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Nothing but the Truth

"Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?" That question properly presupposes that dishonesty and even partial truth make it impossible to reach fair conclusions that will exonerate or condemn the accused. Our society places such a high premium on truth telling under oath that divine concurrence is implored ("so help me God" or "as God is my witness"), and severe penalties are imposed upon perjurers.

People understand in an almost visceral way that honest communication is the glue that builds relationships between individuals and binds communities together. Such communication combines careful perception with clear presentation. It strives primarily to promote understanding rather than convince a hearer. The profound difference between just hearing words and transmitting ideas is imbedded in the story of Pentecost. All the presenters spoke the language of their audience, and all the listeners understood the words in their own tongue. But the similarity stops here. Some hearers were transformed by the message because they understood and accepted the good news being shared by Peter and others. Others simply made fun of the words that were spoken by saying, "They have had too much wine."

Telling the whole truth is difficult for many reasons. Seldom

does anyone have enough information and enough understanding to tell the whole truth about any situation. The recent lengthy program on Dateline about a former Houghton College student illustrates the point. In many ways, the story was very well done. The documentary clearly presented a problem a Houghton student was struggling to address and overcome. The issue of self-injury was described in some depth, and viewers were informed about the seriousness of this psychological problem. Since then, other articles have appeared that have the potential for helping victims of this disorder to overcome it. The program also pictured Houghton as a beautiful and tranquil place.

But this story is also an excellent example of just how difficult it is "to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth." The narrator neglected to mention that Houghton is a Christian college that dealt compassionately with this student and her illness for several semesters. Also missing was reference to our excellent counseling staff that provided initial assistance and wise referrals as this problem continued. The story also pictured the student as she stated that she was "kicked out." She almost certainly felt that way when she was again placed on medical leave, but her choice of words was unfortunate and inaccurate from our perspective.



Some years ago, a Houghton College student authored a "senior essay" which appeared in the *STAR*. In it, he raised the question, "Can you imagine President Chamberlain speaking in chapel without using the word 'community'?" His rhetorical question reflects the emphasis Houghton College places upon community. We also recognize the close correlation in derivation of *communication* and *community*. *Community* is achieved and enhanced as we *communicate* accurately and completely. In that process, we must maintain the humility of Christian scholars about the limitations of our own perspectives even as we exhibit profound respect for others and their ideas. Such attitudes help create and promote the climate where we can together come closer to the whole truth.

Daniel R. Chamberlain

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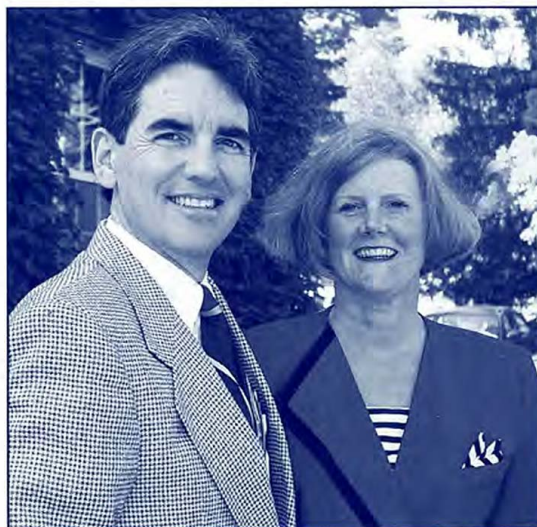
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News from Houghton Academy

- Enrollment is at an all-time high of 183, a 16-percent increase over last year and a 29-percent increase over 1996. Grades 10, 11, and 12 each number more than 30 students, and both dorms have reached or are approaching capacity with a total of 58 boarding students.
- A new campus sign now graces the front lawn of the school, thanks to Crandall's Memorials of Caneadea and Olean. The company donated the painted, stone-carved sign this fall.
- The Academy has been given a 1990 Chevrolet Corsica by the Preston Auto/Truck Center of Wellsville. The vehicle will be used by the Development Office.
- Six students participated in all-state music festivals this fall
- The girls' volleyball team claimed another sectional title and earned their third trip to the State Final Four.
- Barry King has been named a Commended Student in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Barry's father, Ben, is a professor of voice at the college.



Jim and Ellen Mannoia

Mannoia Departs for Presidency

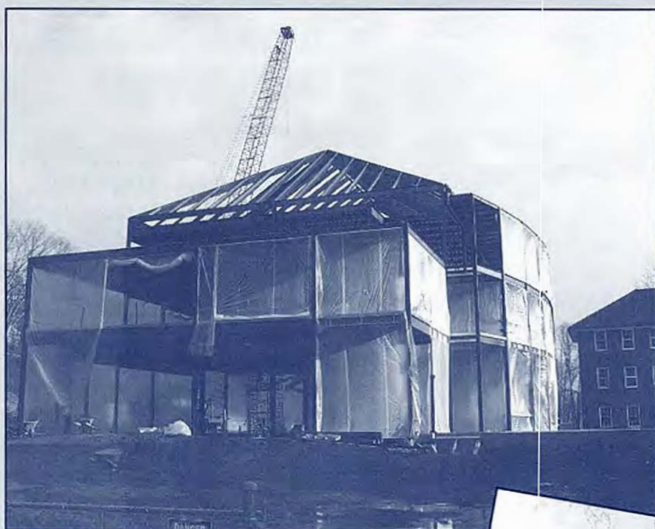
Dr. V. James Mannoia, academic vice president and dean of the college, has accepted the position of president at Greenville College, a Free Methodist college in Illinois.

Mannoia, who assumes the job in January, has served at Houghton since 1993. He was instrumental in the implementation of a number of programs for both students and faculty that have become distinctives of the college, including the Educational Technology Initiative, First-Year Honors Program, Houghton in London and Tanzania, and Houghton Institute for Integrative Studies, and he played a key role in helping raise faculty salaries to national standards. He also served as professor of philosophy, teaching courses in ethics and logic.

President Dr. Daniel R. Chamberlain says he will miss Mannoia's leadership and commitment to the liberal arts. "He has a passion for excellence which exhibits itself in what he has accomplished, the programs he has helped establish," says Chamberlain. "He also has a biding commitment to Christian liberal arts and developing people with Christ-like character; that is at the heart and drives all other things."

Mannoia says he wasn't looking to leave Houghton. In fact, he had turned down presidential offers in the past, but several factors made this the perfect opportunity for him. He did his first college teaching at Greenville and numerous relatives and friends have graduated from there. Most importantly, Mannoia has a deep loyalty to the Free Methodist Church, and of the Free Methodist colleges, Greenville is the one most committed to residential, undergraduate, liberal arts.

Mannoia joins several individuals with Houghton ties who have gone on to become college presidents. Currently two alums and two former staff members are serving as presidents at Christian colleges. Former academic vice president Jim Barnes is president at Indiana Wesleyan University, former vice president for development Blair Dowden is president at Huntington (Ind.) College, 1961 graduate Paul Mills is president at Bartlesville (Okla.) Wesleyan College, and 1961 graduate Richard Mouw is president at Fuller Theological Seminary.



Construction Update

Work crews for the fine arts center have taken advantage of mild weather to make up some time lost during the initial phases of the project. "We were behind in the start due to a maze of utilities beneath the site," said Jeff Spear, vice president of finance. "And we needed to run new gas and sewer lines from other locations. But the weather has enabled us to catch up quite a bit. We're still on schedule for a Sept. 1, 1999, opening."

The facility has begun to take shape as construction of the structural and platform steel is nearing completion. Once that is completed, some of the major, large systems, such as the elevator, will be moved into the building, then steel studding for the outside walls will begin. "Now we'll see multiple components of the project going on at once," said Spear. "Once we start the stud work we can begin preparations for the electrical systems, venting, and duct work." Construction of the roof platform will probably begin in mid-December. The building is expected to be totally enclosed by early February.

Reigles Recognized with Teaching Award

Dr. B. Jean Reigles, professor of voice and director of choral activities at Houghton College, was a recent recipient of one of the Independent College Fund of New York Excellence in Teaching Awards.

The award, funded by New York State Electric and Gas, is given annually to professors who are recognized for resourcefulness and leadership as independent college educators. Reigles was one of 11 chosen from New York state.

"At the time of her promotion to professor, colleagues judged her perhaps the most outstanding faculty they had reviewed in years," said Dr. V. James Mannoia, Jr., academic vice president and dean of the college, during the on-campus presentation. "She is remarkable... uniformly superior, not only in teaching but in scholarship, community service, and integrity. She is held in highest regard among peers and works in the top one percent of musicians."



Jean Reigles and Fred Marks of N.Y.S.E.G.

Helping Honduras

When Hurricane Mitch swept through Central America this fall, the results were devastating. Flooding and mud slides left thousands dead, destroyed crops, ruined the water supply, and swept away bridges and homes.

The devastation has had a deep affect on professor Thomas Kettelkamp who has traveled in and out of Honduras for the last 20 years, the last ten of which leading Mayterm trips for Houghton students.

"It's a very special place to my wife and me," he added. "We have friends down there, and when your friends get hurt you want to help. Your faith motivates you to act."

Kettelkamp has spearheaded a relief effort on campus that has gathered more than 200 boxes filled with clothing, linens, blankets, towels, and other items that will be shipped to Honduras.

Kettelkamp will also take a group of students and volunteers to work with the Hondurans in cleanup and recovery efforts January 5-11.

Houghton pre-med students will be helping with a Cuban medical brigade, another group will be involved in play-therapy with children at a refugee camp, a third group will be working at basic construction — cleaning and shoveling out from the mud slides — and another group will help distribute donated supplies.



Ralph S. Larsen

Johnson & Johnson CEO Challenges Students

Ralph S. Larsen, chair of the board and chief executive officer of Johnson & Johnson, the diversified international health care company, was brought to campus for two days in October through a grant to Houghton's business and economics department from the William B. Cockcroft Forum for Free Enterprise.

He participated in a panel discussion with students and then spoke in chapel, sharing his thoughts on character and the role it plays in leadership. Addressing the student body, Larsen said, "It's tough to find the leaders of tomorrow, people of character. Personal leadership is about setting the ethical tone. People won't follow people they don't trust. People who make a habit of doing the right things in the small circumstances can be counted on to do the right thing when the crises hit. Principled action is not only the moral thing, it is the correct business action." He then challenged: "The need for strong leaders is enormous in whatever your field of endeavor. Do everything you can at this institution of higher learning, one based on character building, to learn about this magical thing called leadership. Know who you are, what you stand for, and live by your values everyday."

Jonathan Heller, a senior business major from Mount Joy, Pa., enjoyed an opportunity to hear from a major player in the world of international business. "I found it refreshing to hear a leader talk about how character and integrity matter, and how these qualities enhance leadership capabilities."

The Cockcroft grant will also fund a forum with another corporate executive, Michael Cardone, president and CEO of Cardone Industries, next semester. Cardone is the nation's leading remanufacturer of auto parts. Fifteen Houghton alumni are currently employed at Cardone, which has a workforce of 3,600 in northeast Philadelphia and around the nation.

Local Government Award

Houghton's continued commitment to the community was recognized by the Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board when the college was presented with the Local Government Award at a meeting of the college trustees on campus this fall.

President Chamberlain accepted the award from the organization's executive director Donald Rychnowski. "We care about our county and community," said Chamberlain. "I was really pleased that our efforts were recognized. It shows that Houghton is a great place to live, work, and study." For years Houghton has made the campus available for numerous township and county meetings and conferences.



Volunteers gathered to pack boxes for Honduran relief effort.

Coming Clean For United Way

Sponges, vacuums, and hoses took the place of pens, phones, and legal pads as Houghton College President Daniel Chamberlain and four of his vice presidents held their first-ever Executive Car Wash in front of the college campus center in November.

