *Prayers for Girlfriends and Sisters and Me*, sparkles with tongue-in-cheek laughter and simple wisdom. Dedicated to a Houghton roommate and four older sisters (all Houghton graduates), the prayers create word pictures of decades-long friendships. "Each one takes me to a specific conversation or time in my life or potential time in my future life," Evelyn says.

On a good day Evelyn can write three or four pages, 1,000 words. The *process* is still torturous. As for her days spent wrestling with words, crossing them out, staring out the window, and beginning again, she explains, "I didn't choose this search for words as much as I was drafted—like the servants in Jesus's Matthew 25 story to whom the master entrusted coins known as talents." For Evelyn, finding the word that, when fitted between other words, becomes an apple of gold in a setting of silver makes the labor well worth it.

"I love having written," she admits. □



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# Fostering Wonder

by Amy Durkee-Pollock '87

**T**HOM SATTERLEE '89 wrote the sequel to *Star Wars* when he was in fourth grade. Unfortunately, he didn't realize that Leia and Luke were siblings, so he married them off. Although he started writing while he was quite young, it wasn't until his junior year in high school, while studying contemporary poetry as an exchange student in Denmark, that Thom realized he wanted to be a poet. Although his work includes fiction, essay, and literary translation, Thom considers himself first a poet.

In college, Thom's day began at 5:00 a.m. He'd crawl out of bed, start the coffee brewing, and pop in his one and only Gershwin tape for two hours of concentrated writing. He'd pore over his poems, writing new work or revising the old, mechanically flipping from "Rhapsody in Blue" to "American in Paris" as the tape ran out. "I have always been ambitious," he says in a buttery voice. "Through childhood, all that ambition was directed toward soccer. As I moved away from soccer, I poured all that energy into my poems. Somewhere I read that writing was a craft that took discipline and I took that seriously."

Thom demanded a lot from writing professors John Leax and James Zoller. Daily he'd take his new work to them, absorb their comments, then resolve to revise what was worthy the next morning. His major in philosophy, as suggested by author John Gardner, was to "provide ideas that would later be important in one's stories."

In college, Thom wrote primarily about his family, but now he writes little from personal experience. "It seems more and

more that research informs my writing rather than personal experience." Currently, he's working on a series of poems about John Wycliffe. "I find I can explore interesting ideas through someone else's mind. I'm not bound by my own experience." As he talks about the incredible amount of research required for this project, it's evident that the research itself gives him pleasure. "I enjoy bringing another time to life for people."

Thom embodies the term "scholar servant." His master's of fine arts is in literary translation because "not many people can read Danish. I can introduce English-speakers to great Danish poets that they would otherwise not be able to enjoy." As assistant professor of English at Taylor University (Ind.), he strives to contribute to the development of his students. While some writers lament the toll their faculty status takes on their writing, Thom insists that his teaching nourishes his work. He regularly schedules his writing to coincide with the work his students are doing. This gives him the motivation of an assignment and also provides a model of his own writing to share with his students. His interest in people and the experiences of others is genuine and seemingly insatiable, and he's grateful for the criticism of his students.

Why are writers important? Thom considers this silently for a while, then says, haltingly, "Because they're bridge builders. They foster wonder. They help us understand our own experiences and they expose us to the experiences of others. Writers make us more understanding and sympathetic." Certainly his "A Three-Gun Salute for Mother Teresa" (*Christianity and Literature*, Spring 1998) lifts us into a world not our own.

*"...Where her body lies, flowers  
are the color of her bruised knees,  
the casket black as her Bible,  
and the trees from miles around  
would be torn from their roots  
to shape a simple cross. These  
things are left behind..."* □



## Foundation Affords Solid Footing

—Melanie Seales '00

WHILE EACH PERSON has a dream, not everyone's dream spawns a legacy. On such a rare occurrence, perpetuating that vision seems obvious. Such is the responsibility of the Willard J. Houghton Foundation. Albeit a short history—the foundation was established in 1980—its purpose is to strengthen a legacy that has spanned 117 years.

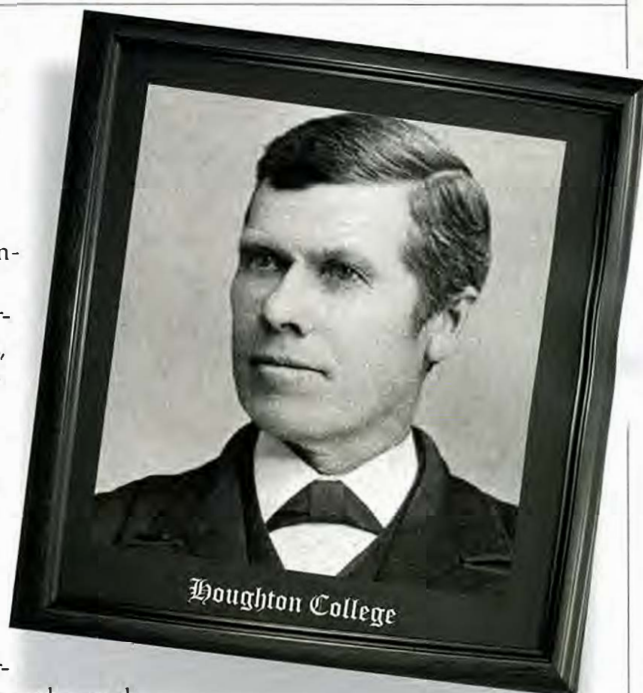
Brought on by a significant gift of real estate and a concern that the college remain focused on its strength—providing education rather than property management—board members and college administrators collaborated to establish the foundation. Independent from the college, the foundation manages the operation and sale of gifts of real estate. Both the initial gift in 1980 and the subsequent gifts of property, from Florida to Michigan, have enabled the foundation to consistently contribute to the college's current fund or to capital projects like the most recently erected townhouses.

