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Are Science and Religion at War?

by Shirley A. Mullen '76

ONE OF THE TRAGEDIES OF OUR TIME is the popular perception that science and religion are at war. It is perhaps a forgivable perception given the standard treatments of the topic in high school history texts and given the media attention to events that keep the perception alive, but it is just that—a perception.

Since early in its history, Houghton has been committed to replacing that perception with reality. The sciences, in fact, emerged historically in the context of communities of faith, where people believed in an orderly universe designed by a Creator God. The sciences flourished where they were understood as part of God's mandate to steward the gift of God's creation. We cannot steward what we do not understand.

It is certainly true that, in the past 200 years, the sciences have been the means through which human beings have acquired great technical power, and with that power the temptation to forget that we are stewards of the garden and not the Gardener.

At Christian liberal arts colleges like Houghton we have the best opportunity to put the sciences in their proper perspective. They *are* the means by which human beings acquire the power to do great good—to facilitate healing, to increase food production, to harness new energy sources and more. They are also, increasingly, the most global and interconnected of the academic disciplines. Science and technology—more than ever—provide opportunities for global engagement. Furthermore, one cannot credibly engage most of the world's major moral and social issues without significant scientific understanding. Consider the issues of abortion, euthanasia and genetic engineering to name only the most obvious examples.

We know, however, that the sciences cannot answer the most fundamental human questions of meaning and purpose. They cannot make people good. They contribute most to human flourishing when they exist side-by-side with the gifts of art, music and literature and with the insights of moral and theological reflection. Even to make these points effectively, however, requires an understanding of sciences. We cannot be offering a larger vision of the sciences—or of life—unless we are conversant and competent in the sciences themselves.

So on this, our 125th anniversary, as we commit ourselves to be true to Willard J. Houghton's vision to "fix up the world" for Jesus Christ, we declare boldly our intent to engage the sciences as a crucial part of that vision. The sciences are part of Houghton's story. We believe it is our calling here at the beginning of the 21st century to bring to light the role of the sciences in the larger story of the Kingdom.

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ON THE COVER: Associate Professor of Biology Matt Pelletier, Rebecca Dix '09 and Hannah Stoveken '09 injected certain leaves with a green fluorescent protein gene from a jellyfish as a test to see whether their system for transferring genes into the plant would work. The "glowing" areas showed them that it did. Pelletier's research focuses on using plants—which can produce a huge amount of biomass and are inexpensive to grow—to produce human proteins for therapeutic purposes.

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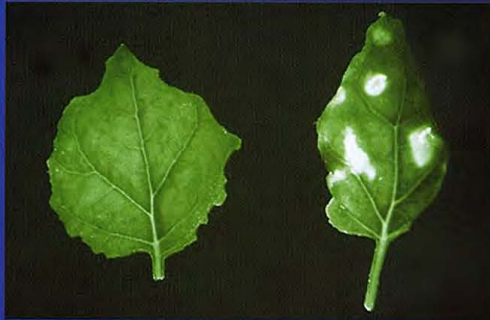
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The Houghton MILIEU, issued three times a year, is the primary print communication to connect the college with its various constituencies: alumni, faculty, staff, students and other friends. Milieu supports the mission of the college by providing information of interest and by developing and enhancing campus-audience relations and understanding through wide-ranging articles and timely reports of campus news. The magazine projects the college as a significant force for Christian liberal arts education in society.



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Houghton College continues to focus on a purpose first described by its founder, Willard J. Houghton, 125 years ago. Houghton often signed letters “Yours for fixing up the world,” and he believed in a combination of faith, education and global engagement to do exactly that. He founded an educational institution to equip young people for that work—through the church, naturally. He was known far and wide as “the Sunday school man” because he started so many in the churches that he visited.

From its earliest days, however, Houghton insisted that the educational institution that bore his name prepare students for vocations outside the church as well—in medicine, law, education and business, to name just a few. He would be proud to know that majors in those areas at Houghton College today account for an overwhelming majority of the student body.

Houghton also knew the value of a

nurturing community and promoted the rural location of the school for the opportunity it provided for students to learn. Never, though, did he advocate a withdrawal from the world; rather, he urged students to become globally engaged so that they could be agents of justice and social transformation. Houghton students enjoy the opportunity to integrate their faith with their culture even before they graduate, through off-campus programs, internships, service learning opportunities and more.

In the pages that follow, we invite you to follow this common thread: Houghton today transforms students to be people of spiritual maturity and moral vision, equipped as stewards of their time, talents, wealth and the earth, and to be citizens and Christians with a world-wide perspective. Or, as Willard J. Houghton might have put it: to equip young people so that they can “fix up the world.”



BY CYNTHIA (KINARD '85) MACHAMER

Science, Faith and Music— A Visit with Wilson and Eleanor Greatbatch

"There is still a lot to discover for the benefit of mankind."

WHEN I WENT TO THE HOME OF Wilson AND Eleanor Greatbatch H'70 to interview them for this story, I tried to be calm, cool and chic. Why should I stress over the fact that I would be meeting with a world-famous inventor and his lifetime mate? Why should I worry that I might stumble over my words, embarrassing myself and

my *alma mater*? I dressed in my best suit and headed out.

I got lost and arrived 35 minutes late.

No matter; they received me with the utmost grace. We sat down at their dining room table, which was covered with piles of importance. Despite Wilson's hearing loss and his nearly-90-per-

cent blindness, we communicated. Eleanor sat close by and bestowed her angelic smile on us the whole time. Occasionally he would lean to his left and ask her to confirm his recollections. She did so with a flourish of her hands, and in their eyes I could see why their marriage has lasted 63 years. If I could have adopted them as honorary grand-





Science: At the Forefront of Change

Science is at the forefront of sweeping changes in communication, medicine, transportation, entertainment, energy and food production. The major moral and social challenges of our time—from robotics and abortion to AIDS and genetic engineering—require scientific sophistication to understand and address. Yet these issues also pose significant questions that science cannot answer. They challenge our understanding of human nature and purpose and the roles of community and citizenship. Houghton understands the necessity to prepare scientists who can speak to these larger ethical and theological questions, but before they can do so they must establish their authority and credibility as excellent scientists.

Houghton has the tradition of scientific excellence and global engagement and the Christian liberal arts' breadth of understanding to prepare the competent, integrated persons of conviction and compassion needed today. It was the facilities and people in the sciences that first attracted Wilson Greatbatch to Houghton, of course. He found it an attractive place to work on research regarding long-life batteries and electrodes for the pacemaker that he had invented.

Houghton's reputation for excellence in science and pre-medical education dates back to the 1940s; the tradition of commitment to excellence in the sciences continues today. The program has been built on high-quality teaching, strong personal mentoring and advising, commitment to undergraduate research—often in cooperation with other academic or research institutions such as Cornell University or Los Alamos Laboratory—and investment in teaching facilities and equipment by donors like Greatbatch.

The Paine Science Center that Greatbatch knew in the early 1970s is not that much different than the one he saw when he visited at Homecoming this year, but that will likely change soon. The college has drawn plans and raised more than \$2 million for renovations to the laboratory spaces in the building and an additional wing to accommodate more lab and classroom space, along with much more.

Alan Johnson '53 has given a lead gift of \$1 million towards

the building plans, and another donor has pledged a similar amount. "I felt that my Houghton education was a great contributor to my success [in medical school and as a physician]," Johnson said, "I appreciated the effort put forth by the faculty... I recognize that it's difficult for a small school to maintain the faculty and have the resources to pursue research which is so important today to get students into medical schools." Johnson also mentioned that he and his wife, Florence (Nowak '55), had discussed making a gift to Houghton, and, after she died about three years ago, he felt that this would make a fitting memorial for her.

Johnson and his wife weren't just looking back, though, when considering their gift. They were also looking to the next generation of physicians—specifically to their grandsons, Alan Johnson '07 and Patrick Johnson '08. "They went through the same regimen [that I did], and both are enrolled in med. school now," Johnson says.

Plans for the addition to the building feature a main entrance that faces the Quad and landscaping that will reinforce the building's connection to the campus. Inside, there will be an LCD display wall, lounges that face the Quad, a Foucault pendulum display, state-of-the-art research facilities and an area to display the research and teaching breakthroughs of alumni and others associated with the college. (No doubt you'll see a pacemaker there!)

The college is also looking for support of faculty, scholarship and research. In addition to updating its current equipment and facilities, the college wants to increase faculty positions by providing endowed chairs in computer science, mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics and to endow faculty-student research and student scholarships.