Two employees won the royal car cleaning when their names were drawn at an information session detailing the college's annual United Way Campaign.

"Our purpose was to encourage participation in the information session, and our hope was that as people learned how vital United Way is to Allegany County they would want to give," says Chamberlain. "And that's what's happened. Participation and donations have skyrocketed compared with last year."

"We wanted to do the car wash at a public place at a public time. It's just a fun way to get into the spirit of the thing."

Houghton College's campaign has raised well over \$5,000 for the United Way.

The festivities continued with a party — pizza was served by the president and vice presidents — for all who participated in the campaign.



Administrators put a shine on staff cars.

Chamber Singers Perform for UN Ambassadors

The Houghton College Chamber Singers presented their annual Madrigal dinner concert to more than 200 ambassadors, consuls general, and international executives at an event sponsored by the Christian Embassy to the United Nations at the East Side Marriott in Manhattan on December 9.

The Christian Embassy to the United Nations, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, is involved in outreach activities to the United Nations' diplomatic community. Started in 1985 as a student ministry, the organization shares the gospel to UN ambassadors and their families, organizes small group and one-on-one Bible studies, and helps prepare Christian diplomats to return to their countries to share the Bible.



"Come, come ye sons of art..."

Madrigal dinners have been a unique holiday celebration and tradition at Houghton for the past 33 years. Each December the college hosts three performances, and during the last few years the festivities have been taken on the road, with recent dinners in Buffalo. More than 1,200 guests attend the events each year, but with the UN performance, this is the first time the guest list had such an international flavor.

Talented Teens

Houghton College hosted the annual Teens and Talent (TNT) and Wesleyan Bible Bowl (WBB) competition for over 200 Northeast District youth from The Wesleyan Church, October 16-17.

According to Patti McCallum, Northeast TNT director, the competition helps young people afford a Wesleyan education. She noted that close to \$50,000 in scholarships is awarded to winners. Winners this year will go on to the national level, where scholarships are doubled.

Students from eight Wesleyan church districts competed in TNT. Areas included performing arts, speech, vocal and instrumental music, and completed achievement.

Nine of 34 judges were Houghton College faculty or staff.

According to McCallum, this year's event was "the best ever. There was an overall positive spirit of the participants and we had a balanced panel of judges."

WBB, a double-elimination quizzing event, focused on the Books of James and Romans. According to Northeast Area Director Herb Shafer, the four teams, who were from the Chesapeake, Penn Jersey, Western Pennsylvania and Central New York districts, did very well. "The matches were close. I sensed a good spirit among the kids."



Houghton hosts one of the largest Northeast TNT competitions.

Wood Carvings Donated

A collection of intricately detailed woodcarvings were the source of personal comfort and therapy for 40 years for Allegany County native Arvis Tucker. Houghton College recently became the recipient of this collection — 25 large pieces and more than 200 smaller items that include letter openers, bracelets, and bookmarks.

A native of Caneadea, Arvis was interested in art and in wood-working, enjoying carving as a boy,

and later working as a carpenter, cabinet-maker, and draftsman. After suffering serious injuries in World War II and becoming allergic to painkillers, Arvis found that

woodcarving provided release from his constant pain. Though he never had formal art training, Arvis mastered his craft, designed his own tools, and began crafting his figures from 25 kinds of wood.

"We were born in Caneadea and used to attend college classes in the 1920s and 30s," says Mrs. Mavis Tucker, who donated the collection. "The college was like a good neighbor ... and Arvis was very interested in the historical background of Houghton and the area. For these reasons I would prefer to keep Arvis's beautiful collection as a collection, displayed publicly for all to enjoy."

Selected carvings are currently displayed in Houghton College's admission office in Fancher Hall.



Beautiful forms forged through therapy.

Community Center Celebrates Opening

After a decade of work, the King Urban Life Center in Buffalo celebrated its grand opening in October.

Houghton president Dr. Daniel R. Chamberlain joined members of the King Center board and Buffalo-area civic and business leaders in celebrating the \$4 million renovation that has transformed a deteriorating church into a community center that offers innovative educational programs and services to Buffalo's east side. The building, formerly known as St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, was scheduled for demolition. But with the help of concerned citizens and Houghton College, the landmark and its original purpose — reaching out to those in need in one of the city's poorest and most violent neighborhoods — were saved.

What began as an interest in establishing an extension for the West Seneca Campus, evolved into an opportunity for Houghton to deepen its



Young learners continue the process of discovery in one of the four multi-age classrooms during the grand opening.

Homecoming

Though the temperatures had started to fall, the campus had a definite tropical feel for Homecoming Weekend, October 1-3. With "Treasure Island" as its theme, the weekend featured plenty of parrots, pirates, and buried treasure, as well as numerous activities for alumni and students.

Thursday featured games sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, followed by the showing of the movie "Muppet Treasure Island." Friday's activi-

ties began with departmental receptions and the salute to the women of Houghton at the Founders' Day Convocation, continued with traditional homecoming Spot, and concluded with the bonfire and the coronation of the King and Queen (David Johnson of Utica, N.Y., and Krista Ruth of Boyertown, Pa.).

The activities continued on Saturday with the horse trials and dressage competition at the college Equestrian Center, the Parade, a picnic on the quad, numerous athletic competitions, a formal homecoming banquet, and an Artist Series concert by pianist Katsunori Ishii, in Wesley Chapel.

Founders' Day Convocation

Traditionally an opportunity to look back and learn about the people and events that have played key roles in the history of an institution, the Founders' Day Convocation remembered the influential women who have helped shape the college. Departing from the tradi-



Students unwind at "gladiator"-style games on the quad.

involvement in Buffalo's east side. An initial grant from the Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education in the late 80s, helped the college establish programs for early childhood education and daycare staff training, for after-school tutoring, and for ministerial education in the city.

Today, the King Center brings most of those programs under one roof. It is home to the King Center School, a four-classroom public school for pre-kindergarten to second-grade students, the Wee Read beginning literacy program, after-school computer enrichment programs, weekend reading programs, an adult literacy class, and a sewing class.



State-of-the-art classroom facilities design maintains the integrity of the sanctuary.

King Center, Chuck serves on the board of directors, and a Houghton student is student teaching at the center's school.



Captain Chamberlain and first mate Joyce served as grand marshals for the parade.

tion, however, the convocation presented the information in a unique, interactive, and entertaining, Jeopardy-like gameshow format.

"We used questions and answers to attempt to evoke the facts, character, and ideology of these women," said Dean Liddick, former *Milieu* editor, who helped write the program's script. President Chamberlain served as the show's host, while three contestants, representing the faculty, student body, and faculty emeriti, attempted to answer the questions.

chapels," said Doug Gaerte, professor of communication and originator of the game show idea. "We wanted something that would be entertaining and something that the students would be attracted to."

The program included "commercial breaks" that featured the annual yearbook dedication (presented to Dick and Lois Wing) and the recognition of the Davidson Distinguished Professors in fine arts (Dr. Robert Galoway) and social sciences (Daryl Stevenson).

All questions and answers — some presented in audio, slides, live-action, and narrative pieces — related to faculty, staff, students, and alumni women dating back to the early days of the school.

"We've had great speakers in the past but we wanted a format that was a little different and unique from other



Who's Who

Twenty-one Houghton students have been named to the 1999 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

A nominating committee, consisting of Houghton faculty, staff and students, considers five criteria: scholarship, citizenship, service to the school, Christian maturity and participation, and leadership in academic and co-curricular activities.

Houghton inductees join an elite group of students chosen from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning located in the United States and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since 1934.

Jill Brautigam of Westfield, N.Y.; Shana Buchanan of Harrisville, Pa.; Christina Cook of Ashville, N.Y.; Kristen Cook of Delhi, N.Y.; Erica Currell of Mayville, Mich.; Heidi Frasure of Stow, Ohio; Melissa Hobbs of Syracuse, N.Y.; Jeff Holcomb of Southfield, Mich.; Jeremy John of Boca Raton, Fla.; John Michael Jordan of Pilesgrove, N.J.; Laura Judge of Glenallen, Alaska; Raymond Kent of Colchester, Vt.; Erin Kidder of Jamestown, N.Y.; Jeanie MacCallum of Moncton, N.B., Canada; Beth Nagy of Gilbertsville, Pa.; Kiley Potter of Wellsville, N.Y.; Aaron Rose of Spencerport, N.Y.; Krista Ruth of Boyertown, Pa.; Seth Taylor of Cottage Grove, Ore.; Mark VanderHaar of Oxford, Pa.; Erin Warren-Elliott of Vancouver, Wash.

NAIA All-America Honors

Six women's soccer players earned NAIA All-America honors. Andrea Potteiger was named to the second team, Sunshine Leonard was named to the first team, and Heather Shear and Jen Mattison were named to the Honorable Mention team. Potteiger, Kristine Larson, and Erin Elliott were named NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes.

Leonard was also named NAIA Northeast Region Player of the Year.

Sanjeev Parmar and Jeremy John were both named Honorable Mention NAIA All-America for men's soccer.

Allison Chubb was named NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete for volleyball.

Media Guide Recognized

Andy Cahill, Jason Mucher, and Val Smith have been recognized for their work on the 1997-98 Basketball Season Program by the NAIA-Sports Information Directors Association. The publication received fifth place in the nation in the association's annual Combined

Basketball Brochure Contest.

If you would like this season's basketball media guide call Jason Mucher at (716)567-9559.



Field Hockey

The Lady Highlanders concluded a near-perfect season with a record of 15-1. The 15 wins is a program record for wins in a season. A major highlight of the season was a 4-2 victory over Lock Haven University, a dominant NCAA Division II program which was ranked No. 2 in the nation at the time. The Lady Highlanders' only loss was to Bloomsburg University, winners of the last three NCAA Division II championships. In fact, Bloomsburg beat Lock Haven in this year's title game. Junior Judy Johnson (Willow Street, Pa.) led the team in scoring with 15 goals and 4 assists while junior Susan Ventresca (Ambler, Pa.) added 11 goals and 10 assists.

Men's Soccer

The Highlanders finished another successful season with a trip to the region tournament and a record of 14-4-1. The team lost to Husson College, 3-2, in double overtime at the region tournament in Bangor, Maine. Houghton was ranked No. 2 in the Northeast Region and No. 16 in the final NAIA poll. Senior Stetson Knight (Kingston, Jamaica) led the team in scoring with 13 goals and 3 assists. Knight, Nick Konawalik (So; Brodheadsville, Pa.), Sanjeev Parmar (Jr; Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada), Aaron Rose (Sr; Spencerport, N.Y.), and Jeremy John (Sr; Boca Raton, Fla.) were named All-Northeast Atlantic Conference.

Women's Soccer

It didn't happen the way they had planned it, but the Lady Highlanders made it to nationals for the first time since 1985. The team lost to Dominican College, 1-0, in the Northeast Region semifinals, but earned an at-large bid to the NAIA National Tournament in Mobile, Ala. Though they lost both of their games in tournament pool play, the team can still be proud of another spectacular season which saw them finish 18-3. Highlights on the year included an undefeated regular season (17-0), a sixth-consecutive conference title, and several team records, including most shutouts in a season (16), most consecutive wins (18), most wins in a season (18). Heather Shear (Sr; Apalachin, N.Y.) led the team with 25 goals and her 82 career goals tied the program mark. Shear was named the Northeast Atlantic Conference Player of the Year. Joining Shear on the all-conference team were Kari Babbitt (Jr; Webster, N.Y.), Sunshine Leonard (So; Port Crane, N.Y.), Andrea Potteiger (Jr; Mechanicsburg, Pa.), and Jen Hartenstine (Jr; Fountain Hills, Ariz.) Head coach David Lewis was named one of five National Soccer Coaches Association/ Adidas Regional Coaches of the Year.