The foundation is named after the college's founder, Willard J. Houghton. A layman who launched area Sunday schools and churches, he was the college's first "financial agent" when Houghton College was a small, Christian school determined to offer an affordable Christ-centered education. It seemed appropriate to name the foundation after an individual who was so dedicated to

serving his God and his community.

The foundation's membership, which includes bankers, CEOs, builders, insurance brokers, and college leadership, has always supported the mission of the institution. The recent focus has been on improving the aesthetic and economic environment of the surrounding community. Mr. Ken Nielsen, chief operating officer of the foundation, observed that "contributing towards community development is needed for the continued success of the college." The foundation's recent endeavors include developing residential building lots for community expansion and acquiring Jockey Street Pizza and Ribs (the former Pizza Barn) and the BP mini-mart. As with other Willard J. Houghton Foundation projects, the intention is to operate, strengthen, and then sell the properties—continuing the foundation's tradition of investing in the community of Allegany County.

For more information about the Willard J. Houghton Foundation, contact Jeffrey Spear '79, chief executive officer, at (716) 567-9313.



*"...contributing towards community development is needed for the continued success of the college."*



*This structure, with a history of its own—as Cronk's General Store, Barker's Dry Goods, Village Country Store and the Flower Basket—is being renovated to house Sweet Attitudes Chocolates, Inc., a coffee shop specializing in homemade chocolates.*



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**37** **Lynn Einfeldt** lives with his wife in Maranatha Village in Sebring, Fla. Although retired, Lynn continues to stay active in ministry to his community.

**49** **Ernest and Fern Kalapathy** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 8 with family and friends.

**50** **Fran MacNeill** is a regular volunteer at the Wycliffe office in Willow Street, Pa., and participates in short-term missions. She also teaches and helps with the music program at a local rescue mission. When Fran attended her 50th college reunion this summer she roomed with the same roommate she'd had in college! Friends may e-mail her at [MacNeill@Wycliffe.org](mailto:MacNeill@Wycliffe.org).

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**54** Coming out of retirement, **Robert Aldrich** is interim pastor of Phelps Baptist Church, near Geneva, N.Y., where he lives.

Since 1968, **Gerald McGraw** has been Fuller E. Callaway professor of Biblical studies at Toccoa Falls (Ga.) College. He recently completed 12 years of adjunct teaching at Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, N.Y., and has had

two books published (see *Required reading*). He lives with his wife, **Martha (Swauger '56)**, in Westminster, S.C.

**56**  
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**58** In June **Naomi Day** retired from 35 years as an elementary teacher. The last 26 of those years were in the Hillsdale, Mich., Community Schools. She continues to reside in Hillsdale.

**David and Pattie (Tysinger '56) Linton** are in Zambia for nine months as volunteers with International Vision Volunteers. David will be supervising construction of an eye clinic building. Pattie will serve as bookkeeper and home manager. The Lintons will be accompanied by a group of ophthalmologists headed by her brother, **James "Bud" Tysinger '65**.

**60** **Stanley Sandler's** article, "Myths of the Korean War," has been published in the June 16, 2000, issue of the [London] Times Literary Supplement. Also, he has been appointed to the Secretary of the Army's investigation of the alleged massacre at No Gun Ri during the Korean War.

In July **Gordon Strong** and his wife retired from 35 years as houseparents to some 30 missionary kids from 19 countries and 13 nationalities at a Christian and Missionary Alliance's Dalat School

## Tom Hilgeman '69

When **Tom Hilgeman** left Bolivia in June, he took with him a symbol of what his and his wife's work has meant to the people of that country.

In the company of the president of Bolivia, the minister of education presented Tom the highest medal of honor for his work on behalf of Bolivian education at the international level. The Bolivian National Association of Private Schools also awarded him a gold medal as educator of the year.

He and his wife, **Mariellyn (Jones '71)**, have resigned from administration and teaching at the missionary school there after 25 years of service. After a one-year furlough, they will be educational consultants and office manager for the European regional office of the Association of Christian Schools International in Budapest, Hungary, as of July 2001. This year will be an intense effort to study the language and raise financial support.





## Accolades



Robert Cummings '50

### A Good Soldier

A bazooka man with Company C of the Engineer Special Brigade, the soldier had trained in the Mojave Desert for deployment to North Africa. When fighting there abated, he was shipped to England where his unit was attached to the Army's 29th Division and given amphibious training for the long-awaited invasion of France. Divided by lot for the attack, half of Company C was among the first D-Day invaders, while the rest of the unit sailed for a late-morning landing. First turned back by beach congestion, he eventually came ashore on the notorious Red Sector, Omaha

Beach. For three months he policed the beaches, cared for the dead, assisted in the evacuation of injured soldiers, and guarded POW work teams. The company's interpreter, he endured mines, air raids, and sniper fire. He moved inland with his company at the liberation of Paris and then journeyed to Berlin. One of 75 advance troops sent in to the city to prepare for the larger occupation, he explored German military and Nazi sites, including Hitler's Bunker.