Architect's rendering of proposed addition to the Paine Science Center.

parents, I would have.

He told me that when he was a teenager he joined the Boy Scouts and discovered that he could earn 10 points each time he attended church. (Opportunists make great inventors.) What he couldn't know at the time was how that initial exposure to the gospel would change his life and many of those with whom he came in contact. In fact, he was transformed by it and by subsequent experiences. In turn, almost everything he tried succeeded in one way or another.

Sometimes it seemed like the success was by accident, but he will tell you that he often sought the Lord in prayer "to ask Him what he wants me to do." In fact, some would say that the invention of the implantable cardiac pacemaker, for which he is well known, was an accident. Greatbatch believes "The Lord was working through me."

At the time, back in the late 1950s, he was working on an oscillator to aid in the recording of fast heartbeats. The oscillator required a 10,000-ohm resistor at the transistor base. He reached into his bag and picked up a different resistor by mistake. When the wrong transistor made the oscillator beat at a far faster pace, Greatbatch knew he had discovered how to manufacture the beating of a human heart. Until then, pacemakers were the size of a TV. In 1960, at the age of 40, he filed his first pacemaker patent. Later, when he stopped making pacemakers himself, he turned his attention to making, selling and licensing iodide batteries to power his invention.

When asked how being the inventor of a device that has saved millions of lives makes him feel, he downplayed the significance and said he prefers to talk about what he's working on now: finding an

alternate source of fuel. He and his team of four at Wilson Industries in Akron, NY, are testing vegetable oils, then algae. Greatbatch works four half-days a week, with Wednesdays off.

Greatbatch is a true Houghtonian. His life is an example of what Willard J. Houghton said we should be about as Christians: fixing up the world. At age 89, he holds more than 200 patents, but this doesn't seem to impress him. "There is still a lot to discover for the benefit of mankind," he says. He says he plans to retire when he is 100 years old. That gives him another 11 years to make his final mark on this world that still needs a lot of fixing.

HOUGHTON TIES

There are three subjects Greatbatch likes to talk about: science, faith and music. All three have tied him to Houghton College.

Regarding science, he recalled hearing about three faculty from Houghton's chemistry department, all of whom he worked with to study electrodes in bioengineering: **Bernard Piersma** and **Frederick Shannon**, both now professors *emeriti* of chemistry and **Stephen Calhoon '53**. In his book *The Making of a Pacemaker: Creating a Lifesaving Invention*, Greatbatch thanks them for "their help and for the use of their high-purity facility." During our interview he said, "The department was outstanding, and I was happy to be a part of it." In the early 1970s, Piersma came to Houghton because Greatbatch supported a half-time research position for him, and the college supported a half-time teaching load. Piersma and Greatbatch researched together for a decade. "Wilson is a very humble man with an amazing, inquisitive mind," Piersma says.



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Even before Greatbatch experienced success on the pacemaker and in making batteries to run his inventions, he lived a simple, faithful life. He asked me, "Do you know what the best vitamin is for a Christian?" He paused, then said: "B-1 ('be one')." He chuckled and I had to laugh too, loudly enough so he could hear me and know I appreciated his wry sense of humor.

After the huge battery-manufacturing plant in Clarence developed into very comfortable executive offices, Greatbatch still preferred the simple space in his garage workshop. He never takes all the credit for what he has accomplished and shuns talking too long about the past, even when

directed there. When he does talk about the past, he mentions his tour of duty from 1939-40 in the Naval Reserves as a 3rd class radio-man. He remembers Gerald Ford, whom he served with on the *U.S.S. Monterey*. On board they played basketball, he said. "He was a deck officer and also an athletic officer and was always very congenial and easy to get along with." Later Ford would need one of Greatbatch's pacemakers. He talks about being spared attack by the Germans. Referring to Pearl Harbor, he says, "A lot of people died but I was spared. Apparently, God had other plans for me."

He smiles when asked about how he met Eleanor, his wife.

They met at Buffalo State Teachers College (where he attended for a short time when he thought he wanted to be a teacher), and married on January 1, 1945. She was a home economics teacher, later to become his first—and most popular—laboratory assistant. They have five children (four living) and six grandchildren. With a self-deprecating smile, he says, "She has always been a tremendous help to me." The story goes that he quit a good job with only \$2,000 in savings to venture out on his own and see what he could invent. She didn't like it, but she supported her husband.

In turn, he supported her when she wanted to endow a master's

The Greatbatch School of Music

It has been approximately nine years since Wilson and Eleanor Greatbatch made a transformative gift of \$15 million to endow Houghton's first graduate degree program which led to a subsequent decision to rename the music department the Greatbatch School of Music.

Houghton awarded its first master's degrees in 2005, and the school continues to refine its program and earn rave reviews. This fall, the Houghton College Choir, under the direction of Brandon Johnson, has been invited to perform at the Eastern Regional Convention of Music Educators, and the Houghton Symphonic Winds, Gary Stith conducting, has been invited to perform at the annual meeting and convention of the New York State Band Directors Association.

Additionally, seven faculty members from the Greatbatch School completed work on advanced degrees between August 2007 and August 2008:

- Brian Casey, assistant professor of orchestral studies and conducting, earned his doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado.
- Chisato Eda, instructor of saxophone, earned a doctorate of musical arts from the Eastman School of Music.
- Mark Hijleh, professor of composition and conducting, completed a second master's degree, in world music, from the University of Sheffield (UK).
- Sharon Johnson, assistant professor of piano and faculty accompanist, earned her doctorate of musical arts from the



University of Minnesota.

- Louima Lilite, instructor of voice, earned a doctorate of musical arts from the Eastman School of Music.
 - Donna Lorenzo, assistant professor of violin and viola, earned a doctorate of musical arts from the Eastman School of Music.
 - Sun Mi Ro, assistant professor of composition and theory, earned her doctorate from the University of Utah.
 - Eric Thomas, assistant professor of voice, earned a doctorate in musical arts from Miami (FL) University.
- "This is a remarkable confluence of academic work," said Ben King, director of the Greatbatch School of Music and associate dean for music, "I've never encountered anything quite like it."

program in music at Houghton in 1999. Eleanor had heard a music group from Houghton College perform at her church when she was a young woman. She wanted to come to Houghton but didn't have the money. She wanted to ensure that no future students would find themselves in that sad situation. The Greatbatches endowed the program with the biggest gift in Houghton's history—\$15 million.

When President **Shirley Mullen '76** awarded the Greatbatches the Houghton Medal as part of the 125th anniversary celebration, she said, "Because of her husband's groundbreaking work in the sciences and its application to medical technology, Mrs. Greatbatch was eventually able to endow a music program so gifted students, such as she was, would be able to study their first love, regardless of ability to pay. She 'fixed up the music world' so that in the future, students wouldn't suffer the closed door that she did."

The Greatbatches received the Houghton Medal as a way for Houghton to say thank you for the many ways they have transformed the college through science and music and for serving as role models to today's students as examples of people "who have given their all to help Houghton in its task of 'fixing up the world.' Indeed, in fixing it up, Houghton people are helping to transform our world into a better, greener, more just place for all of mankind," Mullen said. "The Greatbatches are models we should look to because they have carried Willard Houghton's vision forward in a transformative, passionate and compassionate way, and we at Houghton College humbly recognize this and we are deeply grateful."

When asked how he felt about

receiving the award, Greatbatch sat still for a moment, and a slight smile crept to his lips. He said, "Well, I wish they wouldn't. It distracts me from my current work." By now, his awards are many—and prestigious—but he wants to be about the future. As our talk evolved from vegetable oils to the economy to the current state of the nation, Greatbatch made sure I knew how he feels about Houghton, in case I doubted.

"I would trust anyone from Houghton," he said. He has some sage advice for today's Houghton students, too, by the way: "Try to get a real mix of theology and technical training. Minimize your desire to make money. There's more to life than making money."

Despite his hearing and vision loss, Greatbatch talks to students of all ages. Last summer he visited Ledgeview Elementary School in Clarence, NY, to observe the Camp Invention summer program and speak with young people about the thinking behind inventions. He likes to keep his hands and head in students' lives, whether they are young children or college students. He has made frequent appearances at Houghton through the years and at the University at Buffalo where he was an adjunct faculty member and where he earned his master's in electrical engineering in 1953.