Volleyball

Houghton volleyball captured conference and Northeast Region titles, earning the program its first-ever trip to the NAIA National Tournament. The team, with a record of 26-6 going into nationals, had four players earn all-conference honors. Amie Fells (Sr; Anderson, Calif.) and Alison Roberts (Jr; Belmont, N.H.) were named to the first team and Allison Chubb (Sr; York, Pa.) and Linda Shea (So; Houghton, N.Y.) were named to the second team. Fells was also named MVP of the conference tournament. Shea ranked among the nation's top ten in digs for much of the season.

At the NAIA National Tournament all matches resulted in losses for a finished season of 26-10.

Cross Country

Krista Ruth (Sr; Boyertown, Pa.) earned her second cross country All-America award with an 18th place finish at the NAIA National Championship race in Kenosha, Wis. The women's squad placed 18th as a team, despite running without No. 2 runner Tenneil Tower (Sr; Westmoreland, N.Y.) who couldn't compete due to an illness.

Ruth's finish gives her four NAIA All-America awards for her Houghton career (she had previously earned two for indoor track). She was also named an NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete for the third time, and during the season was recognized by *USAToday* as a Positive Performer. Head Coach Bob Smalley was named Northeast Region Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year for the fifth time.

The men captured a conference title but not a spot at the national meet. However, Joe Campagna (Jr; Williamsport, Pa.) and Matt Dougherty (So; Saranac Lake, N.Y.) competed as individuals, finishing 65th and 152nd, respectively.



Sports Camps '99

Houghton College offers summer sports camps in cross country, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer and volleyball.

Each camp is directed by a highly qualified coaching staff that is committed to challenging athletes both athletically and spiritually. It is our goal to offer the best instruction available, in a fun and safe environment, while at the same time providing direction for success in life.

Houghton camps are affordable. In addition to that, many of our camps offer further opportunities for savings with special "team discounts" or "early registration discounts."

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Girls' Basketball—June 27-July 2

Boys' Basketball—July 4-9

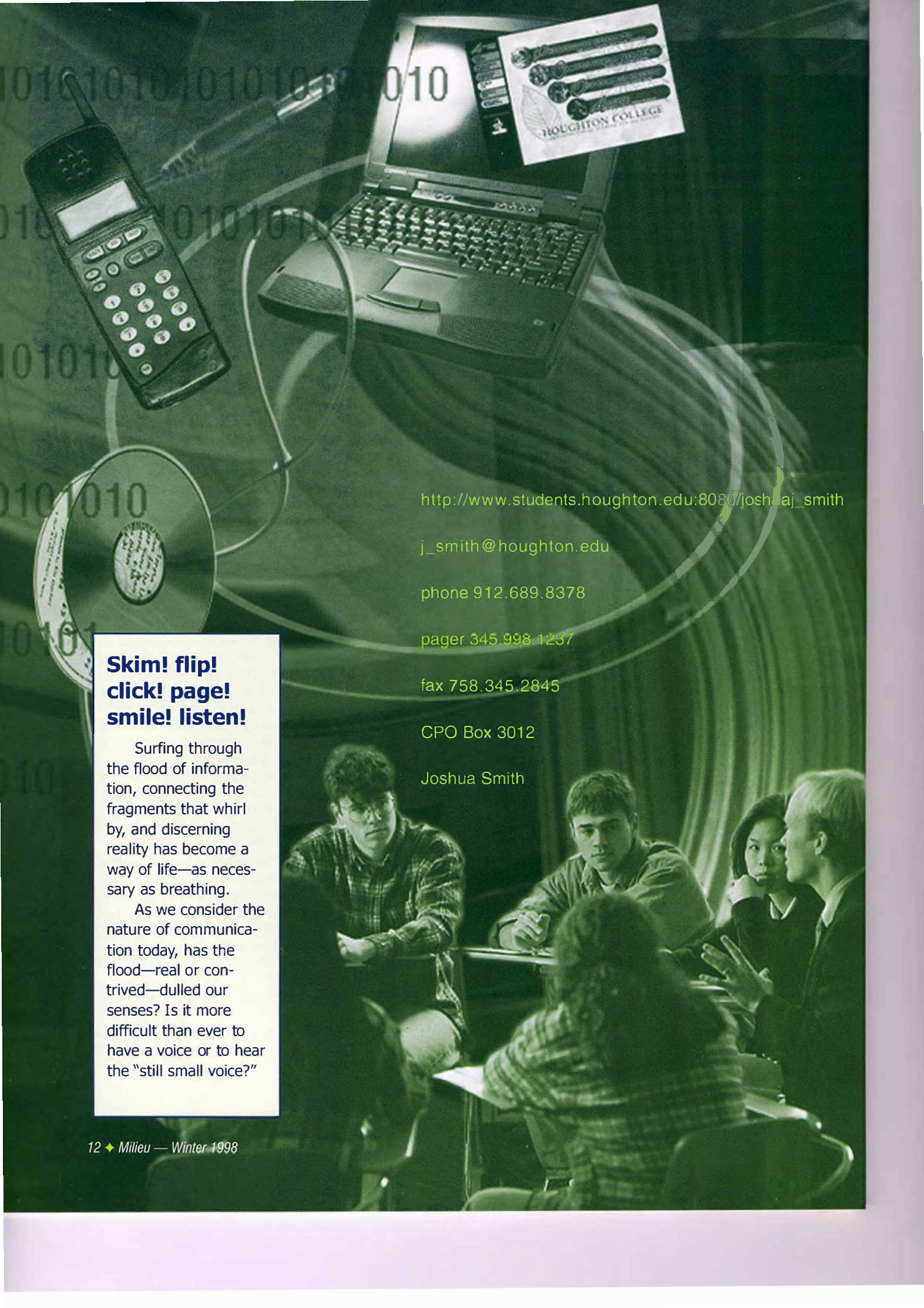
Volleyball—July 11-16

Boys' & Girls' Soccer—July 18-23
& August 1-6

Cross Country—August 1-6

Making Tracks...

Sports teams and local community members are already enjoying the lighted, eight-lane, all-weather, rubberized track and six tennis courts. Intercollegiate meets are being scheduled for the spring.



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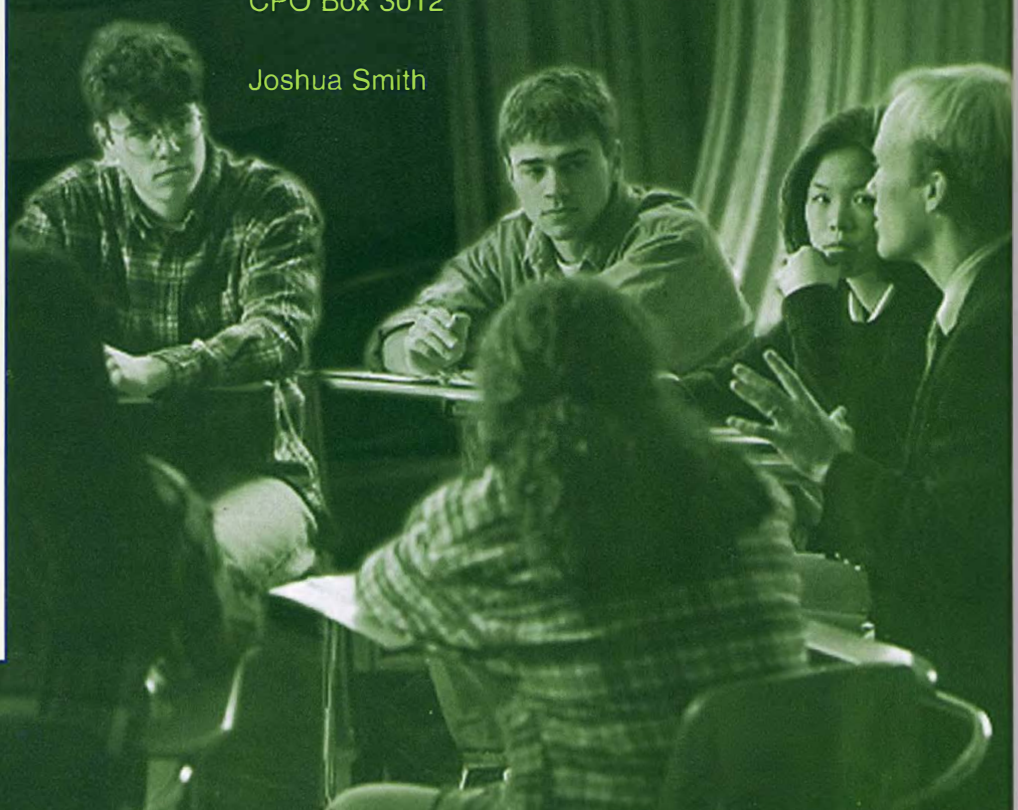
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smile! listen!**

Surfing through the flood of information, connecting the fragments that whirl by, and discerning reality has become a way of life—as necessary as breathing.

As we consider the nature of communication today, has the flood—real or contrived—dulled our senses? Is it more difficult than ever to have a voice or to hear the “still small voice?”



Building **Genuine** Connections in a **Wired** Culture

Monday morning. I wrapped up my 9:00 class a few minutes late, made a quick stop in the faculty lounge to replenish the coffee in my well-used Houghton mug, and headed down the hall for my 10:00. As I rounded the corner I ran into a logjam. A student, engaged in an animated conversation on her cell phone, had stopped in the middle of the traffic. The rapidly growing bottleneck meant I wouldn't be the only one a few minutes late for class. "At least she's not driving," mumbled one student to his friend.

Technology has changed the way we communicate with each other, often for the good. Houghton MKs have immediate access to Mom and Dad half-a-world away. One of my students was thrilled to receive hourly updates on her laptop about the birth of a new niece at home. This past semester I handled course registration via e-mail for students studying off-campus in Los Angeles, Spain, and London. Despite the annoying beepers and cell phones that seem to ring at the most inopportune times, I would miss my faxes, e-mail, and voice mail.

While these technologies have made it easier to reach our audience, they also present new challenges to our efforts to communicate. For years scholars have been discussing the impact of changing technology on mass media. More recently, however, researchers in the area of interpersonal communication

have begun examining how these changes may influence our daily interactions with friends and family.

One significant trend that communication scholars have observed is the unprecedented flood of messages that bombard us. In the last ten years more than 3,000 new magazine titles hit the newsstands. The Internet presents millions of pages of text and images, with thousands of new Web sites being added daily. More than 1,500 magazines and newspapers now have on-line versions. Digital satellite systems deliver nearly 50 stations to viewers; pay-per-view and audio channels often double the number of options.

With all these choices, audiences have fragmented. While in the mid 1980s the top-rated network series captured one of every three viewers, today's top series attracts only one viewer in five. And with about 40 percent of American homes owning three or more television sets, the audience divides even more as family members head to different rooms to watch their favorite shows.

The many choices available also encourage



Janelle (Powell) Garwolds '96
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"Good communication begins with a clear idea of your message – good communication grabs the attention of your target audience and makes sure they understand that message in the way you intended," says Janelle Garwolds.

She describes her firm as "very focused on issues in the city," explaining, "Most of our accounts involve community organizations or city-wide events – we do some really unique work that way." Recently Garwolds's firm planned and publicized *Safe Night*. Sponsored by *One Hundred Black Men of Greater Detroit*, the event promoted non-violence through parties with three rules – no weapons, no alcohol, no arguments. Over 100 sites, from churches to YMCAs, hosted more than 10,000 teens who also participated in a seminar on conflict resolution during the evening.

For Garwolds, the challenge often lies in standing out from the crowd. "There's so much information out there, you have to use creativity to break through these barriers. We strive to layer our communication, to get information across in different ways which build on each other."

distraction. We surf the net, thumb through magazines, glance at eye-pleasing newspaper front pages, and click through channels, moving along whenever we get bored. As Carl Stepp of the University of Maryland College of Journalism notes, Americans are becoming "skimmers," less likely than ever to spend time studying an issue in depth. If our attention wanes, we can always find something new to occupy us.