On June 3, 2000, the government of Normandy, France, honored thousands of American veterans who helped liberate that region during World War II. Among the 250 vets honored at a Canandaigua, N.Y., ceremony that day was professor emeritus **Robert Cummings '50**, who had begun World War II service in 1943 as a young enlistee from Clayton, N.Y. In addition to the Jubilee of Liberty medal he received in June, Professor Cummings has been honored with the European Theater of Occupation Medal, and two engagement medals—for the Invasion of Normandy and Battle of Northern France.

Professor Cummings served in Berlin for eight months before coming home in January 1946. He promptly enrolled at Houghton to study Greek and German—the language he'd first picked up from POWs and expanded during occupation—then earned a master's degree in German. This popular professor is remembered for the language immersion weekends he hosted and for his work with internationals. In retirement, Professor Cummings and his wife, **Marion (Thornton '47)**, work with Houghton Academy internationals. He has also written novels and is recording and organizing his World War II recollections and memorabilia.



in Malaysia. The Stronges also taught elementary school, preached, and traveled widely. They have purchased a home in Georgia. They and their three missionary children, including **Stephen '84**, and their families gathered together two years ago in Malaysia for the first time in 10 years.

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**Herb Apel** and his wife, Lorelei, have retired from over 29 years of missionary service with TEAM. They look forward to moving back to the states and doing some short-term missions work. The Apels anticipate attending his 40th class reunion next summer.

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**Margaret (Warren) Tierney** has been invited to serve on the board of governors for the Wisconsin School Counselor Association as advocacy relations chair. She will oversee and coordinate activities with other professional organizations. Peg is a guidance counselor for the school district of South Milwaukee in Wisconsin. Reach her at [pegtierney@juno.com](mailto:pegtierney@juno.com).

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**Jack and Evie (Faulkingham) Mann** have recently moved to North Collins, N.Y., where Jack has accepted the position superintendent of schools. His experience in the field includes posts as school psychologist, principal, and special education director. Evie is an English as a Second Language teacher, currently working with Hispanic migrant families under the auspices of SUNY Migrant Education. Daughter **Megan** is a junior at Houghton College.

This year, the graduates of Olean, N.Y., High School voted for teachers who have inspired them during their years in the district. **Karen Traver**, a teacher at East View Elementary School for the past 29 years, was one of those teachers. Other than the past two years teaching second grade, she has taught fifth.



## 71

REUNION  
Aug. 3-5, 2001

**72** Dean Glover retired in April after 23 years as police chief of Hampton Falls, N.H. He continues to hold a deputy sheriff's appointment. In June, Dean became minister of education at the Hampton Falls Baptist Church under the leadership of Ken Lawrence '73. Dean graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with a master's in youth ministry in 1996. Daughter Lynsey is a first-year student at Houghton.

**73** John Buckwalter, a faculty member in the physical and life sciences department at Alfred State College, was named a distinguished teaching professor. This honor can only be bestowed by the State University of New York board of trustees. It is given to persons who have consistently demonstrated outstanding teaching competence over a period of years at the graduate, undergraduate, or professional levels. Buckwalter joined Alfred in 1982 as assistant professor, then attained the ranks of associate and full professor in 1987 and 1993, respectively. Recently he was named interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. John holds a master's degree from SUNY Geneseo. He's a member of several civic and professional organizations.

**74** Gregg and Nancy (Hawks-well '75) Vossler moved to York, Pa., in February, when he took a position as superintendent of the Christian School of York. Nancy teaches elementary music part time. From 1989-1999 they had been serving in similar positions with International Schools of China.

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**77** Steve and Lillian (Sprole) Cornell are planting a Fellowship Alliance Church in Ellenton, Fla. They are also involved in evangelism and serve on the worship team. The Cornells are converting a quarter of their home to accommodate living quarters for her father.

In July, Michael Frost began serving as pastor of Zion's Stone Church in Snyders, Pa. Founded in 1790, Zion's has been a Lutheran and Reformed congregation throughout its history. Rev. Frost is the pastor of both congregations. (see *Down the Aisle*.)

**78** Brian Hazlett has risen in the ranks from associate professor to professor at

Briar Cliff College in Iowa. He joined the faculty in 1992. Brian holds a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

On October 7, 2000, Ronald Frank received the outstanding student advisor award. He is an associate professor of biological sciences at the University of Missouri-Rolla. He was presented with the award during the school's Homecoming weekend alumni association's awards banquet.

**80** Ronald Isaman has been appointed Mountain View district superintendent of the western New York conference of the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Cheryl (Scutt, college staff from

## Future alumni

Jeff & Pam (Hayes '89) Anderson '86	Evan James	4-20-00
Brian & Lynn (Christiansen '91) Arthur '93	Brendan James	5-14-00
Daniel & Maureen Dominguez '94	Maxwell John	10-25-99
David & Jennifer (Cook '96) Donnelly '95	Kara Victoria	5-8-98
	Kelsey Joan	8-26-99
Robert & Carol (Volkert '90) Dubin	Benjamin Richard	11-28-99
John & Faith (Emmett '87) Fisk '88	Christianna Joy	5-14-00
David & Diane Fairley '91	Sequoia Rae	9-20-00
David & Wendy (Cornell '86) Fountain '87	Lane Timothy	4-19-00
Roman & MaryAnn (Hackenberg '88) Ginnan	Ryan Joseph	12-28-99
David & Ruth (Holt '88) Good	Melissa Katherine	3-11-99
Howard & Jennifer (Smith '93) Haines	Alex David	7-21-00
Robert & Katrina (Isaacson '87) Holz '87	Robert Graham	11-8-98
Phil & Gloria (Anderson '92) Hudson	Sarah Lydia	5-18-00
David '91 & Bre Neudeck '93	Alissa Breanne	2-16-99
Andrew & Jana Mullen '82	Phoebe Janelle	11-12-97
David & Melanie (Rath '95) Moen	Marissa Ruth	4-18-00
Tom & AJ (Clemens '93) Noyes '92	Josie Clemens	2-07-00
Karl & Tracey (Ruth '88) Phelps	Joshua Thomas	11-8-99
Bryan & Paula (Jones '94) Pimm	Laresa Suzanne	10-23-99
Eric & Beth (Arneson '95) Ramoth '91	Morgan Beth	5-6-00
Richard & Janet Stegen '69	Daniel JonArthur	7-25-00
Donal & Cheryl (Hecht '90) Stiner	Clara June	11-1-99
Tim & Tami (Zerbe '90) Thurber '94	Ryan James	6-25-00
Dennis & Lori (Willis '91) Turner	Leah Caroline	2-18-00
Brad & Bev Zarges '92	William "Will" Bradford	8-9-00