By now I had been there an hour. I had many more questions but could see he was getting tired. Still, I had to ask one more question—I knew it wasn't likely I would ever get the chance again, and being the opportunist I am (what can I invent?), I dived in. "Tell me something not too many people know about you," I said. He paused and that disarming smile crept to his lips. "I've always run scared," he said. "I built the first



The Greatbatches received The Houghton Medal from President Shirley Mullen '76 in October at the Founder's Day Convocation celebrating Houghton's 125th anniversary.

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pacemaker with my own hands and I used to have to run to the hospital to help the doctors save patients. I'd dash in the back door with my tools. The guy would be on the operating table, wide open. 'What if I can't fix this one?' I'd think. I'd hear God say to me, 'Listen, stupid, you fixed all the others; you can fix this one, too.'"

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Houghton and Sierra Leone— More than 100 Years of Global Engagement



Houghton's heritage for "fixing up the world" helped transform this country—and may well again

Children from the village of Kunso.

WE WERE PACKED SOLID, THREE AND FOUR ACROSS, in a white Mitsubishi minivan, traveling down a punishing dirt road pocked with water-filled holes resembling bomb craters. Fortunately for us, the van—a gift to the people of Sierra Leone from Col. Moammar Kadafi of Libya, according to a sign painted across its doors—was air conditioned, and Samuel, our hired driver, made sure the fan was on high.

Under the leadership of **JoAnne Lyon**—at the time, the chief executive officer of World Hope International (WHI) and a member of Houghton's board of trustees—President **Shirley Mullen '76** and a group of eight Houghton faculty set out to deepen their collective understanding of what it means to educate students to be global citizens and world Christians. They chose to travel to Sierra Leone because of Houghton's historical connections to that country.

Our guide, Saidu Kanu, WHI's

Sierra Leone country director, sat in the front seat giving Samuel directions. I rode "shotgun," armed with my Nikon camera and Sony camcorder. "Turn right," Saidu instructed. "Now, keep going." Unfolding before our eyes was a mixture of thatched huts, concrete block buildings, the walls of an unfinished church and many people, especially children. "This is the village of Kunso," Saidu announced. "Here we meet Pastor Eduardo Kombo."

As we shook hands and hugged, large groups of chattering children appeared to watch the spectacle of Americans arriving in their village. We had come here for a distinct reason although I didn't know what it was. After visiting Pastor Eduardo's small house and seeing his cot, a threadbare blanket, thick mosquito netting and a battery-powered FM/short-wave radio, we began to walk down a stony path, engaged in conversation. Off to our right, we saw a graveyard, with Ameri-

can-style headstones.

"What's this?" I asked.

"It is where some of the first Wesleyan missionaries are buried," someone answered.

No fence. Overgrown with weeds. No recent graves. No little American flags next to the markers. Just a quiet, if unnoticed, place—undisturbed, and, I suspected, seldom visited.

I was moved, perhaps because the visit had surprised me, but also because of what I read carved on the headstones:

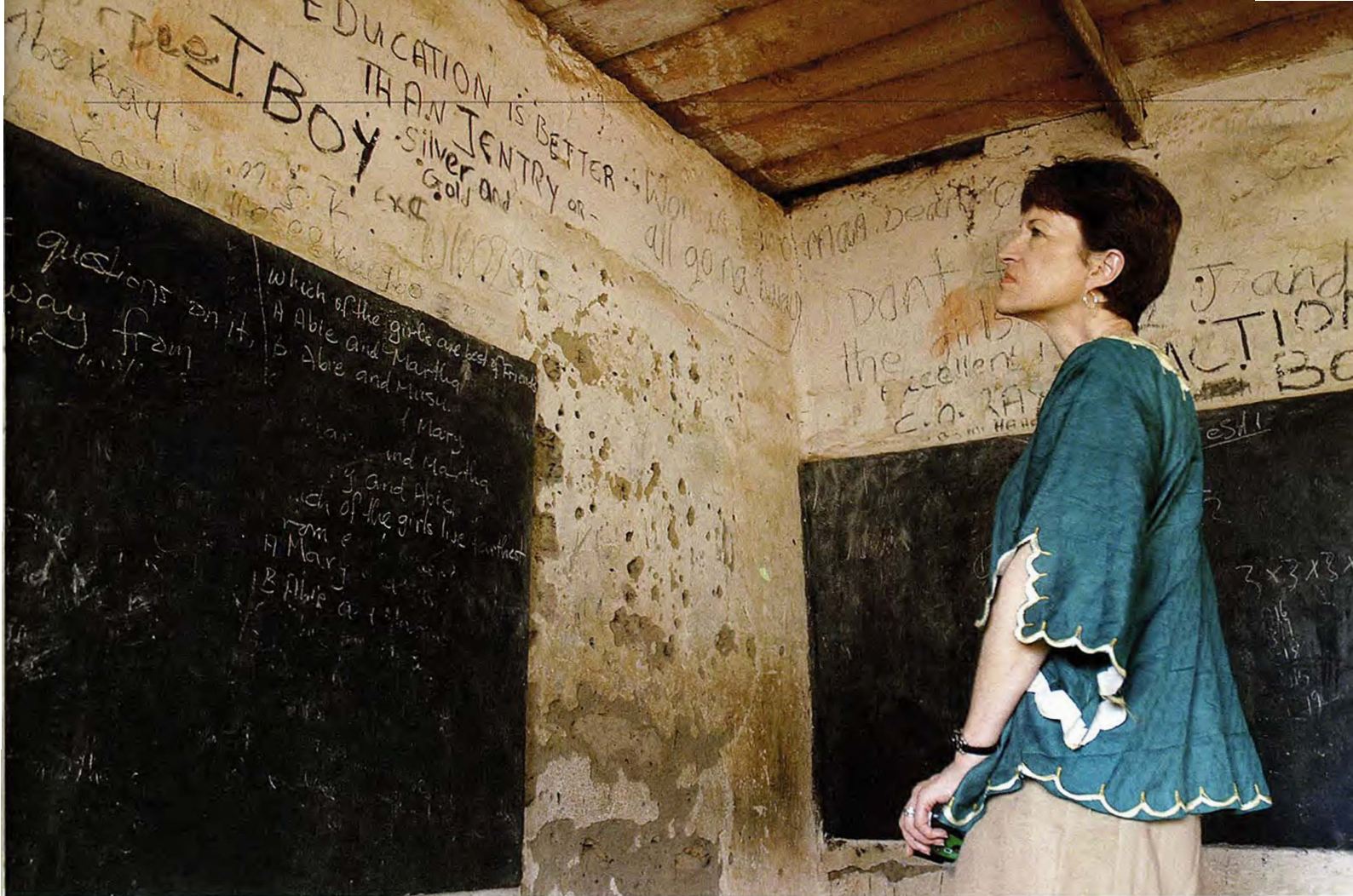
Willard Boardman. *Asleep in Jesus.* He died at 37.

John G. Ovenshire. *For me to live is Christ. To die is gain.* He was 32.

Anna Perring Clarke. *She hath done all she could.* Mark 14:8. She was 29.

There were others.

In its quietude, tucked away in tropical Africa, this final resting spot emanated a faith so strong, so resilient,



The ruins of a once-viable schoolroom in Gbendembi show evidence of lessons in English mixed with graffiti scrawled on pock-marked walls.

so thorough that it gripped us. We wandered from stone to stone, reading the engraved testimonies of brave souls who had left all to come here, where disease and desperation were in large supply. They were soldiers of Christ who carried no weapons but the Gospel.

Since I had not been raised in The Wesleyan Church, I needed a history lesson. I learned of a link between the forerunner of Houghton College—the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary, the original name for what is now Houghton Academy—and Sierra Leone. Written records note that Houghton Seminary, from its early days, combined academic rigor with a Christian zeal that prompted its students and alumni to give their lives in transforming the world—locally and globally. The first full-time missionary was Mary Lane, a graduate and teacher at Houghton Seminary, who married George Clarke. They served together

in Sierra Leone. Back in Houghton, A.W. Hall formed the Young People's Foreign Missionary Society at what had become Houghton College and sent funds to support the missionaries. By 1906, 12 students and alumni had come to Sierra Leone, and the work flourished.

By 1949, 88 alumni had been called to 16 different countries, but the missionary emphasis began in Sierra Leone, the country that had been a departure point for slaves imported to America and the destination point for many former slaves after gaining freedom. Since Wesleyans fought in the abolition struggle, the church gained a natural connection with Sierra Leone, and this led to works of education, evangelization and development. The work lasted for decades, until the onset of a vicious civil war that lasted through the 1990s.