To capture our fleeting attention, media producers continually work to find new ways to attract viewers and readers. *Columbia Journalism Review* editor Neil Hickey notes, for example, that journalists have resorted to "more life-style stories and soft news" in search of bigger audiences. Deborah Tannen, in her insightful new book *The Argument Culture*, blames this competition for viewers for the increasingly adversarial tone of our public discourse.

The typical view in our society, asserts Tannen, is that "the more extreme a statement is, the more

readers and viewers will be interested." As a result, we feature the differences between people to create an attention-grabbing conflict, ignoring the common ground in the center where most people live.

How do these trends in our mass culture influence our personal relationships? First, our media-saturated climate makes it more difficult than ever to listen to each other. Good listening requires attention. With the distractions created by competing messages, this type of focus is harder to achieve. Last year I assigned a media deprivation activity in two of my classes. For an entire weekend students were not allowed to watch television, listen to the radio, pop a CD into their portable player, or read a magazine. Two common themes emerged in our subsequent discussions. Most of my students noted how difficult it was to escape mass media, even for a short period. And nearly everyone mentioned how, deprived of their normal distractions, they devoted more time to talking with friends. Wrote one student, "I was surprised by how much time I had to just sit and talk with friends."

With e-mail in particular, the speed with which we now communicate creates additional challenges in our personal communication. One of my colleagues recently returned from a conference to find over 140 e-mail messages accumulated in his absence.

The volume of messages, combined with the expectation that e-mail should be answered punc-



Rod Hutton '81

Copy Editor, The Union Leader
• Manchester, New Hampshire

The Union Leader, described by Rod Hutton as "fiercely independent" and a "powerful force in state politics and society," is the largest newspaper in New Hampshire. As copy editor, Rod "presides over the

telling of stories, feeling a sense of responsibility — both to the subject and to the reader—to see that those stories are told fairly, accurately and enjoyably."

He believes the growth and influence of Internet-based news is the most notable trend in his industry. "In the past local news was circulated locally, but now even the smallest local paper can reach a world-wide audience. Despite the dramatic increase in sources of information people still must decide how to be well informed. And with so many competing voices it's easy to be swayed by the loudest or most alluring among them, and thus neglect to evaluate them critically or insist on seeing their credentials." Commercial influence in news also concerns Hutton, particularly the bias of omission: the issue that is glossed over, the story that remains unpublished, the subject that goes unpursued. It's exceedingly difficult to spot something that isn't there.

At a very basic level faith informs Hutton's work. A secular press tends to handle matters of faith clumsily and uncomprehendingly and Christians aggravate the problem by using a proprietary and exclusionary language that, to a secular journalist, sounds strange and means next to nothing. Translating the religious-ese that confuses reporters can be a testimony of faith.



Barb ('79) and Joel ('80) Trudell

Coordinator for SIL Sub-Saharan Africa Literacy Programs, Director of SIL, Africa, Summer Institute of Linguistics, Wycliffe Bible Translators • Nairobi, Kenya

tually, prompts hastily drafted replies. The number of misspellings that appear in the e-mail I receive suggests that often little time is spent proofreading these messages, not to mention reflecting on the nuances of the language being used. Lacking the facial expressions and tone of voice that frame a message during a face-to-face conversation, words alone can easily sound harsh. Messages may be sent in anger, unchecked by the social conventions that soften conversation. Deborah Tannen asserts that "a large percentage of the serious conflicts" that occur in the workplace have been "sparked by one-way communication such as memos, voice mail, and e-mail." The tone of discourse in many on-line chat rooms is often abusive. Some researchers speculate that this nastiness is encouraged by the anonymity of the users — "flaming" someone is easier when the target is unseen.

In a recent cartoon in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, a person talking on the telephone says, "Well listen, if you can't get me by pager, e-mail, or fax, you could just walk down the hall." Great advice, even if it is not always possible. I'll continue to rely on e-mail to keep in touch with a close friend and former colleague who now lives in New Zealand. However, for my students, my friends, and my family here, I must be willing to shut off the television, turn down the music, turn off the computer, and take time to listen. Face-to-face com-

munication helps prevent the misunderstandings and false impressions created by hastily selected words delivered by a machine. This is particularly true in the case of complicated or emotion-laden messages, where the chance to watch someone's face, see their gestures, hear their voice, and ask them questions can dramatically improve our efforts to create shared meaning. Direct talk helps free us from the anonymity that is often the result of mediated communication; it reminds us that our partner is a person made in God's image. Our challenge as communicators today is not in getting the message there. It is in living up to Paul's charge to "let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (Col. 4:6). ♦ — *Dr. Doug Gaerte, professor of communication*



Dick Lawyer '69

*Pennsylvania Broadcast Editor
Associated Press • Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania*

"I'm at the office before 6:00 a.m. By 6:25, I have a headlines package on the wire. At 6:55, I complete a news summary. At 7:25, I finish a business summary. By day's end, I've written and edited 15-20,000 words," says Dick Lawyer. Quite a change for a man who, during his Houghton years, dreaded a 500-word paper and hated current events. "I got bitten by the news bug at the time of President Kennedy's assassination—I spent 42 hours at WJSL reporting the tragedy."

Nowadays, Lawyer finds competition tougher. "The moment something happens, it's getting old. Vietnam pictures were filmed, flown back, and aired days later. With the Gulf War, you could watch SCUD missiles being fired. If something's released at 9:30, people expect it at 9:31 or they find another source."

In writing news, Lawyer pursues a high standard of truthfulness and accuracy, explaining, "The Lord expects my best—a living offering of myself and my work to Him to use however He can." Heading home, he looks up to say, "There was your day Lord—we'll come back and do it again tomorrow."

In the "field arm" of Wycliffe Bible Translators, Barb and Joel Trudell's work focuses on the underpinnings of communication: linguistics, literacy, translation, anthropology and language development. Whether they are overseeing translation training programs for Africans, orientation for new field workers or literacy programs, these two Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) leaders have found understanding of culture and context critical to their work. "Traveling to our field audience allows us to define their needs and characteristics," notes Barb. "Face time is still required to know one's audience."

Contact via satellite and e-mail has revolutionized information sharing, "enabling SIL workers who may not even be within reach of a conventional postal system to benefit from others' experiences more quickly and effectively." The Trudells' use of interactive CDs and Web sites has forged better communication with supporters and colleagues. This has led to lasting accomplishments like "the effects of literacy on adults and children across the continent." Barb explains, "They gain self respect, tools for economic improvement and access to God's Word all at one time. Fantastic!"

Visual Voltage

How much has visual imagery influenced your life? When Scot Bennett, Houghton professor of art, asked *Intro to Visual Arts* students, their answers surprised him. "The majority of the students said they were not influenced greatly by visual communication, 5-10 percent said they were not influenced at all. Out of a class of 35, I had at least 3-4 people who said they were not influenced at all, *neither would they allow themselves to be!* That floored me — not only did they fail to recognize the impact visual imagery has in their lives, they had an agenda against it."

According to the video *The Ad and the Ego*, most of us view over 1,500 ads per day. Ads are only the beginning of the visual images enveloping our lives—from the instant we hop out of bed and glance in the mirror until we switch off the TV and turn out the light, we find ourselves surrounded by images. Images give us information about ourselves, our relationships, our world. But accepting these messages without discernment may expose us to misleading or even harmful influences. Bennett says: "Many of my students don't even question news images. They think photography records reality, but photography is simply a tool chosen by the artist to create an image. You are moved in one direction or another as you respond to that image."

Images win the upper hand in communication because of their immediacy. Graphic designer David Huth ('95) explains, "To tell me what you're thinking, you have to take primarily visual thoughts and translate them into words. For example, in thinking about scenery, you don't

think about articulation of the words—trees, rolling hills—you register impressions of the scenery. If you want to communicate your thoughts about scenery to me, you have to take these images in your mind and translate them into words, and I take those words and translate them back into impressions. Visual communication does what words cannot—words can't *shoot* images directly into your brain."

Once imbedded in your thoughts, images *stick*. "If the image is powerful enough, people remember it versus the actual text message—images like the Coca-Cola font or the McDonald's arches are so substantial and memorable in people's minds," explains advertising account executive Tricia Enos ('97).

Not only that, but how can you *argue* with an image? According to Ted Murphy, professor of art at Houghton, "Words connect to content and images to emotions—you don't rationally understand something until you give it words. With images, you react emotionally long before you can really say anything about them." In his video *Leading Questions*, Bill Moyers comments: "Market forces favor sentimental symbols like the family—easy to invoke, hard to define, impossible to oppose." Commercials "show you a bottle of perfume, then a face descending to kiss someone, then a child laughing. What does all this mean? Nothing, but it creates emotional references to a kiss, to family, to happiness," says Murphy.

Ironically, the power of visual communication expands with our unwillingness to acknowledge it. Advertisers have no such illusions. "Companies spend millions of dollars based on the belief that images influence us. And I have to agree—such a successful, burgeoning industry could not exist without numbers to back it up," says Janelle (Powell) Garwolds '96. Garwolds learned this firsthand in a training development program with DMB&B Worldwide

Bill Howard applies his history major making historical documentary films for museums, Public Broadcasting Stations, Discovery, the Learning Channel and others. Specifically, he is involved in the technical and artistic aspects of production but enjoys the variety of his work, including using his business skills when budgeting for a film, and communication skills when negotiating rates for contractors. All aspects of his education are used and his enthusiasm about what he does is contagious.

Accurate portrayal of historical facts is very challenging. Putting something on screen to illustrate a particular message can tempt one to take an easy or cheap way out. The fast pace of video productions today is a challenge as well. Pictures must give the message—less talk, lots of action. Technology-related concerns in documentary filmmaking exist too, such as "Future-proofing"—a new buzz word among film-makers today—referring to formatting for easy conversion to digital and High Definition TV. Utilizing latest technology in his work Bill confesses to having two computers, and is on-line constantly. He uses e-mail extensively communicating to other staff members and sending documents, scripts, and images electronically.

What keeps Bill motivated? Discovering original documents and film, matching the right pictures to illustrate the point, and seeing how dialogue and images come together to tell the story.

Bill Howard '93
Producer and Editor,
Henninger Productions
• Washington, D.C.





Barbara Pinto '86

Shoreline Bureau Chief, WFFB TV, CBS affiliate • Hartford, Connecticut

After rising at the crack of dawn and reading several morning edition newspapers, Barbara Pinto meets with her staff and decides what stories from their region to cover that day. They divide up the stories, go on site for information gathering and on-camera interviews, or

provide live coverage if needed. You could say she does it all.

Determining what to cover is the most difficult aspect of Barbara's job. You rely on your conscience daily in deciding what is ethical to cover. Do you run the name of an official currently under investigation even though no charges have been filed? What graphics or film do you use when covering a story? She says, "Your faith is your compass when dealing with ethical issues. Your faith is what provides reasons behind your decisions."

While she feels a wide base of knowledge provided by her Houghton education prepared her for current responsibilities, much in the media profession needs to be learned on the job.

Through her work, Barbara strives to clarify issues by putting pictures, words and video together to make the point. "If you can bring to light an issue that hasn't been known before or if you can get help for people who need it, that makes it worth the effort."

Communications:

"In working with General Motors, I discovered if an ad doesn't impact the consumer, they aren't going to go for it. They make the advertising companies back up their creativity with market research."

What do these numbers add up to? Dissatisfaction. Houghton's associate professor of art John Rhett says, "We associate images with reality. We compare the lives we see on TV and in catalogues and wonder why our lives can't be like that—sexy partner, beautiful clothes, dream vacation. This benefits advertisers because it keeps us in need." Garwolds adds: "Even if people don't believe buying this product will make them a more successful person, they believe other people will see them as more successful."