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1969-75), and their three sons reside in Allegany, N.Y.

**David Piatt** is pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Frewsburg, N.Y. He had served at the Rushford United Methodist Church for several years. Friends may e-mail him at [davidpiatt@netscape.net](mailto:davidpiatt@netscape.net).

## 81

REUNION

Aug. 3-5, 2001

**David Bishop** is a lead consultant for Ralston Purina in Missouri. Part of his work has included re-writing the main order entry software that handles the flow of all dog/cat food orders placed with the company worldwide. Prior to joining Ralston in 1999, David completed 12 years in the U.S. Air Force. Friends may reach him at [davidbishop@email.com](mailto:davidbishop@email.com).

**Liz (Tryon) Hupp** earned a B.A. degree and Illinois state teaching certificate in early childhood education and human development from National-Louis University in June after eight years of juggling family. She and her husband, **Joe '79**, are the parents of twin boys. She hopes to teach part time in a preschool classroom. Joe was named a Charles E. and Emma H. Morrison professor of chemistry by Northwestern University. He recently graduated his 20th student from the chemistry program.

## 82

**Dexter Davis** has accepted the position assistant professor in the business technologies department of Alfred State College in Alfred, N.Y. Dexter will teach courses in sports management and marketing. He will continue to serve as men's soccer coach. Currently he is pursuing a doctoral degree in sports management from the United States Sports Academy in Alabama.



## 83

After completing the one-year Beeson Pastor D. Min. program at Asbury Theological Seminary, **Richard Danielson** is pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Fredonia, N.Y.

## 84

In May 2000, **Gordon Braun** graduated from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained to full-time ministry. He is pastor of the Demarest Baptist Church in Bergen County, N.J., where fellow alumni **John & Lois (Lindley '71) Jordan '72** and **Michael & Jill (Brautigam '99) Jordan '99** attend.

In the fall of 1999 **Lenore (Lelah) Person** spent seven weeks in Poznon, Poland, as consultant to Media Rodzina, a publishing house. Her husband, **David '85**, took a leave from Morgan Stanley to accompany Lenore and care for their one-year-old daughter Lisbet.

## 85

**Christine Eastwood** has been named the pastor of the Savannah, Butler, and Montezuma United Methodist Churches in the Central Lakes District. She earned a master of arts degree in missions and evangelism from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1993. Before her appointment, she was a social worker, as well as assistant pastor at Elmira First Church of the Nazarene.

**Cynthia (Kinard) Machamer** and her husband are in their third year as dorm parents at Houghton Academy men's residence. She continues to work part time as Houghton College photographer, writer, and proofreader. Her essay on her brother, Rudy, who died in June, was the second in an *Ithaca Journal* series on death. She was recently nominated for membership in the National Association for Female Executives.

**Valerie (Grant) Smith** was recently promoted to the position of publications manager in the Office of Public Relations at Houghton College. In addition to designing college publications such as *Milieu* and the annual report, she manages the myriad flow of jobs. Input regarding any Houghton publications is

greatly appreciated via e-mail to [valerie.smith@houghton.edu](mailto:valerie.smith@houghton.edu).

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## 88

**Annie (Valkema) Beekley** recently joined the staff as director of the annual fund at Houghton College. She is living in Holland, N.Y. Friends may e-mail her at [annie.beekley@houghton.edu](mailto:annie.beekley@houghton.edu).

**Greg and Annette (Mattocks '87) Beyer** have completed a one-year furlough in the states and have returned to Cameroon, Africa, to continue their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They may be reached at [greg\\_beyer@sil.org](mailto:greg_beyer@sil.org).

**Joseph and Rebecca (Jones '88) Harvey** are serving with Global Outreach Mission. The church-run health center they started in the Congo in January has treated over 2,500 patients since opening. In April, they treated 90 percent of the cholera cases in their region. The Harveys are committed to the establishment of a Christian hospital there. In summer 2001 they will be on furlough in the states. E-mail them at [Joseph\\_Harvey@kastanet.org](mailto:Joseph_Harvey@kastanet.org) or visit them at [www.ncinter.net/~rewilson/Harvey](http://www.ncinter.net/~rewilson/Harvey).

## 91

REUNION

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**Lynn (Christiansen) Arthur** is marketing manager at Marshall & Swift in Princeton, developing direct-mail campaigns and organizing and managing client conferences and company sales meetings in the Caribbean (which she also attends!). Her husband, **Brian '93**, has worked for Prudential since he graduated from Houghton. He is the marketing manager for Prudential International Investments, developing and producing all foreign language materials for use in all overseas branches. He and Lynn are the youth leaders at their Assembly of God church and are the proud parents of a new son (see *Future Alumni*). They welcome e-



mail at [nolynn@ix.netcom.com](mailto:nolynn@ix.netcom.com).