Through it all, the little graveyard continued its silent witness for anyone



The cemetery outside of Kunso where visitors saw the graves of early Wesleyan missionaries.



Sunday morning worship at the Wesleyan church in Makeni included robust singing of contemporary praise music and a stirring sermon delivered in English and translated into Kriol, a language spoken by most Sierra Leone people.



Eduardo Kombo (right), Kunso's pastor, with his three children.

who cared to look.

We left Kunso and returned to our modest hotel (no electricity after 9 p.m., very little running water). Over dinner of chicken, rice and bread, we affirmed our sense that these Wesleyan saints had given everything to share Christ. How could such a sacrifice be left to the ages? What did this and other Wesleyan works mean for Houghton College? It was an operative question throughout our 10-day journey.

Another day we traversed more dirt roads past villages with signs saying that World Hope International had helped them dig a well or install a concrete rice drying floor, so important for extracting seeds from the crop to grow again next season. We headed to Gbendembu to visit the Wesleyan Bible School and inspect its library and classrooms.

Upon arrival, we noticed several well-dressed students, each holding his

edition of *The Wesleyan*. This campus, like others, had sustained damage during the uprising. Showing the most destruction were three nearby elementary school buildings. I found it amazing that they still stood. Virtually everything inside was destroyed. School furniture, windows, doors—it was all rubble. In one building, a chalkboard with odd markings remained. Instead of being in school, children played outside the wrecked buildings, occasionally going inside to fool around among the debris.

"We've got to do something," Mullen remarked, moved by the site. She walked the perimeter of the dilapidated buildings and entered the one with the marked-up chalkboard. Exiting the building and turning around, she saw the Wesleyan Bible College barely 400 meters away. "This is something we need to work on," she reiterated. "We can't let this be."

Leaving Gbendembu, our packed

van was quieter. Perhaps we were tired, but more likely we were sobered. It seemed that everywhere we turned, help was needed. We drove past the Wesleyan church near the edge of town; across the street stood a large, freshly painted mosque. Islam is an ever-present force, especially in the interior of the country.

Our travels took an encouraging turn when we visited Wesleyan churches, schools and services, such as the Wesleyan hospital at Kamakwie, where **Dan Woolsey '77** was born, the son of missionary parents. It is also the birthplace of Earnest Bai Koroma, a former Freetown insurance executive who is now president of the country. We were uplifted to dine with Wesleyan missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pierson, medical providers at Kamakwie. We visited the hospital's clinic, wards, nursery, x-ray and surgical rooms and emergency-care area. The people here, we sensed, were intent on learning and living and improving their post-war lives.

This notion of self-improvement pervaded our trip. As we visited college campuses, government offices, non-government offices and individuals, we never encountered anyone asking for a hand-out. Instead, we heard plenty of requests for partnerships, internships and teaching, a notion one group called "a hand up." Nowhere did this appear more evident than in the offices of Hope Micro, WHI's microfinance operation in Sierra Leone.

Hope Micro's main office is in Freetown, the country's capital. It is where trained business people track hundreds of short-term loans to individuals who want to start or expand small businesses. Each loan can be worth about \$100 (about 30,000 leones, the local currency). Enterprising Sierra Leonians apply for these loans, offering friends or family as references since most do not have bank records. Credit cards are not used in this cash economy.

On this day, a half-dozen applicants had been approved for loans. Each signed promissory documents containing their picture and their plans and then lined up to receive cash. "They

will either start a business or invest in the business they already have," said S.D. Kano, the WHI's microfinance director in Sierra Leone. "We charge interest because we have to pay our staff and expenses and we don't want to take from the money we loan."

Our group visited a number of businesses started through these kinds of loans. Many are packed in narrow alleys in Freetown, some are set up curb-side or in store fronts, and others operate in smaller cities such as Makeni. In most cases they sell necessities such as clothing and shoes or cell phone minute cards.

"I feel so good. Hope Micro helped me greatly," said one merchant, who sells kitchen apparatus. She added that, as a woman, she needed an income because her husband's was insufficient. Another female merchant said Hope Micro's loans helped her expand her business and that she had traveled to a neighboring country to bring back fine clothing items, which had given her a competitive edge.

"We have an excellent payback record," said Lyon. "Ninety-eight percent of all loans are paid back on time and in full, with interest."

The efforts of Hope Micro, WHI, The Wesleyan Church and Houghton College have not gone unnoticed by government. As part of our travels, the Houghton College team received a special audience with His Excellency President Koroma, who personally thanked Mullen and the group for "the support you have given to this country over the years." Koroma, himself a Wesleyan, received his early education in church-affiliated schools. His mother, whom we visited in Makeni, worships regularly at the church there. During our visit we asked how she raised a boy to become a president. "Through prayer," she

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Students at the Wesleyan Bible College in Gbendembu.



When the group from Houghton came, teachers moved classes outside the one-room schoolhouse to greet the visitors.



Richard Konteh (center, facing camera, in white), Sierra Leone's deputy minister of finance and economic development, addressed the Houghton delegation on government decentralization.

Our group went with a single question and found multiple answers, centered on a coordinated approach...

said, attesting to her—and his—strong Christian faith.

These connections prompted our group to conceive of ways to revitalize the Houghton College connection and solidify the linkage that began with the pioneering missionaries. Not long after our return to Houghton, Mullen called a series of meetings and—working through college contacts, the Houghton community and key people in the area—oversaw the collection of \$47,000 (within three months) so that a WHI team could rebuild the Gbendembu schools.

When the fall semester began, **Ken Bates '71**, associate professor of

business and chair of the department of business and economics, enlisted students to perform a strategic analysis of the microfinance operation. In October, S.D. Kanu, the microfinance director, arrived on campus from Freetown and spent a month working with faculty and students to lay the groundwork for a long-range partnership.

There's more. Discussions are ongoing regarding a variety of ways to work together:

- **Ron Oakerson**, professor of political science, is planning a class to study government decentralization;
- **Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82**, associate professor of religion, is investigating women's issues;
- **Woolsey**, professor of education, is focusing on combined faculty/student/alumni teacher workshops;
- **Daryl Stevenson '70**, professor of psychology, is working with WHI leaders on psychological programs to encourage personal responsibility and bring peaceful change;
- **Andrew Gallman**, professor of linguistics, is assisting Oakerson;

• **Jeffrey Carter**, assistant professor of Christian ministries and director of the pastoral and church ministries program, is probing links with black churches in Buffalo;

• I continue to develop communication strategies and programs.

Our group went with a single question and found multiple answers. They center on a coordinated college approach built on the same divine instinct that Willard J. Houghton expressed when he saw the debauchery on Jockey Street in Houghton Creek in the 1880s. He turned to education, Scripture and societal engagement to "fix up the world."

In that same spirit, our group is exploring ways that their disciplines can fulfill Houghton's original vision. Like him, they seek to apply their specialties to help "fix up the world." And, like the missionaries of old, their work will be centered half a world away.

Dan Minchen is associate professor of communication and business.

"Grace Will Move You"

An alumna shares how a "chance" encounter transformed her relationship with Houghton, and the changes the experience brought.

I WISH I HAD UNDERSTOOD when I was 18 or 19 that life rarely turns out the way you plan. It would have saved me a lot of heartache. That was not a truth I had mastered back then; I am only beginning to understand it now. As the Rainer Maria Rilke wrote in *Letters to a Young Poet*, "Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer."

I didn't much understand Rilke's quotation when I was younger and if I had, I wouldn't have liked it. "Forget the journey," I might have said, "I want the result." We all do. I had a plan of how I wanted things to happen: I would graduate with my class in 1986, find a teaching job in Delaware, marry someone I met in college, publish my writing and have three kids.

It never happened. Oh, parts of it happened, but not much of what I'd dreamed came out the way I planned it. In those days, I was frightened by such unpredictability. I wanted everything laid out. In the years that followed, I have learned that we really see "through a glass darkly" when it comes to understanding God's work within us. I've discovered unpredictability is often the wild and woolly work of grace. In much the way Aslan is not a tame lion, so grace is not something predictable. In fact, many times the work of grace, at its beginning, looks to be a complete disaster.