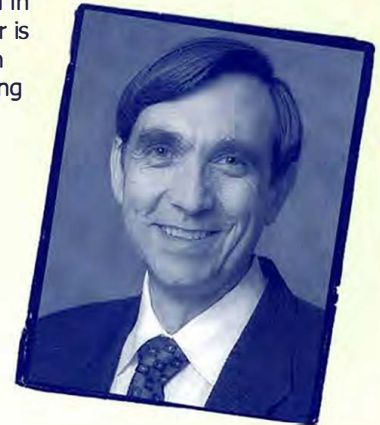
Deceiving images corrode our thoughts, damaging our self-image and stealing our contentment. Yet positive, truthful images inject new life into our creative consciousness. As Murphy asserts, "I don't want to suggest understanding always comes through information. That's a mistake many people make. They'll look at the *Mona Lisa* and say, 'Explain to me why this is a great painting.' We shouldn't expect that you can always explain verbally—we understand some things very profoundly but can't really speak about them."

Upon graduating, math major Doug Comer pursued his growing interest and forged ahead into "a very new field with an uncertain future" studying computer science at Penn State. His current teaching position at Purdue University provides opportunities for Doug to do research in computer networks and operating systems. He has been involved from the very beginning in the development of the Internet, designing computer systems and evaluating their performance using prototype implementations.

Doug is an internationally recognized expert on TCP/IP, and gives lectures and workshops at various network meetings around the world. He also serves as a consultant to private industry. The textbooks he has written are widely used, and recently he published a book for non-technical people about the Internet.

One trend in the computer science field Doug finds disturbing, is a move from long-term research toward money making. This is evidenced by the few trained computer scientists who are willing to consider a career in higher education. The research labs of industry use high salaries and other perks to attract many qualified people. Who will train the next generation?

So why does Doug remain in higher education? "The answer is simply that I love working with computers, and I love explaining what I discover to others!"



Doug Comer '71

Professor of Computer Science, Purdue University • Lafayette, Indiana

People think visuals can always be translated—they can't be, you can't replace the experience."

As Christians, how do we sift the wheat from the chaff? Murphy asks: "What is it that enhances relationships and what prevents us from having a spiritual relationship with God and other people? The lie of the advertising world tells us fulfillment can be found in buying the right product. It can't." Bennett affirms: "Christian artists should be in the business of truth-telling. The question is—does the image in its context and content have a profound message—is its ultimate goal the imitation of Christ?" ♦ —Kim (Weaver '96) Maxwell

Signs of the Times

Thursday evenings in East Hall lounge, a cross-section of approximately ten Houghton College students and their off-campus friends regularly spend an hour in conversation. They meet to discuss commonplace things like what's going on in the week, and though they speak in "English" or "American," they use a language foreign to most of their peers: sign language.

Although Houghton's signing conversational group is currently sponsored only by student initiative, the foreign languages department has debated whether sign language should be officially recognized as a foreign language. "It's a hot topic" not only at Houghton but among many linguists, says

department head Dr. Henry Biggs. He personally feels "that ASL [American Sign Language, one of two primary sign languages] is a distinct second language" with unique accents, syntax and a "very strong culture" including works of poetry and literature.

During her freshman year at Houghton, Anna Ireland ('00) began Deaf Ministries, a club sponsored by economics professor Dr. Robert Black whose son is hearing impaired. "I just started teaching classes and lots of people came," says Anna who has taken lessons in Signed English since her first exposure to the language in a gifted class during third grade. At Houghton she led the club to a camp in Trinidad where they spent a week working with Christian Deaf Ministry. Although Anna does not teach classes this year, she maintains the conversational group where beginners can "just jump in" and learn by observation and practice. Besides interpreting Wednesday nights at Houghton Wesleyan Church, Anna teams up with alumna Pam (Bigham) Duttweiler ('90) who did her student teaching at Buffalo's St. Mary's

School for the Deaf, to lead the conversational group and provide interpretation on Sunday mornings at Belfast Free Methodist Church.

"Houghton's communication major requires a lot of writing. If you can't write, you really can't do any job in this field—it all involves writing messages," says Tricia Enos. As an advertising account executive, Enos uses other strengths discovered at Houghton as well. "My job consists of client contact, sometimes 80 in a day, sometimes one. Then there's the presentation of a new concept—selling companies on why our ideas will bring them more business than any other agency."

In switching from one advertising agency to another, Enos faced some tough decisions. "It's common practice in advertising to bring clients with you. You know the weaknesses of your former agency, so you spotlight those and sell your new agency's strengths to steal accounts. Even though I've had to work harder to rebuild my client base, I just don't feel right about doing that."

Since her current agency is high-tech focused, Enos services computer software, hardware and networking companies. She observes, "Clients are leaning away from technical ads, meaning the product, description, and system requirements. They're focusing on creative, conceptual ideas and images to represent their product—to convey speed, efficiency, quality-control, ease of use."



Tricia Enos '97
Advertising Account
Executive, Red Brick
Design • Chelmsford,
Massachusetts

However, the most proficient and enthusiastic members of the group are not Houghton students or alumni. For Dean Green and Jesse Black, sign language is the primary method of communication. "It's the high light of his week," Anna says of Dean who comes from Hume to talk with others who speak his language. Dr. Black and his wife, Pat, say the conversation group has broadened their 13-year-old son's world. Jesse, an eighth grader at Houghton Academy, now recognizes and interacts with students who know sign language on the college campus, and on Thursday evenings he enjoys joking around with the conversational group. In fact, Pat, who personally appreciates the fellowship at the group discussions, believes the interaction noticeably lifts Jesse's spirits.

Jessica Smith, a first-year student whose 16-year-old brother attends Rochester School for the Deaf, says the familiarity of signing at the conversational group helps her to "deal with homesickness." Although she began signing with her family before she was three, Jessica joined the group at Houghton to expand her vocabulary. "I don't know everything," she admits, explaining that communication within the intimate family setting has developed a limited but adequate style of frequently used signs. Jessica's roommate Daisy Chamberlain, who first introduced her to the signing group, has been exposed to sign for more than seven years through a deaf classmate with whom she

graduated. Daisy, who is only familiar with Signed English, attends the conversational group to learn American Sign Language. She says that learning sign has given her an increased "sense of respect" and sensitivity in other areas of communication such as the cross-cultural friendships she has formed at Houghton.

Although Anna Ireland has been described as the "driving force" behind the signing club, Jessica and Daisy expect to continue the conversational group after Anna graduates next year. After all, "even if you can only say a few words, it's such an encouragement [to a deaf person]," says Pat Black. ♦

—Michelle Wingfield ('99)

Glenn Petraitis '90

Weekend Sports Anchor, News 12 • Long Island, New York; Producer, MSG Sportsdesk, Madison Square Garden Network • New York, New York

Reading the newspaper from front to back, listening to the radio and watching every game or show that can give insight into a story is how Glenn Petraitis prepares for work and dispels the myth that "most sports guys are brainless jocks who know only about sports."

A graduate of Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communication, Glenn finds both his jobs fulfilling. In fact, he says, "anchoring and producing are not much different in that you have to prepare similarly for both jobs. It's just the end product that is different — wearing a headset and instructing 30 people what, how and when to do things or sitting at an anchor desk reporting the day's sports. The needs of my audience are to have the best games and the most important news with the most accurate details." The Internet helps access these details but Glenn speculates that an environment of too many details has led to a critical and less civilized expression of opinions.

On conflicts of faith and work, he has seen it evidenced when there is offensive language in a sound byte. As a producer "decisions must be made about what airs and what doesn't. My Christian beliefs help me make such decisions."

Rob Stoddard '76

Account Executive and Public Relations Manager, Creative Concepts of Western New York Ltd. • Buffalo, New York

After 20-plus years in radio broadcasting, Rob Stoddard pursued public relations. Rob now helps clients determine their objectives, the message they want to communicate and a plan to promote their services and products. In this position about a year, Rob finds great satisfaction in helping people get their message out.

Reflecting on his radio experience, Rob sees a trend away from social responsibility (airwaves belonging to the public) toward radio as a means of generating revenue. As large corporations own dozens of radio stations and focus their efforts on what a narrowly defined demographic group finds interesting, a homogenized approach to programming results. News decisions are based on what is *thought* to be interesting, not on what is hard news. Shallow news coverage result from agencies that pull stories together for a number of radio stations. Recent trends have also led to a dilution of talent, fewer career opportunities and less job stability in the radio industry.

"Our communication with others should always reflect honesty, openness, respect and genuine interest in all aspects of their lives. Maintaining a consistent Christian witness also affects (and limits) career choices. It was sometimes necessary in broadcasting to refuse certain types of programming and now it may be necessary to bypass a client involved in a specific type of service or commerce. Finding employers who understand and support such a stand has been difficult."



Can you **speak** Houghton-ese?

Whether or not you have cheered from the perimeters of Houghton's quad during the fall's heated intramural soccer season or "chilled" with the class of 2002 lately, you should probably "take a sec" to update your Houghton-ese. What are the latest developments in communication among Houghton's cross-cultural multi-lingo scholars and their campus?

Perhaps as a reaction to tight schedules and 21st-century sound-bites, we've concocted a few "abbrevs"—like *abbrevs*, and . . .

Nab: the no longer "new" academic building

Bigs: "Big Al's" which can refer either to the cafeteria or the snack shop

Big Al: Mr. Alan Rehn, director of the renowned (at least at Houghton) Pioneer College Caterers

Fave: favorite

"OoooooooooooooooooooooK": Big Al's fave reply—to the point and affirming

Ridic: a justifiable response if you're scoffing at the past five abbrevs!

Then there are phrases whose implications may transcend a direct translation:

griefwise or goofwise: Groupwise, the campus e-mail system—essential but occasionally exasperating

lounge lizards: infamous couples of the campus center lounge—some things never change!

scan & scam: supposedly the cardinal sin of chapel attendance, but who has lived to tell?

slide & glide: synonym for scan & scam

market bucket: Fillmore's Market Basket grocery store, recently renamed Jubilee and awaiting a future generation's translation

disco barn: large white barn-like apartment building off campus, formerly known as Maplecrest

trough: ice cream cooler in the dining hall

bread nook: toaster/microwave/PB&J counter in the cafeteria

And locations . . .

Bomb Shelter: Shenawana Men's Residence—rumored to have been built during WWII raids

Shen: Who has the time to say Shenawana?

Hotel: Lambein Women's Residence

19: only way to or from this place

Black Hole: music building lounge

Of course, groups of students have developed more specific codes such as . . .

"Are you going up?": art student's method of inquiring "Are you going to the Art Studio?" ("up" grows steeper from November until mid-March)

"Huck one in there!": men's soccer team's phrase meaning, score a goal.

Refugees: self-dubbed men's soccer players of ethnic minorities

Fab Five: five infamous field hockey women

Climber: man or woman who rock climbs and dresses in true climber style

Poser: wannabe climber with the gear and the looks, but no skill

"My bad": an acknowledgement of error—can be repeated up to five times per play in any given sport

And even if you're a native to Allegany County or Northern PA, you'll soon be expected to recognize and use these compliments from our urban friends . . .

"That was money!": well done, great job

"You're the bomb": a replacement for "you rock," you're a great person

"That's phat!": that is really exceptionally cool

Your response may be a big "Whatever!" But if you're feeling a little "skeeved" (disgusted) at your inability to grasp the concepts of Houghton slang or to integrate it into your vocab ASAP, that's ok. As someone who hears them 24-7, sometimes I still think it's just yadda, yadda, yadda . . . —Michelle Wingfield ('99)

Still editing and writing, former Houghton College dean of women Viola Blake enjoyed a varied career, including editing four books and 20 years in the magazine industry.