**Tanya (Rodeheaver) Bellavia** and her husband **Rand** have relocated to Williamsville, N.Y., where she is a physician assistant at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

**93 Jennifer (Smith) Haines** was recently promoted to senior planner for the city of Auburn, N.Y. (see *Future Alumni*.) Friends may e-mail her at [haines3@localnet.com](mailto:haines3@localnet.com).

**Bre Neudeck** works part time from home for an area law firm as well as caring for her children, Benjamin, who is four, and the newest Neudeck (see *Future Alumni*). Her husband, **David '91**, took a position in computer programming/Web development in the private sector last August.

**94 Joanne (Ferno) Lowe** is teaching math at Pittsfield Middle High School in Pittsfield, N.H. She and her husband, Keith (see *Down the Aisle*), worship at the First Church of the Nazarene in Concord. Friends may reach Joanne at [mrsjlowe@juno.com](mailto:mrsjlowe@juno.com).

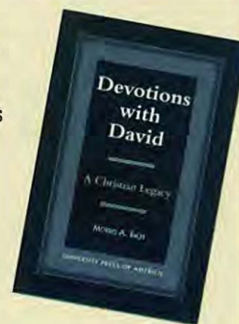
**Paula (Jones) Pimm** is a part-time elementary teacher at Avoca Central School (N.Y.). Paula also gives private piano lessons. She and her husband, Bryan, are active in their church's praise and worship team and Paula co-directs the adult choir. The Pimms live in Canisteo, N.Y., with their baby daughter (see *Future Alumni*). Paula may be contacted via [ppimm@edmail.com](mailto:ppimm@edmail.com).

**95 Steven Johnson** is the Webmaster at Houghton College. He is also completing his master's of fine arts in computer art at the Savannah College of Art & Design. (see *Down the Aisle*.) Friends may e-mail Steve at [sdj@bigfoot.com](mailto:sdj@bigfoot.com).

**Don Lawrence** is a recruiter for a national recruiting firm in Rochester, N.Y., and is also traveling and preaching in the area. (see *Down the Aisle*.) Don may be

## Required reading

**Morris Inch '49** has had two books released this year through University Press of America: *Devotions with David: A Christian Legacy* and *Scripture as Story*. The first is a Psalm by Psalm expository. Beyond the formal classroom, this 189-page paperback could be used as an accompaniment to home Bible study. The second, *Scripture as Story*, is just that. According to the author, "The Scripture as story invites us to enter into the situation recorded, identify with its characters, and learn from their experiences. . . . A good story should leave us better persons. Understood in this connection, Scripture is the best of stories." Two other books published this year, by Morris Publishing, are *Demetrius the Disciple* and *Casey and Tonka*. Recent titles from 1997-99 are *A Case for Christianity*, *Exhortations of Jesus According to Matthew* and *Up From the Depths*, *Chaos Paradigm: A Theological Exploration*, and *Man: The Perennial Question*.



Christian Publications released two books by **Gerald McGraw '54** this year: *Launch Out: A Theology of Dynamic Sanctification* and *Empowered: Discovering the Dynamics of Holy Living*. Both books include a full-page chart on "The Complete New Testament Christian Life" by former Houghton professor Claude A. Ries. The first book was written for ministerial and academic professionals while the latter may be appreciated by the lay person.

**Cheryl (Greenfield '76) Potts** has had five books published to aid the elementary school teacher. *Poetry Galore and More with Shel Silverstein*, *Poetry Fun by the Ton with Jack Prelutsky*, *Poetry Time with Dr. Seuss Rhyme* (all by Highsmith Press), *Poetry Play Any Day with Jane Yolen* (Alleyside Press), and *Ready-to-Go Phonics* (Scholastic) enhance teaching and help educators engage young learners in the process. The books are rife with activities, manipulatives, and games that are designed to help all students succeed in the classroom. Her ideas are exceptional, as in the example of activities to have the children do after reading the book *Water Music*. Potts instructs, "If your school is situated around water, then a nature walk may be appropriate. You may want to invite a photographer or experienced parent to come and share some simple rules and tips of photography. . . . Plan a class photography / writing contest around the theme of water." Cheryl has over 18 years of practical experience as a teacher in grades K-5, remedial reading, and music. She has presented teacher workshops at regional reading conferences, whole language conferences, and for the Association of Compensatory Education.





## Accolades

### *Class of '60 Boasts Two Honored for Exceptional Achievement*

Two history majors from the class of '60 were linked to American Revolution figures John and Samuel Adams and John Hancock at the 2000 induction ceremonies into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS).

Elected as "exceptional achievers" were **David Sabeen**, Henry J. Bruman Professor of German history at UCLA; and **Anthony C. Yu**, Carl Darling Buck Distinguished Service Professor in the humanities at the University of Chicago.

At Houghton, David Sabeen edited *Boulder*, worked on the *Star* and other publications, debated, served in Student Senate and Foreign Mission Fellowship, played basketball and baseball, and participated on the swim team.

Next came the University of Wisconsin at Madison interpolated with a year at Brandeis University. He researched his dissertation in Tübingen, Germany. From 1966-70 he lectured at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, Germany. He taught at the University of Pittsburgh from 1970-76 where he founded the journal *Peasant Studies Newsletter* (later *Peasant Studies*). Then, till 1983, he joined a research group of social historians at the Max-Planck-Institut für Geschichte in Göttingen. There he was co-founder of an interdisciplinary roundtable of historians and anthropologists. After writing two books, Professor Sabeen returned to the states to UCLA where he continues both scholarly publishing and graduate and undergraduate teaching.