My recent and astonishing experience with grace began when I received

an unusual call from my longtime friend **Kathy (Karle '86) Walsh**. She asked if I had received anything in the mail from Houghton. Odd question, but no, I hadn't. She told me that she had received a letter from President **Shirley Mullen '76** inviting all former cast members to a play, *Our Town*, and a retirement party for **Bruce Brenneman**. It was an invitation I couldn't resist. Kathy and I headed to Houghton on March 15.

When I attended Houghton in the early 1980s, I came from dark and difficult times at home, and, though I did not know it, more dark times were ahead. I saw college as a fresh start, the gateway to that life I had planned for myself. I had attended a Christian school all my life, so I expected Houghton to be a continuation of that, yet on a higher plane. That turned out to be true. I had extraordinary professors and classes I loved. While at Houghton, though, I was in the midst of that most human of conflicts: the need to blend in coupled with the need to become my own individual.

As things at home disintegrated, things at college became complicated in ways I could never have imagined. I didn't have much of a defense for all I was going through and certainly no perspective that "this too shall pass." Houghton had been a safe zone for me, but even there things started to fall apart.

When I left Houghton, I left without my degree. Instead of being a place that was dear in my memory, it became

a place where I had failed myself, a place where I hadn't finished what I had begun. Houghton became a place where I felt I didn't belong.

Despite being of two minds about Houghton, I wasn't ambivalent at all about the chance to visit with Bruce Brenneman again. Some of my hap-

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piest times at Houghton had been spent acting in plays, especially those directed by Bruce. When Kathy and I arrived at Houghton, we drove around a much-changed, yet strangely familiar campus. Everything was where it should have been, but many things were new or had a new name.

We made our way to the auditorium at Houghton Academy for the play.

Reunions can be peculiar times. We both wondered if we would recognize anyone, or if anyone would recognize us.

We did recognize people and right away. They recognized us as well. The conversation picked up around the room as more friends of years past began to identify each other, as well



Scira accepts congratulations from Bob Danner, who is showing off her diploma.

as faculty and staff members, who were out in force. I wish I could better describe the joy, the reconnection and the memories that flooded that foyer. Grace was already at work, had been at work much longer than I even imagined.

Later that evening I had the opportunity to speak to President Mullen and—though it hadn't even been on my mind before that moment—I asked if she thought there was a way I could complete my Houghton degree. She was absolutely gracious, asking me to send her the details via e-mail.

Bob Danner, former dean of students, with whom I had reconnected earlier in the evening, asked President Mullen to allow him to spearhead the effort. Between Danner and **Marge (Kaulfuss '72) Avery** in Academic Records, it wasn't long before I knew I needed 14 credits to complete my bachelor of arts degree from Houghton.

As I communicated with Danner

and Avery, the work of grace moved so swiftly I was amazed. What before would have taken weeks of phone calls and letters was shared quickly through e-mail. There were petitions to write, lifetime experience to gather for evaluation and then the strangest question I'd entertained for quite a while: Could I come for Mayterm?

This was a bit sticky. My 11-year-old daughter, Avalon, was still in school. My husband, **Mark '87**, is an art teacher who works some distance from Avalon's school. How could we bridge that gap of time before and after school? Friends stepped forward from every quadrant of my life to lend their help. Suggestions flew thick and fast and quite quickly we developed a workable schedule. I was completely astounded.

As the home situation began to take shape, I received word that I had been granted a scholarship that would pay for the class. This was incredibly

helpful: as quickly as everything was moving there was no time to budget for the expense. In addition to the scholarship, someone anonymously donated a one-meal-a-day plan to my cause. I visited the cafeteria every morning for a breakfast I didn't have to cook—a daily blessing.

Danner suggested I bring any writing I had done for evaluation by the writing department. I had no idea where I would find the papers from my days as a newspaper reporter and editor. Had I even saved them? A dusty box unearthed from my closet revealed that I had saved quite a few of them. (Finding that box among the many other boxes is a story of grace all its own.) I added it to my poetry and sermons from my years as an Episcopalian lay preacher and was surprised at how much writing I had done in 20 years.

Every step was like that. Things just fell into place. I remain over-

whelmed by all that was accomplished in 12 weeks. Every step I took forward in faith was rewarded by a deluge of grace. It became almost ridiculous, as if God were saying, "Look, Barb, it's so easy, a caveman could..."

So, as implausible as it felt, I arrived May 12 to take World Regional Geography with **David Benedict '73**, 20-some years since my last Mayterm. I enjoyed the class; it gave me a new insight on the conflicts and accomplishments of our world. While it was difficult being away from my family, I found that I relished the familiar frustration and delight in finishing assignments well and on time. I found it refreshing to be a student once again. As a parent, I am constantly the teacher, as I am in Sunday school. I was glad to listen to someone else for a change.

While I took my class, my portfolio was making its way through the writing department. My former professor **Jack Leax '66** examined it first. With his high standards, I knew that if he granted life credits for my writing, I could rest assured it was deserved. I hoped to be awarded three credit hours, which would leave me with just eight credits to be completed elsewhere. Professor Leax asked me to meet him in his office early in my second week. I didn't quite know how to interpret the grin on his face, but he handed me a folded piece of paper which he urged me to open. I had to read it several times before it dawned on me that he had given me **nine** credits for my portfolio. Through numb ears I heard him refer to my portfolio as "fine work" and tell me as well that he would like to give a portion of the portfolio he had not evaluated to another writing professor to have her assess it.

That portion went to **Laurie Dashnau**, associate professor of English, who teaches a class on writing about spiritual experience. Leax thought the sermons, poetry and even some of the newspaper pieces in the portfolio qualified for this category. By the end of my second week at

Mayterm, I visited Dashnau in her office, where she told me she believed it qualified for at least two credits. Those credits were the final two I needed to finish my coursework and graduate by the end of Mayterm! Thankfully there was a well-placed chair in her office into which I could drop.

I have never understood Jesus' words "ask and you shall receive" as completely as I did at Mayterm 2008. Had I tried, I could not have planned things this well. God had already gone before me, as he had promised (Isaiah 45:2). From the seeds of my work as an editor, reporter and lay preacher grew the credits I needed to complete my degree.

I found a quiet retreat at Yorkwood House where I stayed with Bob and **Roselyn '84 Danner**. Though I was the only student there for Mayterm, I enjoyed a lot of time with my house parents, who were delightfully helpful and hospitable. From Sunday tea time talks to printing out my exams, they were my dream team. Each person I met along the way lent me support and encouragement, from my friends and family (especially my husband and daughter) to those I met at Houghton on this incredible journey.

Bowled over by grace on a daily basis, I never felt able to convey completely the miraculous things that were happening. God's blessings were fantastic, constant and immediate; I felt that my reports began to seem improbable. Above and beyond receiving my degree (although I love having it, at last), I finally feel that I am a part of Houghton. During Mayterm, I found a sense of homecoming that

my uncommon, crooked journey has made somehow all the sweeter. Seeing God work in such a specific way in my life, through the good labor of so many people, will stay with me all my days.

The grace that God has poured out on my life, especially in these last few months, has transformed me, but grace is not a tame lion. Grace will move you from your comfortable, safe place; rob you of your certainty and require you to act, even when others might question your motives (or your sanity!), or outright dismiss your experiences. God will expect you to move forward, despite the obstacles.

"What happens next?" I've been asked. I don't know. I do feel certain that whatever happens will be extraordinary and so much greater than I can imagine. I can really do nothing but walk forward in faith, prepared—and completely unprepared—for the marvelous, unpredictable and astounding flood of God's grace.



Some of those who helped Scira obtain her degree gathered to celebrate with her at the end of Mayterm.

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"Celebrating the Journey..."



Houghton College welcomed hundreds of alumni, friends and parents to commemorate its 125th anniversary...

...on Homecoming Weekend, based on the theme "Celebrating the Journey...Transforming the World."

Festivities began on Thursday, with the naming of the campus center lounge in honor of **Robert Van Dyk '75**. Van Dyk has been a supporter of campus projects that directly

impact the student body, including the fitness center and Java 101. That evening was the Homecoming banquet and dance for students.

On Friday, the business department opened its new Business Investment Center. Equipped with a 24-foot stock

Transforming the World"



ticker streaming the latest quotes, LCD screens showing market commentators and their predictions and four dual-screen trader stations presenting market research results, the investment center serves as trading room, a classroom and a study area for business students.

Also Friday morning, the departments met and welcomed both current students and returning alumni to mix and mingle with each other, and with faculty. Then, the Founder's Day Convocation fulfilled the "Celebrating the Journey..." promise of the weekend's theme with a multi-

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media presentation of highlights of Houghton's rich history.