She believes the keenness of competition among Christian journalism and the secular world has tended to improve the quality of communication. But the reading and appreciation of books are secondary as many readers shift from a contemplative mindset to an active one — the result of our rapid lifestyles. And when it comes to obtaining information and expanding media, the path of least resistance has become the norm.

In retrospect, preparation for her career in journalism would have been preceded by immersion in good literature, classic and modern, and loving the language. And regardless of one's chosen career, effectiveness would be characterized by a view of the world based on scripture, observation and judgement with the mind of Christ, and love in the spirit of I Corinthians 13. "Today we need to know more of what the world is thinking — to seek the pulse of humanity.

Viola Blake '48

Editor, retired, Decision Magazine • Minneapolis, Minnesota



Corrections-from the last Milieu

Frank Marsh '41—In Mr. Marsh's obituary, we incorrectly reported the number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who survive. *Milieu* should have noted four grandchildren and no (zero) great-grandchildren.

Jennifer Little '93—We reported Jennifer's marriage to Kevin Wickes. Please note that Jennifer will retain and use her maiden name professionally.



21 Winifred (Fero) Clocksene celebrated her 100th birthday. She and her late husband, Gilbert, whom she met at Houghton, lived in Montana, where they farmed and were active in the Medicine Rocks Wesleyan Church. Winifred has four daughters, twelve grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

31 Nellie Hewey lives in Savona, N.Y., and attends Savona Federated Church. She is retired from a 34-year teaching career.

37 Retired Baptist pastor Lee Einfeldt lives in East Randolph, N.Y. He serves his church as a deacon and does some pulpit supply.

40 Retired school teacher Mary Hewey resides in a Steuben County health care facility. She enjoys Christian radio and reading to other residents.

49 Beverly and Margie (Miller) Barnett and Lloyd and Eleanor (Klebot '48) Montzingo both celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries on August 27. The couples were united in a double wedding ceremony in Brighton, Mich., in 1948.

Paul Markell is retired after 50 years of ministry in The Wesleyan Church. He continues to do pre-marital counseling through The Wesleyan Church of Hamburg, N.Y.

50 William and Elizabeth (McMartin '51) Masters retired from pastoral ministry and farming; she also from teaching English. Elizabeth continues to serve in part-time ministry with the United Oswegatchie Parish, near their hometown of Heuvelton, N.Y. She was included in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. The Masterses can be reached via masters@northnet.org.

51 Since "retiring" in 1990 and for the past four years Arthur Northrup has pastored the Mooers United Methodist Church. Arthur reports that his first wife, Esther (Alm '46) passed away in 1996. Arthur has recently remarried; he and his new wife, Evah Jane, are active in the college's North Country Alumni Chapter.

Robert Winger, 80, is pastoring a growing United Methodist church and enjoys playing golf three times weekly. Robert resides in Crossville, Tenn.

52 After spending the last four years volunteering at Hepzibah Children's Home in Macon, Ga., Dick Alderman and his wife, Gerry, have moved to Central, S.C. Dick is teaching math and meteorology at Southern Wesleyan University. The Aldermans spend summers at their home in Houghton.

Eileen (McEntarfer) Feldner recently enjoyed a trip to Quebec, "to see all those historical sites I taught in 5th grade history."

Eileen lives in Ocala, Fla.

Centenary United Methodist Church of Bath, N.Y., has added **Connie (Castor) Jackson** to its pastoral staff. As spiritual formation director, Connie is responsible for small group ministries and the establishment of a newcomers' program.

53 Retired music teacher Richard Wakeman has joined the faculty of Lake-Sumter Community College, Leesburg, Fla., as adjunct instructor of music. He will begin teaching with the spring 1999 semester.

54 Trudi (Lomas) Manley of Bohemia, N.Y., enjoys assisting with the care of three of her grandchildren. She serves as recording and corresponding secretary for the Conneaut Retired Teachers Association.

55 Retired United Methodist minister Allyn Foster enjoys choral singing, travel, home renovation, substitute teaching, and occasional preaching duties. Allyn lives in Orchard Park, N.Y., and may be reached via actdrc@aol.com.

56 Retired missionaries Dorothy and Arnold Egeler are now living in Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. They served Africa Inland Mission in Tanzania and Kenya, primarily in church planting and Bible school teaching capacities. The Egelers can be reached at aegeler@juno.com.

Future Alumni

Lance & Megan (Morrill '94) Adams
William & LuAnn (Grimm '78) Bollenbach
Andrew & Peggy (Belcher '92) Brimer '91
Zachary & Martha (Ayres '93) Bryan
Andrew & Melissa (George '97) Cahill '94
Edward & Linda (Geiger '90) Fleth '90
John & Katherine (Adlhock '93) Graham '93
Jeffrey & Christina (Galusha '90) Hice '90
Peter & Jacki (Corey '88) Hise '89
Philip & Gloria (Anderson '92) Hudson
Joel & Stacey (Hitchcock '95) Maldonado
David & Barbara (Olsen '87) Olsson
Richard & Megan (Gove '88) Ong
James & Carol (Hostetter '90) Phillips '90
Rob & Brenda (Bliven '89) Porter '88
Nate & Lyn (Tillapaugh '95) Ransil '93
Paul & Sally (Lawrence '82) Renter
Mike & Laura (Baldwin '94) Ribbing
Dan & Amy (Chamberlain '96) Schilke '94
Kevin & Julie (Sentz '93) Shoemaker '93
Peter & Peggy (Childs '79) Skillman
Marty & Debra (Fischer '84) Skinner
Marvin & Cheryl (Yousey '89) Stoltzfus
Jim & Pam (Schultz '90) Trowbridge
Tim & Medea (Hoffman '88) Valdez '87
Jeff & Debbie (Leonard '90) Vogan '91
Jonathan & Patty (McCauley '93) Watts

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Noah Hondel 4-22-98
Andrew 4-12-97
Elizabeth 8-27-98
Emma Elizabeth 3-27-98
Brennen Michael 8-19-98
Holly Alexandra 9-20-98
Sarah Elizabeth 2-14-98
David John 5-26-98
Corey Elisha 11-10-98
Laura Ruth 4-4-98
Jonathan Raul 11-7-97
Julie Marie 6-17-98
Charles Melvin* 8-10-96
Benjamin David 7-15-98
Priscilla 6-4-97
Caleb Clayton 3-22-98
Lyndsey Ellen 11-7-97
Kyler Matthew 4-23-98
Caleb Daniel 10-23-98
Andrew James 9-19-98
Sarah Joanne Panthipa* 1-16-95
Robbyn Emily 8-8-98
Jefferson Wayne 7-3-98
Jordan Matthew 8-31-98
Parker Noah Hoffman 7-1-97
Kyle Timothy 8-20-98
Emma McCauley 8-1-98



Alumni Authors



Twayne Publishers, a division of Simon & Schuster Macmillan, has published *Curtiss-Wright: Greatness and Decline*. This history of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation is co-authored by **Louis Eltscher '54** and is part of Twayne's Evolution of Modern Business Series. Louis is an emeritus professor of history at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Winston-Derek of Nashville, Tenn., has published *Look To The Mountains*, a romantic novel by **Elizabeth "Bette" Pratt '63**. Elizabeth and her husband, **David Kramer '62**, live in Bloomington, Ind., and can be reached via e-mail at kms30@aol.com.

Crest Books of Salvation Army National Publications has published *Celebrate the Feasts of the Lord: The Christian Heritage of the Sacred Jewish Festivals* by **Lt. Colonel William W. Francis '66**. This book offers an interpretation of the festivals observed among the Jews and their significance for Christians. Bill is the secretary for personnel for the Salvation Army in the USA Eastern Territory.

58 Ed Dixon is in his fifth year as pastor of East Brady Alliance Church (C&MA), located near the Allegheny River in Western Pennsylvania. His wife, **Roslyn (Doan)**, assists him in ministry and substitute teaches in local elementary schools.

59 A professor of English at Baylor University, **James Barcus** took sabbatical and lectured in Jordan and Poland, and completed research in Scotland and England. He also visited Egypt during his travels. Friends may e-mail James at James_Barcus@Baylor.edu.

Curtis Gregory and his wife, **Leona**, of Bow, N.H., took a short-term mission trip to the Dominican Republic, where they worked in a dental clinic.

61 Michigan governor John Engler has appointed **Beth Reimel** to the State Board of Examiners of Social Workers.

64 **Charles Walker** of Kingston, Ontario, teaches communication technology at Kingston Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He recently married **Wendy Perkins** (see *Down the Aisle*), a

clergy and official of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Canada. Friends may e-mail Charles at cwalker@Kingston.net.

Priscilla (Anderson) Wiedl is in her 35th year of teaching vocal music at the elementary school level. She and her husband, **Edward**, are active members of St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, N.Y. Priscilla can be reached via pwiedl@aol.com.

65 A 31-year classroom veteran, **Edson Gifford III** teaches music at Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts. He serves Park-side Lutheran Church as tenor soloist.

66 **Pat (Williams) Wait** and her husband, **Dave**, traveled to Poland this summer, where they spent the month of July teaching English under the auspices of UNESCO. The Waits' e-mail address is davepatwait@juno.com.

67 **Carolyn (Drill) Miller** is pursuing a master's degree in writing (creative non-fiction) at Penn State University. She notes that her studies as a Houghton classics major have proven useful, affording her a "deeper understanding of English vocabulary and a greater clarity of thought and expression." Carolyn's e-mail address: cdm129@psu.edu.

68 **Dean Wilson** has recently opened a consulting practice in fire protection engineering. His wife, **Shirley (Willink '67)**, serves on the national board of directors for Christian Educators Association, International. The Wilsons reside in Windsor, Conn., and may be reached via DeanKWilson@aol.com.

70 **Brenda (Van Skike) Filkins** and her family live in Colorado Springs, Colo. Brenda teaches Home Builders Bible studies for couples, homeschools her three teenage daughters and is helping to settle Kurdish refugees from Iraq. Reach her via e-mail at davidfilkins@integrityonline9.com.

71 **Grace (Vaus) Ferris** received her doctorate in education, with an emphasis in secondary education, from Berne International University. After her marriage to **John Ferris** in August, Grace concluded her teaching duties in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. They now live in Watertown, Wis., where she hopes to teach at an area Christian college.

Montgomery, Ala., and **Maxwell Air Force Base** are now home to **Tom and Diane (Lawson '70) Danielson**. Tom is professor of leadership and ethics at the Air War College, training senior leaders to command large military or civilian groups.

73 **LeRoy Bannister** spent two weeks in St. Petersburg, Russia, this summer, working at a children's

camp. He anticipates a return to the Russian city in January, to visit orphanages and a children's medical clinic.

75 **Robert Biederman** and his wife, **Ana Maria** (see *Down the Aisle*), live in Brazil and serve as missionaries with Literacy-Evangelism International.

76 Columbia, Pa., is home to **Barb (Brubaker) Payne**. Barb homeschools her three daughters and also does homeschool evaluation and testing. Barb's e-mail address is cppane@juno.com.

77 **Randall Hartman** is pursuing his doctorate of ministry degree, with an emphasis on worship, at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Ill. He lives in Pipersville, Pa., and is completing some of his coursework through Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

78 **Judith (Meyer) Barcellona** lives in Boca Raton, Fla. For the past several years, she has been studying by extension with Moody Bible Institute. Among her involvements are women's Bible studies, evangelism, children's ministry, and Christian Women's Club.

Pam (Campbell) Todd is the sole music teacher at Palo Verde Christian High School in Tuscon, Ariz. Her duties include teaching music and drama along with guiding three choirs and two bands. Pam's friends can e-mail her at todd3@flash.net.

79 Chemistry professor **Joe Hupp** has been named Dow Chemical Company Research Professor in Chemistry at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., for 1998-2000.