Hong Kong native Anthony Yu majored in history and English at Houghton, played soccer, participated in French and English clubs, worked on the *Star*, was Foreign Mission Fellowship and senior class president. He is said to be the only non-music major to have presented a senior recital—all Beethoven, piano.

After Fuller Seminary he did his graduate work at the University of Chicago Divinity School combining his interests in theology and philosophy of religion and literature. Professor Yu has been at Chicago since 1963, teaching and advising students, and publishing prolifically—his award-winning translation of the Chinese epic, *The Journey to the West*, published in four volumes between 1977 and 1983. He has been a visiting professor, speaker or consultant at a half-dozen universities in the U.S. and abroad, and serves in numerous professional societies.

While it is hardly unusual for multiple inductions from one institution—six U of C colleagues will join Professor Yu—he believes that the induction of classmates from one undergraduate institution is unique. After graduating from Houghton, where both won *Who's Who* honors, both professors contributed periodic columns back to the *Star*. While they have kept track of one another through academic circles, the induction ceremony was their first face-to-face meeting in four decades.

e-mailed at [donlawrence23@yahoo.com](mailto:donlawrence23@yahoo.com).

**William Mann** is the new pastor of Sodus (N.Y.) United Methodist Church. He had been serving in Illinois. Currently he is pursuing an M.Div. degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

**Paul Williamson** debuted as a tenor soloist with the New York Philharmonic Chamber String Quartet in their Easter concert, "From Mozart to Marley," at the Half Moon Hotel and Resort, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Paul was head of vocal studies programme in the School of Arts and Communications at Caribbean Christ for the Nations Institute, in Reading, St. James, Jamaica. Currently he is planning to return to the states this year to continue training as an opera singer. E-mail him at [godivapaw@hotmail.com](mailto:godivapaw@hotmail.com).

**96** **Christie (Humphrey) McVeigh** and her new husband, Richard (see *Down the Aisle*), live in Johnstown, Ohio, where she works part time in a homeschool school. Her husband is an Internet developer. Eventually they hope to settle near his home in Northern Ireland.

**Heidi Oberholtzer** earned a master's degree in English from Pennsylvania State University in May 1999. Currently, she is a doctoral student in English at the University of Notre Dame. Colonial American literature is her specialty.

**Charis (Gibson) Russel** and her husband Frank (see *Down the Aisle*) are members of a Christian pop/rock band called Fish Out of Water. They recently recorded a CD, *Tales from the Tank*, which is available for purchase. Visit them at [www.fishoutofwater.iuma.com](http://www.fishoutofwater.iuma.com).

**98** **Monica Tiffany** graduated in May with a master of social work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va. She is currently a treatment foster care social worker for United Methodist Family Services. E-mail her at [cutyankeeinva@yahoo.com](mailto:cutyankeeinva@yahoo.com).



**Krista Vossler** is in her third year of teaching high school English at the Tianjin International School in China.

**Matthew Wilson** is a computer consultant and systems developer for Talkan in Springfield, Va. Friends may e-mail him at [estella\\_wilson@hotmail.com](mailto:estella_wilson@hotmail.com).

**00 Timothy Klabunde** is marketing director at Smolen Emr & Associates Architects in Laurel, Md. Tim relates, "I can truly say that I had nothing to do with my new job, rather that God was completely in control and had the perfect plan from the beginning." His wife, **Mary (Kent)**, is an equestrian instructor at Reddemeade.

**Lori Huth** completed a degree in English and writing and has entered a master's program in English at SUNY Buffalo.



Three generations of Houghton women visited Letchworth state park in September 2000. From left; Melissa Neureuther '02, Jane (Little '69) Neureuther, Frances (Hotchkiss '36) Little, Melanie Neureuther '04

## P.A.C.E. Alumni News

(listed by cohort class number)

**K2 Thomas Hochulski**, May 1997, of Buffalo, N.Y., is enrolled in the master's in global business solutions program at Daemen College. He is a product specialist in the Enterprise Solutions Group at Ingram Micro and recently retired as a major from the U.S. Army Reserve after 29 years of service.

**Anita Marciniak**, May 1997, of Hamburg, N.Y., has earned her master's in health systems administration and is establishing HealthQuest Consulting Inc., focusing on occupational health and safety.

**R2 Christine Genek**, May 1998, of Orchard Park, N.Y., was promoted to senior recruiting consultant at Systems Personnel Inc., of West Seneca, N.Y.

**P1 Cindy Bradfield**, September 1994, of Delevan, N.Y., recently transferred from the position of P.A.C.E. program coordinator at the West Seneca campus to human resources administrator at the Allegany County campus. Her husband, **Don Bradfield, Z1**, May 1995, is a computer network administrator for the Pioneer School System in Yorkshire, N.Y. Their son, **Cory**, is a first-year student at Houghton College.

**J3 Debbie Urbank**, September 2000, of Collins, N.Y., is personnel coordinator at Lakewood Health Care Center

in Hamburg, N.Y. Debbie says the Houghton degree on her résumé clinched her position!

**F2 Dawa King-Marrero**, May 2000, of Buffalo, N.Y., is enrolled in the adult education master's program at Buffalo State College and is taking one class with **Cindy Bradfield (Cohort P1)**.