During the convocation, President **Shirley A. Mullen '76** presented **Wilson** and Eleanor **Greatbatch H'70** the Houghton Medal (see article, page 5). **Jon Bradley '84**, president of the alumni association, presented the Alumnus of the Year award to **Paul Young '76**, professor of psychology.

On Friday afternoon classes were suspended as students participated in 11 panel discussions led by 39 alumni and focused on two themes. First, eight panels focused on our

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Top—students portray Jockey Street during the Founder's Day Convocation. Above, left—Alastair Hutton '10 and his younger brother Andrew have become fixtures at Homecoming, Commencement and other Houghton events. The two are members of the Paris Port Dover pipe band, which won the North American Championships this summer and placed second in their grade level at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland.



Counter-clockwise from right: Efrain Rivera '78, CFO of Bausch & Lomb, speaks during the panel on "Pursuing our Calling in Business;" Corey Burke '12 (#15 in white uniform) makes a run during the men's soccer game on Saturday. During the game, news arrived that Burke's father, Steve Burke '80, had set the career record for coaching wins in the NAIA (now at 443), and was announced over the P.A. system; Shirley Mullen '76, presents a check to the student investment group in the new business investment center. The student group now manages \$250,000 of the college's endowment fund with the guidance of business professors; A trumpet sextet carries out the "Then and Now" theme of the weekend, featuring members of a trumpet trio from the 1950s and subsequent generations. From left to right, the members were: Jonathan Vogan '85, Robert Vogan '60, Joshua Kerr, Jonathan Vogan '10, Jacob Vogan and Rohn Vogan '84.





Director Gary Stith conducts the Symphonic Winds on the steps of Wesley Chapel during Saturday's festival on the Quad.

professional callings and then specific areas for those calls, including business, communication, education, law, medicine, ministry and research and development. Second, three panels under the heading of "being globally connected through..." and then three broad dimensions that reflect ideas that have for many years been central to Houghton's purpose—creation care, communication across cultures and service justice.

Friday evening the Ortlip Art Gallery celebrated the works of alumni and **James Barcus '59** presented a lecture. The volleyball team and both women's and men's soccer teams were in action, starting at 4 p.m.—the volleyball team and men's soccer lost (3-0 and 1-0, respectively), while the women's soccer team played to a double-overtime 0-0 tie. The evening concluded with a celebration around the theme "Then and Now" on the Quad, capped off by fireworks.

On Saturday morning the volleyball team held an alumni gathering and the men's soccer reserve squad tied an alumni team, 2-2. The morning also included the Homecoming parade, a ceremony to mark the beginning of renovations to Walldorf House (see back cover) and a festival on the Quad that included a Ferris wheel, games and rides.

On Saturday afternoon the field hockey team shut out Wells College, 7-0, the women's soccer team blanked Ohio Dominican University 1-0 and the men battled ODU to a double-overtime scoreless tie. During the games, tents by the field were the site for reunions of various affinity groups, including student publications, student government, athletics and residence halls.

On Saturday evening both college and community were welcomed to a "Stroll and Dine" meal featuring a variety

of fresh fruits and vegetables and finger food buffet items, followed by a "Then and Now" college choir concert. The "Then" portion was supplied by guest conductor **Donald Bailey** leading an alumni reunion choir and the "Now" portion featured **Brandon Johnson** and the current college choir.

After the concert, all were invited onto the Quad for a birthday celebration, complete with a 125th birthday cake. Then it was back into Wesley Chapel for a "Then and Now" Spot, featuring some favorite acts from decades past and the best of today.

Pastor Wes Oden led the students, community and alumni in a combined Sunday morning worship service in Wesley Chapel, continuing a series of sermons based on classic board games, this time featuring the game Memory (or Concentration). Using various Old Testament texts (Exodus 3:15, Deuteronomy 5:15, Deuteronomy 8:2), he noted that the people of Israel were instructed to remember God's providence, but not to live in the past. "You can't win the game of Memory unless you concentrate on what's revealed as the tiles are turned over," said Oden, but, he emphasized, "The point of the game is to remember what happened so that you're ready for what's going to happen."

"Our spiritual memories are not just to remember the past," he concluded, **"but to remember the past in order to live more fully in the present"** (emphasis added). ...Christian memory is not nostalgia...Christian memory is always looking ahead."





Daniel Noyes '93



Scott Wade

Wade, Noyes Return to Houghton to Join President's Staff

President Shirley A. Mullen '76 has named Scott Wade vice president for advancement and appointed Daniel Noyes '93 as the new executive director of alumni relations. Both are returning to Houghton after experiences at other higher education institutions.

Wade came to the college on June 16 after six years as director of student activities at Baylor University, where his department grew from five to 20 members. Wade was recognized as one of Baylor's Administrators of the Year in 2007.

"I am excited to have Wade join us and believe he will work well with our faculty, staff and students as he leads Houghton College's fundraising efforts," said Mullen.

Wade graduated in 1997 from George Fox University with a bachelor's in business and marketing. He worked at Houghton College from 1997-99 as the assistant director

of student programs, while obtaining his master's degree in education from Alfred University. Upon leaving Houghton in 1999, Wade served for three years at George Fox as associate dean of student leadership.

"Wade is a proven and effective leader whose references were glowing in their enthusiasm for him as a candidate for this vice president position," said Mullen, "He has the right attitude, skill set, personality, drive and enthusiasm to succeed in this important advancement work."

Noyes began his new position July 1, returning to Houghton after serving as the director of career development at John Brown University (JBU). In that capacity he counseled students, developed campus-wide internship requirements and trained students in effective interviewing, networking and résumé writing. Noyes was also an instructor of English, core curriculum

and professional studies and organized JBU's annual job fair.

Prior to his time at JBU, from 1995-1997, Noyes worked at Houghton as a residence hall director, career development intern and director of the Upward Bound Bridge Program, while earning his master's from Alfred University.

"I am delighted that Dan will be able to focus on developing a vibrant program of connection with our alumni," said Mullen, in announcing his appointment, "Our alumni are such an important part of the college constituency."

Noyes said: "I am excited about keeping Houghton's alumni meaningfully connected with each other and with their alma mater's continued mission of equipping scholar-servants to lead and labor in a changing world."

Houghton Students Take Pledges for Public Television Station

Twelve students volunteered their evening and assisted WXXI Public Broadcasting, in Rochester on September 10, as it raised \$10,000 during a televised pledge drive. The host of the evening was WXXI's **Brenda (Bolton '90) Tremblay**.

"This is the first time Houghton students took the pledging reigns for an entire night," said Daniel Minchen, associate professor of business and communication and director of public relations. "The college had plenty of exposure on camera, and Tremblay mentioned our support throughout the night."

The pledge evening was a continuation of Houghton's connections with WXXI. In addition to the volunteer effort, Houghton helps underwrite WXXI's broadcast of "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered," for which it receives 15 second spots during each program. The college also runs display advertisements in the station's viewer magazine, *Station Signals*.

"The more people hear about Houghton College, the more people like what they hear," Minchen said. "Our efforts to support very high quality broadcasting matches our values of emphasizing learning, promoting spiritual development through service and reaching out to local communities."



Students man the phones during the WXXI televised pledge drive.

Student Develops and Builds Garden Trail for Local Nursing Home

Inspired by a project assigned in her trail development class, **Angie Smalley '10** planned and built handicap-accessible paths around raised garden beds at the Absolut Care nursing home in Houghton.

The assignment was to propose an idea for a walk-

she decided to make her plan a reality.

With support from the nursing home staff, Smalley built three large, raised beds containing flowers, bushes and various other plants. Gravel paths surround the beds, providing easy walking access for the residents. Smalley also left a large open space in the center of the garden covered by a tent where residents can sit and talk.

"It is nice to bring some joy into the lives of the residents," said Smalley. "Some of them even joined me in planting and weeding."

Smalley received many contributions for her project. The college donated creek stone which Smalley used to build the walls of the garden beds. Wal-Mart, Pleasant Valley Greenhouse and the East Wind Landscape Nursery donated some of the plants and Smalley purchased others with donations made in memory of a loved one who had lived at the nursing home.