80 **Cathy (Robinson) Fuller** has completed her Ph.D. in human performance and is teaching at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her husband, **Peter '82**, continues to coach men's soccer at the University of Mobile. Last summer, he coached the Jackson Chargers, a USISL amateur division team. The Fullers live in Eight Mile, Ala.

82 This fall, harpist **Thom Dutton** released his latest recording, "Song of the Star" is a collection of traditional (mostly Appalachian) and contemporary folk carols. Also featured on the recording are soprano soloist and flutist **Joan Marie Kirchner '84**. Thom may be e-mailed via capaside@gis.net.

83 **Stacey (Gregory) Monroe** of Galveston Island, Tex., works as a child development specialist and, with her husband, **Marshall**, operates a catering business and sells Pampered Chef

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Alumni Association Board of Directors

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Dear Alumni and Friends of Houghton College:

As I start my term as the new president of the alumni board, I am frequently asked by friends and co-workers why I actively support and volunteer to serve at a small liberal arts college named Houghton. The answer, at least for me, is easy.

First, I am a firm believer in the value of Christian education in general and a Christian liberal arts education, in particular. Houghton is dedicated to providing just such a quality education. Indeed, it is for this reason that I was thrilled that my daughter chose to attend Houghton this fall as a first-year student. Second, I am a supporter of the mission of Houghton College, which is to teach students to be scholar-servants for the greater glory of our Lord. Both the Church and this world desperately need Christ-centered individuals who can think, write and speak critically, especially in this age of fuzzy theology and outright deceit in high places. Third, I support Houghton because it is still diligently seeking to fulfill its mission. While much has changed since I walked the campus as a student, and more change is in store, Houghton's devotion to serving God by equipping its graduates to do His will remains steadfast.

Last but not least, my involvement on behalf of Houghton is also out of gratitude for what the college has done for me. Not only did I receive a quality education, which has served me well since my graduation in 1975, but Houghton was the setting for the two most important events in my life. The first was the meeting of my companion for life, my beloved bride Connie (Thomas '76). Lord willing, we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary next August. The second event was the meeting of my companion for eternity, for it was through the ministry of Houghton's faculty, staff and students that I was graciously redeemed by my Lord and grounded in Him.

What about you? Has the Lord used Houghton to positively change and shape your life or someone you know? Do you share a similar passion for Christian liberal arts? If so, I would encourage you to join with me and the alumni board in actively supporting Houghton College through your gifts, prayers and talents. You will not regret it, for truly the Lord's best is yet to come for a small liberal arts college named Houghton.

*Grace to you,
Jeffrey Clay '75*



Class Notes

kitchenware. They are involved with Moody Memorial United Methodist Church, where Marshall is on staff. Their home "took a beating" from Hurricane Francis, Stacey reports. Even as they await flood insurance settlement, she notes "God has richly blessed us. Even the hurricane has had silver and gold linings."

85 This April, Cranbury, N.J., resident **Kevin Simme** became a partner in the firm of Rendemonti Financial Services.

86 **Jack McGovern** lives in Arlington, Va., and is employed as a senior business analyst by American Management Systems. He is working on a software development project for Department of Defense, an effort to make that agency's workplace completely paperless by 2000. Jack and his wife, Jennifer (see *Down the Aisle*), attend Washington Community Fellowship, where they see many other Houghton alumni. Friends may reach Jack at Jack_McGovern@mail.amsinc.com.

Phil Merrill's Houghton Academy girls' volleyball team captured its second New York state Section V Class D title in three years and advanced to the state tournament. His 1996 squad won the New York Class D championship.

87 **Greg Gidman** coached the Roberts Wesleyan College men's soccer team to conference and regional titles and a spot in the NAIA national tournament.

Shari (Krisse) Gilford and her hus-

band, **David** (see *Down the Aisle*), reside in Binghamton, N.Y. Shari reports that she has closed her sewing business and is currently on kidney dialysis as she awaits another transplant. Friends may reach her at shoutaloud@juno.com.

Andrew Knisely has completed his MDiv at Alliance Theological Seminary and been appointed pastor of evangelism and discipleship at Haverhill Alliance Church. There he'll work with Haverhill's senior pastor, **Bruce Bliss '67**. Andrew's position will help prepare him and his wife, Diane, for service as Christian & Missionary Alliance missionaries. They anticipate assignment to France or West Africa in 2001. The Kniselys can be contacted via havallch@prodigy.net.

An employee of the US Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, **Paul Pettit** lives in Austria and serves as assistant regional security officer at the American Embassy in Vienna.

88 **J.P. Greg Laing** lives in Vancouver, B.C., where he serves as associate pastor of Point Grey Community Church; he is charged with leadership development, small groups and worship ministry. Greg is pursuing graduate courses at Regent College. In September, he spent two weeks in China, consulting for a Vancouver business. Greg and his wife, Andrea, can be reached via pgcc@uniserve.com.

Bronx, N.Y., resident **Naomi Woodmansee** works as librarian and middle school English teacher at Manhattan Christian Academy and directs Jubilant Songs, a neighborhood children's choir. Her e-mail address is nlwoodmansee@juno.com.

89 **Aimee (Bontempo) Wuethrich** completed a master's degree in elementary education at California University of Pennsylvania. She is a sixth-grade teacher at Armbrust Wesleyan Christian Academy. The school is sponsored by Armbrust Wesleyan Church, a congregation her husband, **Rob '89**, serves as youth and music director. The Wuethrichs' e-mail address is awchurch@b4futures.net.

90 **Patricia Carole** lives in Union, N.J., and works as an occupational therapist at the acute inpatient psychiatric unit of Elizabeth General Medical Center.

After seven years as a pilot for the U.S. Army, **David Long** moved to the Washington, D.C., area with his wife, Myrna, to begin studies in international law at George Washington University.

91 **Kristen (Skuret) Barker** and her husband, **Michael '90**, live in the Philadelphia area. She cares for their two children and works parttime; Michael teaches fourth grade at Oaks Elementary School.

Mike Garver is director of client information services for the Methodist Medical Center of Illinois in Peoria. He and his wife live in Chillicothe, Ill.

Kirk Nelson stood for election to the board of commissioners in Orange County, N.C., a region that includes the cities of Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Mebane. Professionally, Kirk is a real estate agent with Howard Perry and Walston Realtors. He can be reached via nelsonk@hpu.com.

Denise (Burriss) Stricklin completed a master's degree in education and now teaches English to gifted students. She and her husband, John, and their son live in Murray, Utah.

A former music teacher, **Jeff Vogan** is in his second year as director of ministries at Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, Md. His first solo recording, "A Time for Hope," was released last year. Jeff and his wife, **Debbie (Leonard) '90**, have three children and can be reached via sandycove2@aol.com.

92 **Debbie (Frase) Deale** and her husband, Blair, have relocated to coastal Southport, N.C. Debbie is a fourth-grade teacher. Her e-mail address is deale@southport.net.

John and Alisa (Dellonte) Hall are enjoying technology-related careers. Alisa is a development coordinator for Frontier Corporation, responsible for the marketing and communication efforts of the firm's learning and development group and quality service training seminars. She volunteers with the Rochester area Big Brother/Big Sister program. John is a senior computer specialist for Xerox Corporation involving software support, technical writing, and desktop publishing. He is pursuing a master's de-

Down the Aisle

Robert & Ana Maria (Cantao) Biederman '75	6-13-98
Christian & Tammy (Brooks) '90 Bowman	11-1-97
Jay & Roxanne (Duncan) '90 Briggs	11-07-97
Paul & Christi (Aikins) '94 Byron '96	7-25-98
Daniel Hollander & Priscilla Chamberlain '80	6-20-97
Mark & Melissa (Tremper) Evans '94	5-30-98
John & Grace (Vaus) '71 Ferris	8-13-98
David & Shari (Krisse) '87 Gilford	2-21-98
Michael & Emily (Paris) '95 Hoffman	7-31-98
Robert & Heather (Harris) '95 Johnson	4-20-98
Jamie & Karen (Griffith) '94 Kreider	10-3-98
Sebastian & Hollie (See) '96 Leonardi	6-20-98
David & Kathryn (Wilmot) '86 Lowmaster	10-17-98
Brian & Suzanne (Kelly) '95 McCombie	6-13-98
Jack & Jennifer (McCormick) McGovern '86	4-4-98
Jason & Michele (Kaltenbaugh) '97 Mumford '97	8-23-97
Bruce & Karen (Aldrich) '81 Randall	10-31-97
Ben & Eina (Clegg) '97 Rieger '97	6-21-97
Tobias and Jorene (Kelly) '98 Ring '98	8-22-98
Kenneth & Sarah (Conover) '98 Van Amerongen	7-18-98
Charles Walker '64 & Wendy Luella Perkins	10-10-98
George & Allysia (Hansen) '97 Wiedmaier '93	8-15-98
Sungwon David & Darrilyn (Heisler) '96 Yoo '97	8-15-98



gree at Rochester Institute of Technology and is a member of the American Birding Association and the Wilson Ornithological Society. Their e-mail: jahall@frontiernet.net.

After completing a master of music degree at the University of Minnesota, violinist **Denise (Dillenbeck) Huizenga** served as assistant concertmaster of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra. This summer, she won a national audition with the Oregon Symphony and relocated to Portland to begin performing with this group. Her husband, **Nolan '89**, telecommutes to his position in Minneapolis and does computer consulting in the Portland area. The Huizengas have a website: <http://watership.net>.

A number of Houghton alumni were in attendance when **Jonathon Jankovich** was ordained as a minister of The Wesleyan Church. He reports that his ordination came 19 years to the day that he received his call to ministry. Jonathon pastors Penn Run Wesleyan Church in Penn Run, Pa.

Kathy (Merchant) Tuttle is in her seventh year of teaching public elementary school; currently instructing fifth-grade math classes. Kathy also coaches varsity girls' soccer and junior varsity girls' basketball at Grace Brethren Christian School. She and her husband, Terry, live in Clinton, Md., and can be reached via kjtut@aol.com.

93 A graduate of Cleveland Marshall School of Law, **Holly (McFall) Grant** passed the Ohio bar exam and has since joined the Ashtabula County prosecutor's office. Her focus to date has been civil work, representing townships and county-run departments. Holly's e-mail address is mdgrant1@juno.com.

94 **Jon Beardsley** is a substitute teacher and coach at Fillmore (N.Y.) Central School. This fall, he was named New York state Section V Class DD Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year, as he guided his team through an undefeated regular season and on to a sectional title.

Suzanne Brenneman is working as an assistant registrar at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and pursuing a master's degree in forensic psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Friends may e-mail her at sbrenneman@smtplink.mssm.edu.

Jennifer Davis has completed a master's degree in math education through SUNY New Paltz and is a full-time math instructor at Ulster County (N.Y.) Community College. Her e-mail address: davisj@sunyulster.edu.

A specialist in retirement and business planning, **Mark Evans** is employed with The Principal Financial Group. He and his wife, Melissa (see *Down the Aisle*), live in Chili, N.Y. Mark's e-mail address is markevans1@juno.com.

Becky Gardner is on the staff of The Wesleyan Church of Hamburg (N.Y.), serving as assistant to the director of Christian

education.

Doug and Heather (Terry '96) Gillham are graduate students at Mississippi State University, pursuing degrees in broadcast meteorology and education, respectively. Doug handles weather forecasts for two local TV stations. The Gillhams are youth directors for their church and members of the Northern Mississippi Severe Storms Interceptor Team. They have chased storms throughout east central Mississippi and traveled to the Gulf Coast with a team tracking Hurricane George. E-mail them at hgillham@yahoo.com.

95 A graduate of King's College's (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.) physician assistant program, **Suzanne (Kelly '95) McCombie** (see *Down the Aisle*) has joined a family medical practice in Newville, Pa.