## Corrections

(from the Summer 2000 issue)

**Dennis & Lori (Willis '91) Turner** were not married February 18, 2000, as stated. The correct date is July 23, 1994. They were, however, the proud parents of a baby girl in February. (see *Future Alumni*, this issue).

Presbyterian Church of U.S.A. was an incorrect usage in the feature story "Living Well in Her Place." It should have said Presbyterian Church (USA).

**Clara (Hogue) Knowles** should have been listed with the Class of '49 in *Remembrance* section.

*Milieu* regrets the errors.

## Down the aisle

7-24-99 Michael & Ginny Frost '77  
6-03-00 Matthew & Jennifer (Roorda '00) Hale '98  
6-17-00 Steven & Anna Maria (Davis '01) Johnson  
6-10-00 Sven & Sarah (Hanson '00) Johnson '00  
7-24-99 Michael & Ginny Frost '77  
8-12-00 Richard & Julie Ives '91  
5-27-00 Don & Trina Lawrence '95

8-27-00 Brian & Nisatirut (Chowchuvech '83) Little  
5-28-99 Keith & Joanne (Ferno '94) Lowe  
6-24-00 Richard & Christie (Humphrey '96) McVeigh  
2-15-97 Andrew & Jana Mullen '82  
8-19-00 Jeremy & Heather (Ayers '98) Templeton  
8-26-00 Frank & Emily (Rozendal '01) Yang



**29** **Evan Molyneaux** died July 30, 2000, at the West Georgia Medical Center in LaGrange. He was 92. He served Troup County as a physician for 60 years. Dr. Molyneaux graduated from the University of Buffalo Medical School. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II and received a Bronze Star for maintaining a field hospital following the Normandy invasion. Dr. Molyneaux was a member of the Troup County Medical Society, the Georgia Medical Association, and served as medical director for the Brian Center Nursing Care and the Royal Elaine Nursing Homes for many years. In 1998 Dr. Molyneaux was named physician of the year by the Clarke-Holder Clinic of LaGrange in recognition of his many years of service to the community. He was a member and elder of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Hogansville. He was also a member of the American Legion and a longtime volunteer for the Troup County Unit of the American Cancer Society. The Hogansville mayor eulogized Dr. Molyneaux, saying "He's one of the finest men I've ever known."

**35** **Georgina E. Cook** died August 7, 1999, at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center. She lived in Syracuse since 1942. Mrs. Cook was a member of Liverpool United Methodist Church and the Onondaga Brailist Organization. William, her husband of 57 years, survives, as well as four sons and five grandchildren.

**36** **Florence (Lytle) Bence** died July 30, 2000. She was 84. In 1937 she married **James Bence '37**, who survives, in a garden ceremony a few hours after his graduation. For 62 years she shared her husband's calling to full-time Christian service. Fifty of those years were spent in the Central New York District of The Wesleyan Church. She also supported her husband in ministry as district superintendent's wife for 12 years. Mrs. Bence was a Sunday school teacher, Scout leader, and district treasurer of the

Women's Missionary Society. She was a gracious host to as many as 600 guests in her home in a single year. She was an avid stamp collector and she enjoyed canning and stitching. Two sons predeceased her. Besides her husband, she is survived by seven children: **Rachel Connell '59, Priscilla Andrews '61, Norma Grover '63, Clarence '66, Alice Davidson '67, Evelyn '74, and Philip '78.**

**38** **Martha (Bantle) Doran** passed away February 17, 2000, after a two-year battle with breast cancer. She was 84. Mrs. Doran was an active librarian for Atlanta (Ga.) Public Schools up until two years ago. A daughter survives.

**Helen Louis Strong** died March 9, 2000. Ms. Strong was a secretary for GM for 27 years. She was active in her Wesleyan church Sunday school and prayer request programs. A victim of muscular dystrophy, she spent the last 20 years in a wheelchair under the care of her sister, Ruth, who survives. Ms. Strong was predeceased by four siblings.

**40** **Marie (Looman) Huff** died August 13, 2000. She was 82. Church organist, choir director, and vocalist, she and her husband, John, who survives, pastored churches in Arizona for many years. Until 1977 she was employed at Consumers Power Department of Economic Security and Hoover's Piano and Organ in Michigan. Besides her husband, Mrs. Huff is survived by daughters **Sharon Anderson '64** and **Patricia Thompson '69**; a son; two sisters, including **Mildred (Looman '40) Huff**; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**41** **Chester Heimburg** died October 20, 1999. He served during World War II in the Army Air Forces as a corporal, ending his tour of duty in Guam. In 1953 a young Chet, his wife, **Jane (Hall '41)**, who survives, and their three sons moved to Central Florida. With a master's degree in education from Rollins College, Mr.

Heimburg taught junior high school science and later became principal at Highlands Elementary School in Kissimmee. He retired in 1982. In retirement, Chet landscaped and tended the couple's 10-acre spread with trees, shrubs, and flowers. Besides his widow, Chet is survived by his stepmother; three sons; a sister; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**43** **Bruce McCarty**, former owner and operator of McCarty's Restaurant and Motel in Fillmore, N.Y., died March 4, 2000. He was 80. He lived most of his life in western New York, but moved to North Carolina in 1989. Mr. McCarty was a member of the Balfour United Methodist Church of Hendersonville. His wife, Marion, survives, as do a daughter; a brother, **Graydon '35**; and several nieces and nephews.

**46** **Helen (Sunderland) Walker** passed away May 14, 2000. Born in 1923, she later became a homemaker and volunteered her time to help others succeed in sobriety. She was a 23-year member of AA Freedom Group in Lompoc, California. Her husband, George, survives her. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the AA Freedom Group, Lompoc, 321 North D St., Lompoc, CA 93436.