Several groups also contributed time and labor, including the college's office of service learning, the trail development class, Houghton's First Year Initiative and Martin Luther King service day groups and a group of students and faculty from Houghton Academy.



ing trail that would benefit community members. Smalley developed a plan to build a set of handicap-accessible paths around some of the garden beds at the nursing home. Then



In these pages, you will find news items from recent events and issues on campus. Because there are so many items to report on and due to space limitations, these items will be brief. Longer stories with further details on each of the items will be available through the Milieu section of the Houghton College Web site, www.houghton.edu/Milieu.

New, \$2,500 Scholarship Announced for Alumni Children

Executive Director of Alumni Relations Dan Noyes '93 has announced that Houghton College will honor its alumni by offering an annual, renewable scholarship of \$2,500 to the dependent children of alumni. To be eligible, students must:

- Be enrolling for the first time in September 2009, or after.
- Be accepted for admission.
- Have at least one parent who is an alumnus or alumna of Houghton College or United Wesleyan College (UWC).

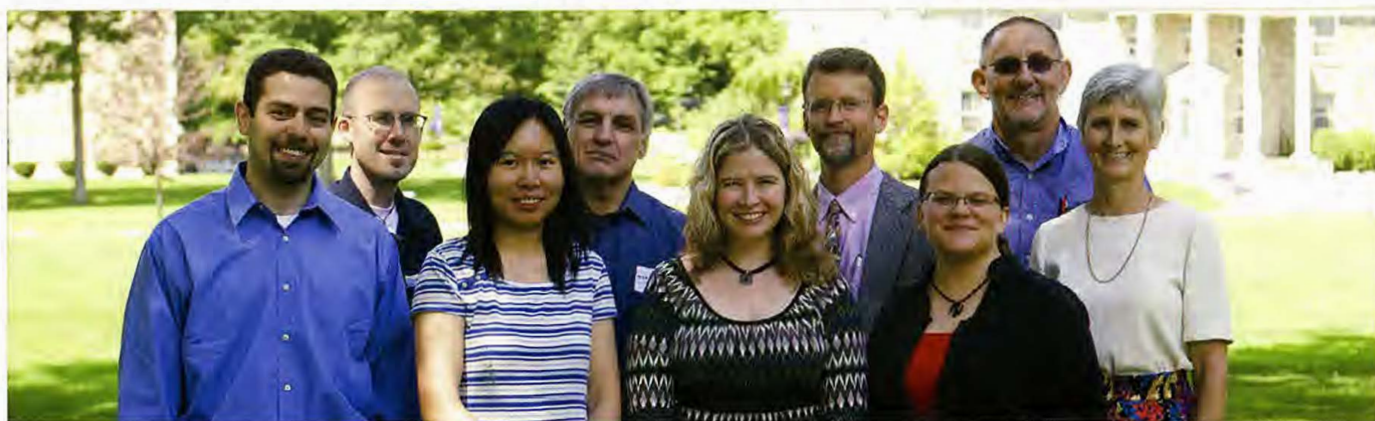
All those who attended Houghton or UWC for at least one

semester, whether in the traditional program or as part of P.A.C.E., are considered alumni, and their dependent children are eligible for this scholarship. Students who remain in good standing can renew this award annually, up to a maximum of four years.

Recommended by the admission office and endorsed by the alumni board at its October 2008 meeting, the alumni scholarship is an ongoing program that will benefit alumni and their children for years to come. For more information, visit www.houghton.edu/admission, or call the admission office at 800.777.2556.

College Welcomes Nine New Faculty

Houghton College welcomed nine new faculty members for the 2008-2009 academic year:



(Left to right:) John Rowley '03, Aaron Routhe '97, Yu Yan, Max Malikow, Jamie Potter, David Stevick '91, Lisa Arensen '97, David Kinman and Lois (Strain '73) Ross.

Lisa Arensen '97 is interim assistant professor of anthropology. She holds a master's in social anthropology from the University of Edinburgh and is currently working on her doctorate.

David Kinman is associate professor of Spanish. Kinman is certified in three languages, as well as program specialist ESL and social studies. He holds a bachelor's from Geneva College and a master's from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Max Malikow joins Houghton as interim associate professor of psychology. Malikow has served as instructor and assistant professor of education, psychology and philosophy at LeMoyne College, Cazenovia College, Syracuse University, Crouse Hospital School of Nursing and Wells College. He holds a bachelor's from the University of Nebraska, a master's from Gordon-Conwell and a doctorate from Boston University.

Jamie Potter is assistant professor of biology. Potter is completing her doctorate in microbiology, biochemistry and molecular biology from Southern Illinois University. She holds a bachelor's from Olivet Nazarene University and a master's from the University of Wisconsin.

Lois (Strain '73) Ross is associate professor of accounting.

She most recently served as controller for AccuMED Technologies, Inc. in Buffalo, NY. She holds a master's from California State at L.A. and an MBA from SUNY Buffalo.

Aaron Routhe '97 is assistant professor of sociology. He returns to Houghton from Tennessee, where he was the academic and program director for the Creation Care Study Program—South Pacific, New Zealand. He holds a master's, and is completing his doctorate, from the University of Tennessee.

John Rowley '03 is assistant professor of chemistry. Rowley recently completed his doctorate in organic chemistry from Cornell, where he worked on the synthesis of biodegradable plastics.

David Stevick '91 is the director of the libraries and information resources. Previously, he was the library director of the Shiprock Campus at Dine College.

Yu Yan is assistant professor of math. She recently served as postdoctoral lecturer in the mathematics department at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Yan holds a bachelor's from Fudan University, Shanghai, China and a doctorate from Stanford University.

Shea Exhibit Features Portraits

The Ortlip Art Gallery recently presented *Faces Are My Joy*, an art exhibit honoring the life and works of Aileen Ortlip Shea H'91. Shea studied for seven years at the National Academy of Design in New York City, where she was awarded the 1935-36 Pulitzer Traveling Scholarship in Art. Shea returned to the U.S. in 1936, accepting an invitation to pioneer the art department at Houghton College. Over a span of 60 years Shea painted and sketched hundreds of portraits. A dozen presidential portraits at Alfred and Trinity International Universities and Houghton and Roberts Wesleyan Colleges attest to her artistic productivity.



One of the many portraits done by the late Aileen Ortlip Shea H'91.

Seen at One Willard: Wayne Schmidt, pastor of the Kentwood (MI) Community Church, preaching at the Christian Life Emphasis Week services.



Wayne Schmidt

The Rastrelli Cello Quartet, Kira Kraftzoff, Kirill Timofeev, Misha Degtjareff and Sergio Drabkine, in the first Artist Series concert of the 2008-2009 season.

Christian singer John Waller, whose debut album, "The Blessing," earned him recognition as one of the best new Christian artists of 2007 from Christianity Today and Billboard Magazine, in concert.

Mark Yaconelli, the co-founder and director of the Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project housed at San Francisco Theological Seminary, holding a youth ministry workshop.

William J. (Billy) Abraham, the Albert Cook Outler Professor of Wesley Studies at Perkins School of Theology and author of (among others) *Cannon and Criterion in Christian Theology*; *Waking from Amnesia*; *The Logic of Evangelism*; and *The Rationality of Religious Belief* (edited with Steven W. Holtzer), giving the annual Woolsey Lectures.

Joseph Szabo, an expert on political cartooning, discussing attitudes towards the United States as revealed by cartoons around the world in a lecture entitled "Image of America."

Teatro Lirico D'Europa, putting on a fully-staged production of Mozart's *Magic Flute* for the second Artist Series concert.

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49 **Bev Barnett and Margie Miller** have published a book detailing their joint ministry in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-81 as chaplain and school teacher, entitled *For God and Country: Memoirs of a Military Chaplain*, available at the college store. Barnett had previously published *Houghton's Pantry: Its Proprietors, Patrons, and Panache*.



49 Highland Hospital (Rochester, NY) has had photographers take **Laura Fancher's** picture for publicity purposes on three different occasions this past year. First, WHAM-TV (channel 13, Rochester, NY) filmed her rocking babies for its "Bright Spot" segment. Later, she posed as a patient sitting on the edge of a bed with a nurse—a photo that the hospital has used in its print advertisements. Finally, she was filmed walking down a hallway dressed as a patient for use in hospital video advertisements.

52 *An Old Testament Theology*, written by **Bruce Waltke**, won the 2008 Christian Book Award in the category of Bible Reference and Study from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

53 **Mariel (Stearns) Ward** has published a book entitled *Penetrating the Stronghold of Islam*. The book "chronicles the 45 years my husband and I lived in the Philippines translating the Bible for a Muslim tribe," she writes. Details at www.marielward.com.