96 **Allisha Chapman** has moved to Virginia Beach, Va., where she is a first-year law student at Regent University. Her e-mail address is allishac@mailexcite.com.

North Arlington, N.J., is now home to **Hollie (See) Leonardi** and her husband, Sebastian (see *Down the Aisle*). They are serving as co-pastors of the Salvation Army's Jersey City corps.

Cyndi Smith works as a writer-editor for Regular Baptist Press in Schaumburg, Ill.

Ernie Tracy has moved to the Jamestown, N.Y., area, where he pastors the Asheville and Blockville United Methodist churches. His e-mail address is pastorernie@iname.com.

Darrilyn (Heisler) Yoo and her husband, **David '97** (see *Down the Aisle*), live in Elmira, N.Y. She teaches elementary and middle school vocal music for the Elmira City School District and teaches voice pri-

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The successful candidate must demonstrate a personal commitment to historic Christian faith, compatibility with The Wesleyan Church, an earned doctorate, excellence in scholarship and teaching, skill in academic administration and communication, and a vital understanding of Christian liberal arts education.

Interested individuals should request an application packet from:

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vately out of their home. David is pursuing graduate study and working toward athletic training certification. You can reach them via e-mail at dyyoo@csc.scthoces.org.

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Jeff Telego by Mr. Donald J. Samsel

Linford Wilcox by Mrs. Artist Wilcox; Mrs. Geraldine Heinz; Mrs. Ethel Cox; Marcella Beatty



97 Originally a member of the class of 1980, **David Piatt** returned to Houghton to prepare for the ministry. He now pastors United Methodist Churches in Rushford and Centerville, N.Y., and is pursuing his master's degree through United Theological Seminary's extension courses offered at Houghton's West Seneca campus.

98 Toronto area resident **Shirley Anne "Congo" Barham** has been in several art shows since graduation including an in-home show of her paintings and sculpture, sidewalk show and subsequent in-park event. Her works have also been featured in an African art store and included as part of an art-music-fashion event at a Toronto nightclub. Currently, she is exhibiting in a Christmas show in a Yonge Street gallery. Shirley Anne is employed in a picture framing shop and is working on several commission pieces, mostly portraits. She may be contacted at congo@direct.ca.

Charlottesville, Va., is now home to **Dan Bates**. Dan is a law student at the University of Virginia. Friends may contact him via dsb2@virginia.edu.

In Memoriam

'28 **Joseph S. Horton, 94**, passed away on September 23, 1998. Born in Buffalo, Joseph transferred from Geneseo State Normal School (now SUNY) to Houghton, where he majored in chemistry, worked on *Boulder* and *Star* staffs and sang with the Harmonizers. He began his teaching career in a two-room schoolhouse in Naples, N.Y., served as teacher and/or principal at several Southern Tier schools and was school superintendent for Steuben County, N.Y., and Little Falls, N.Y., retiring as assistant superintendent for Rensselaer County. In 1972, Joseph and his wife, Ruth, who predeceased him in 1997, retired to Machias, Maine, where he continued to be an active church layman.

'36 Retired science teacher and active Wesleyan church layperson **Lena May Hunt, 82**, of Cloverdale, Va., passed away on October 12, 1998. A New York state native, Lena majored in chemistry and minored in education. At age twenty years, Lena began a 30-year teaching career in which she earned two master's degrees and was honored as Teacher of the Year at Massena (N.Y.) High School and noted in both Outstanding Educators of America and Outstanding Secondary Educators of America. After retiring from the classroom, she studied medical technology. She then worked part-time, practicing and teaching this vocation. An active traveler, she journeyed to over thirty countries, often to visit and serve at Wesleyan mission sites.

'39 Free Methodist minister **Andrew John West** passed away on July 3, 1998, at 82. A western Pennsylvania native, Andrew pursued ministerial preparation and was an active student, serving as a *Star* editor, *Lanethorn* business officer and print shop manager, and participating in evangelistic outreach. Ordained in the Free Methodist church, he also pastored Zion Bible Church in Mahaffey, Pa. Concurrently, Andrew operated West Publishing Company. He was predeceased by his two infant children and is survived by his wife of sixty years, **Prudence (Sheffer '37)**, three brothers, revs. **Blaine '48**, **Paul '50** and **Silas '47**, two sisters, two sons and two grandchildren.

'46 **Linford C. Wilcox, 75**, died August 1, 1998. Linford turned down a violin scholarship to another university to prepare for the ministry at Houghton, where he pastored a local church. In 1945, he married **Artist (Lawson '47)**. After graduation, Linford pastored Baptist churches in Five Mile, N.Y. and the western Pennsylvania towns of Smethport and Edinboro. Throughout these ministries, the Wilcoxes maintained a strong interest in helping the disadvantaged. In 1966 they moved to West Palm Beach, Fla., to begin a ministry to the poor. Their ministry, known as Operation Concern, continues, serving the needs of migrant farm workers and the poor. Linford was also involved with scouting, Rotary International, Kiwanis, and the civil rights movement of the 1960s and for many years, hosted a radio show. He is survived by Artist, one sister, two children and two grandsons. Memorials be directed to Houghton College for music scholarships.

'48 Retired minister **Morten O. Homme, 71**, passed away on March 27, 1998. At Houghton, Morten completed a ministerial major, participating in evangelistic outreach and preaching in local churches. After graduating from Northern Baptist Seminary, he pastored in Indiana and then in California where he also initiated a chaplaincy program for Pioneers Memorial Hospital. When Morten was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, he exchanged a pulpit for a hospital bed, enduring 41 surgeries while ministering to medical staff and patients. Morten is survived by his wife **Perkie**, his brother, **Stanley '43**, two sisters, three sons and six grandchildren.

'52 **Floyd R. Rudd, 67**, passed away on September 15, 1998. At Houghton he completed a degree in chemistry and worked on building East Hall. After an Army stint, he married classmate and chemistry colleague **Araxie Ruth Krikorian**. They settled near Philadelphia, where Floyd worked as a research chemist for IRC-TRW. He also taught release time Christian education classes, was active in Boylston Wesleyan Church and served as secretary-treasurer of Tug Hill Men for Missions Council. Floyd regularly attended class reunions and regional alumni

events. In addition to Araxie, Floyd is survived by six children, including **Rebecca '86**, **David '77**, **Armin '84** and **Jonathan '86**; five siblings, including **Margaret '44** (Chase) and **Chester '51**; and 16 grandchildren, including current Houghton sophomore **Ben '01**.

'84 **Henry G. Budd (Hon.)** died on September 1, 1998, at 92. A Methodist minister, Rev. Budd served in New York state for over thirty years, including stints as Elmira District superintendent and program director for the Central New York Conference. Houghton recognized him with an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1984.

'83 **Nnamdi Friday Onyebuchi** passed away in October, 1998, at 39. Born and raised in Nigeria, he transferred to Houghton from St. John's College in Manchester, England, to earn his bachelor's degree in business, then enrolled at American International College (Mass.), for a dual master's degree in business administration and organizational development. In 1985, he began working for several corporations in Connecticut including the Marriott Farmington Hotel. Nnamdi's community involvements included the National Black MBA Association and the Nigerian American Society, of which he was past-president. He was an elder and treasurer of the Bethel Alliance Church, New Britain, Conn. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, two sons and two daughters. An educational fund has been established for Nnamdi's children through Emmanuel Christian Academy, 569 Maple Hill Ave., Newington, Conn.

'87 Former Houghton volleyball standout **Eileen Reed Dunkerton** passed away on June 20, 1998, following a ten-month battle with leukemia. A physical education major and varsity volleyball player, her strong Christian testimony and excellent play garnered her NCCAA recognition and Houghton's Joy Ellis & Cindy Rudes Memorial Volleyball Award. Following graduation, Eileen enjoyed an eight-year career teaching and coaching for schools in Buffalo, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, before starting a family. She is survived by her husband, Bill, and their two toddler-age children. A trust fund has been established for her children. Friends may contact Diana Bandy Arnold at DDArnie@juno.com for information.

'94 **Holly Ann Wissinger Schulz, 26**, died unexpectedly of natural causes on Wednesday, November 11, 1998. A communication major, Holly was employed by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. She served as a youth leader at her church, West Shore Brethren in Christ. She is survived by her husband of four years, Christopher, her parents, two sisters, her mother-in-law, and both sets of grandparents.

- 12** ♦ Classes begin
Art Exhibit: Chas Davis, painting (gallery talk and reception January 30)
- 17-22** ♦ Christian Life Emphasis Week: Victor Hamilton
- 29-30** ♦ World Mission Fellowship Prayer Vigil



Die Singphoniker

- 1** ♦ Faculty Art Exhibit: Scot Bennett & John Rhett (gallery talk and reception January 12)
- 12** ♦ Artist Series: Die Singphoniker, vocal ensemble
- 15** ♦ Faculty Recital: Dolores Gadevsky, piano
- 20-23** ♦ February Break

- 1** ♦ Art Exhibit: Ted Prescott, sculpture and Catherine Prescott, paintings (gallery talk and reception)
- 3-4** ♦ Chamberlain Lecture Series: Dr. Dean Gilliland ('50)
- 6** ♦ Artist Series: Nexus, percussionists
- 13** ♦ Jazz Ensemble Concert
- 18** ♦ Drama: To Kill a Mockingbird
- 26** ♦ Easter Vacation (through April 6)



Nexus

Choir Tours

The College and Chapel choirs will be scheduling concerts for March 26-31st. If you live within a few hours of the areas scheduled and are interested in hosting one of the choirs, please call the scheduling manager.

► COLLEGE CHOIR (dates as of 12/10)

Scheduling manager, Melissa Lamoureux (716) 567-9335.

- March **28** ♦ a.m. Dix Hills Evangelical Free Church, Huntington Station, Long Island
p.m. Barrington Baptist Church, Barrington, Rhode Island
- March **29** ♦ First Congregational Church, Manchester, New Hampshire

► CHAPEL CHOIR

Scheduling manager, Cherie Brown (716) 567-4350.

- March **26-31**, scheduling in the Michigan, Western New York and Southern Ontario, Canada, region.

Lynn Waugh



A communication major and business minor, Lynn learned promotion skills in the classroom and through co-curricular activities.

"Just the other day, I had a wonderful discussion with a TV producer about what makes our publishing company different. This reminds me that I always have to maintain my witness," says Lynn (Rundell) Waugh '96. As the radio and television publicist for Tyndale House Publishers, Waugh represents nationally-recognized authors like Josh McDowell and James Dobson. In promoting each book, she determines the best media outlets, then serves as contact person between authors, program directors and producers across the country. Through her position, Waugh has "realized how much people are affected by what they read and what they hear." She continues, "I play a part in both these aspects. I help people get to know our authors, but I also promote books which touch people greatly—that's very satisfying."

Describing her job as "fascinating and highly responsible for a recent graduate," Dr. Douglas Gaerte, associate professor of communication, applauds Waugh as "A very good student, but more than that, she models the combination of servanthood and leadership we look for in our graduates." During college, Waugh's involvement included interning with Houghton's development and Houghton Academy's public relations offices, coordinating the '96 phonathon and senior skip, managing public relations for WJSL, serving as chaplain for intramural basketball and volleyball, supervising the admission phoning team, and singing with the women's choir.

After graduation, this Homecoming Queen worked simultaneously as an announcer for a Christian radio station and as newscast director for an NBC TV station before accepting the position with Tyndale. Waugh says: "I feel very blessed by this opportunity God has given me. I attended college to gain academic knowledge, but I also wanted to be educated enough to choose work I would enjoy. My education helped open this door."

Lynn Waugh. Exceptional communicator. Servant. Witness. We salute her and thousands of Houghton alumni who make a difference in communities around the world.

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