**49** **Charles DeSanto** died August 8, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Indiana. An ordained Presbyterian minister for 17 years, he was retired from Lockhaven University, where he had taught sociology for 21 years; he had taught at Taylor and Huntington colleges as well. Charles was a graduate of Temple University and earned a master's degree from Ball State University and a Ph.D. from Duke University. He was a member of the Wabash Presbytery, a guest columnist for The News-Sentinel, and a World War II Navy veteran. Surviving are his wife, **Norma (Michener '48)**, two daughters, two sons, five brothers, a sister, and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made



to the National Parkinson's Foundation or World Vision Fund.

**51 James C. Snyder** died from a stroke on June 22, 2000, at the Carroll County General Hospital in Maryland. He was 69. A respected and esteemed small-business owner, James retired 10 years ago from Snyder Body, Inc., founded by his father. James's outstanding reputation as a businessman was the fruit of his ability to sell large quantities of school buses throughout the state of Maryland, as well as truck bodies all over the world. Mr. Snyder was a philanthropist and a churchman. He served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations and as a member of Westminster Church of the Brethren. His wife, **Dolores (Cauwels '51)**, survives him, as well as his parents, two daughters and their spouses, and six grandchildren.

**52 Ransom E. Graham, Jr.** died August 16, 2000. He served the Allegany Central School District for 24 years, teaching history and working as a guidance counselor. He retired in 1983. His master's degree was earned from St. Bonaventure University. He served on his local volunteer fire department and on various civic committees. From 1943-46 he was in the U.S. Army with the military police in the 118th Troop and also worked in the Burma Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 54 years; three sons; two daughters; a sister; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**77 James Steinbiser** passed away August 11, 1998. He was 47. Born and raised in Allegany County, New York, he received degrees from Houghton and SUNY @Alfred. He was a Marine veteran. At the time of his death James was director of application development in the information and technology division of General Public Utility in Reading, Pa. He was a member of the Trinity Bible Fellowship Church in Blandon, Pa. His widow, **Su-**

**san (Bibighaus '77)**, survives, along with a daughter, a son, five sisters, and one brother.

**84 Kevin Hartzell** died June 3, 2000, in an accidental drowning incident while on a business trip in Dallas, Texas. He was 42. He had earned a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1985 and a master of arts from Princeton University. Kevin was a financial consultant for companies throughout the United States. Prior to that, he was a vice president at PrinVest Corp. in Lawrenceville, N.J. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Kevin is survived by his widow; his mother; two brothers; a sister; his paternal grandmother; and 11 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father and a brother.

**89 Dawn Greenfield** died August 29, 2000, from cancer. She was 33. A church administrator at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Williamsville, N.Y., for the past eight years, Dawn had also worked at Benders Christian Bookstore for three years prior. She was a member of Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church and enjoyed singing, horseback riding, and raising peek-a-poos. Survivors include her parents; a sister, **Cheryl Potts '76**; three brothers, including **Stephen '77**; her paternal grandmother; and nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**98 Dana (Himes) Spry** died August 29, 2000, at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y. A 1987 graduate of Springville High School, she married Larry "Buzzy" Spry, who survives, on March 27, 1999. She worked as a training coordinator at West Valley Demonstration Project for the past seven years. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ellicottville, N.Y. Besides her husband and parents, survivors include a daughter, three stepchildren, and a brother.

## Linda Doezema



Friends in the Houghton community and beyond are mourning the loss of **Linda Doezema**, reference librarian since 1979, who died on September 9, 2000, from cancer. Her husband, Bill, a professor of history at Houghton for 21 years, survives, as do two children.

Linda received her bachelor of arts degree from Calvin College in Michigan, and a master's of library science and a master's of arts from Kent State. Besides reference librarian, Linda was college archivist. She had an impeccable ability to find the remotest college fact or a rare photograph.

President Chamberlain recalls, "Linda was a consummate professional, the ideal person to collect and preserve the college history. She amassed a prodigious amount of information while bringing order out of chaos that had formerly characterized the collection." He continued, "Linda was a courageous person. She faced her own mortality with a calm and abiding faith that can serve as a model for us all . . . We admired and appreciated Linda for her knowledge and what she did; we loved and valued her for who she was, a cheerful, competent, courageous, and compassionate Christian."





*"Faith" is one in a collection of poems in "Simple Clutter," a book by writing and literature professor James Zoller. Each poem "focuses on moments in normal activities that become larger than themselves—moments of reflection within the confusions of life."*

## Faith

something within the edge of the woods  
at the precise point of obscurity

something I have been moving toward all along

something with a voice, not raised, not strident,  
not above all articulated but there, distinct  
as a mushroom being sliced

something to embrace the paradox of parallels  
fusing where land meets sky

something rooting in mud-hovels  
breaking like light at Chartre

something without shape, substance, body, form, organs  
which I dissect with infinite care

something I have laid my hands on, have spoken to,  
have forgotten in the labyrinth of waking

something with the dried fruit of infinity like a seed

something beneath the war statuary,  
beneath boots of faceless infantry,  
beneath banners of a new order  
that bleeds in the public square like an old woman  
dying perpetually, despised and heroic

something bound in the webs of cosmology  
beneath a dazzling, vacant sky

something about which has always  
irrevocably been said, ah! yes . . .

something that even now  
sits on a small folding chair tipped to the wall  
just past the circle of light  
and laughs at this nonsense.

—James Zoller



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