56 **Doris Ulrich Koehler** recently performed on a CD entitled "His By Grace," a compilation of 20 hymns. The album was a fund-raiser for the Agape Family Shelter, whose director Cynthia Smith was the album's sole vocalist. Koehler recorded the album's nine solo piano tracks on April 7 at Reifsnyder's Pianos & Organs in Mechanicsburg, PA, then accompanied Smith on a Steinway grand piano for the 11 remaining hymns. "We had a really good time" recording the album, said Koehler, who also performs music at the First Baptist Church. Friends can get copies of the CD at the Lebanon Rescue Mission or from the Joy Book Store in Schaefferstown, PA.

57 **Phyllis (Neal) Cooper** has published a book entitled *Questions God Asks in the Hebrew Scriptures*, available from the college store and Rosedog Books. She and her husband live in Orchard Park, NY. Their two children have three children each.

58 **Gerald F. Wright, Jr.** and his wife Janice celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 6, 2008. As a Wesleyan pas-

tor, Wright and his wife served in the Central New York district of The Wesleyan Church for over 40 years before retiring in 2004. A former Houghton College trustee, Wright is in the third of a five-generation Houghton College family. The Wrights have three children—**Bruce and Denise (Wright '82) Campbell '81**, **Dale and Meg (Martino '82) Wright '84**, and **Duane and Darci (Wright '90) Dembroski**—as well as nine grandchildren, including Houghton alumni **Rob Campbell '07** and **Alex Wright '08**.

65 As of June, **Judith Anderson** has retired after 43 years of teaching French and a variety of other subjects. She spent the past 21 years at Cumberland High School in Virginia. She looks forward to traveling, volunteering in her church and community, learning to play the harpsichord (a life-long dream) and eventually moving to Madison, WI, to be near family. She would like to hear from classmates at frencheyusa@yahoo.com.

69 **Nick Chamberlain** has been in pastoral ministry for over 20 years, and continues to write, in several genres. In 2004 he

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58 Members of the class posed for this picture at its 50th reunion this summer at Houghton. Thanks to **Ed Stansfield** [second row up, second from the right, with hands on the shoulders of his wife **Dot (Hoffman)**] for providing the picture.



HEROES AMONG US



The sculpture features the faces of the six minors trapped in the Crandall Canyon mine collapse facing the three men who died in the failed rescue effort.

We can Remember

On September 14, Jon Huntsman, Jr., governor of Utah, unveiled *Heroes Among Us*, the memorial for the nine miners who died as a result of the August 2007 Crandall Canyon mine collapse. Karen Jobe '79 Templeton sculpted the monument, which consists of deep-relief bronze portraits of each man—the six miners trapped in the mine collapse facing the three miners who died during the failed rescue effort. Templeton set the faces in a curved wall that is 16 feet long and six feet high. The monument is in the scenic rest area at the base of Huntington Canyon in Utah.

"The deaths of the nine miners continue to have a profound impact, even on those of us who did not know the men personally," Templeton said.

After attending Houghton, Templeton earned her bachelor's in nursing from Columbia University and a master's

from the University of Arizona. She spent 17 years in the health-care profession before leaving nursing to pursue her true passion, sculpture. Her art has won acclaim, including the Kathryn Thayer Hobson Memorial Award from the American Artists Professionals League, the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Arts Club's Anna Hyatt Huntington bronze medal for sculpture and three separate awards from the Portrait Society of America, including first place, portfolio.

As you might expect from one so accomplished in portraiture, Templeton concentrated on the miners' faces when crafting the memorial. "Sculpting their faces affected me in ways I never anticipated. I feel like I know them," she said. "More than that, I feel like they are some of my closest friends; I mourned their loss every time I worked on their portraits."

Templeton said that she was a nov-

ice to the world of mining, although her father had worked in mines in Pennsylvania. She often asked the families of the miners for explanations or descriptions of mining roles, clothing and equipment. "Without fail, every miner that I approached went the extra mile," she said, noting that they would make sure that she had photos, actual pieces of equipment of clothing to use. "They would come to drop off some mining paraphernalia and then stay for an hour or more and talk," Templeton said.

She recalled that a miner asked her "How can we ever hope to put this behind us? We still haven't gotten over the Wilberg [mine] disaster, and that was in 1984."

"I doubt you ever get over it," Templeton said, "but we can remember."

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published a play entitled *The Savior of the World* and he has just published a compilation of children's stories called *The Adventures of Papillon*. "They are a great read for children 8-12, as well as a wonderful read-to book for younger children," Chamberlain writes. He says that the second story in the book, "A Sad, Happy Pappy," is set in Houghton, during the year that he taught at the college. Chamberlain has two other books—*Galilean Nights*,

a work of historical fiction, and *The Worm in the Skull*, a book of Christian fantasy—under contract to be published soon.

76 **Kelvin and JoAnne (De Serio) Jones** live in Kirkville, NY, where he is the pastor of Community Wesleyan Church and she was recently honored for her work at the Chittenango Child-care Center with the 2008 Friends of

the Child award by the Mid-York Child Care Coordinating Council. She has since left the center and teaches piano and does freelance writing. Several years ago she was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, but says "through a lot of prayer and the skill of my surgeon, God brought me through."

77 The Lockport High School Foundation recently honored 12 graduates at a

Where I Belong by Mark Wentling '96

As Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary celebrates its 125th, one alumnus recalls how a photo from the early days led him to a friendship and a career

My family had never heard of Houghton, but I was set on going there and it was the only school I applied to. I was browsing the campus store my first day on campus when I came across Frieda Gillette and Katherine (Walberger '43) Lindley's book, *And*

image from one of Houghton's ledgers of early contributors to the school, including one donor listed as "Rev. N.E. Jenkins!"

I ran to the library where Linda Doezeema, reference librarian and college archivist, listened patiently as I explained what I had found and earnestly asked for any ideas she might have for investigating this newfound tie between my family, who had forgotten Houghton had even existed, and its founder. She graciously escorted me to the archives to see Willard Houghton's logbooks and to see if we might find mention of Rev. Jenkins. She also—to my astonishment—asked "Would you like a job?"

"Yes, I would!"

With Doezeema's help, I later found that Jenkins was the president of the Syracuse Conference of the Methodist church around the time Houghton was founded, and he was in the same circle of friends as Willard Houghton. Jenkins and Houghton, along with Rev. Nathan Wardner, another president of the regional conference, and Rev. A.W. Hall, publishing agent for the denomination, were pallbearers at Kinney's funeral. Later, Wardner officiated at my great-great-grandparents' wedding, and Hall wrote Jenkins' obituary.

I held my job at the Houghton Library all four years, helping to pay my way through school. One night, as my senior year drew to a close, Doezeema and I were reminiscing about our time together

while we straightened the chairs and shelved stray books. In the same calm tone I remembered from four years ago, she asked if I had ever thought about becoming a librarian. I was set on a job in sociology and laughed off her suggestion—literally.

In the fall I started a master's program in sociology but quickly realized it was not what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I was unsure what to do next. I was working as a librarian at the National Geographic Society—a position I had obtained on the strength of my experience at Houghton—and after thinking long and hard about what I really loved doing, I realized I was already doing it! The library was where I belonged—Doezeema had been right.

I withdrew from my sociology program and, on the strength of a letter of recommendation Doezeema wrote, I was accepted into the University of Maryland's library sciences program. I received my master's degree in August 2002 and moved to Boston where I was hired by EBSCO Publishing to design their online research databases. Today I manage EBSCO's database design team, and our products are used by libraries around the world—including Houghton's. I love my job. Linda knew I would.

It makes me wonder: what if great-great grandpa Jenkins hadn't included a picture of his friend Rev. Kinney in his photo album?



You Shall Remember: A Pictorial History of Houghton College. Thumbing through the pages, I recognized a picture of Rev. Denison Smith Kinney, whose conversation with Willard Houghton had helped germinate the idea for a seminary. Kinney's photo was identical to one I remembered from an album that belonged to my great-great-grandfather, Rev. Noah Elijah Jenkins. When I turned the page, I saw an

special ceremony inducting its second class of distinguished alumni. Among those honored for "excellence in her chosen field, outstanding contributions to humanity and service to the community" was **Sheila DiTullio**. DiTullio was named a New York state acting Supreme Court justice in January and has served as an Erie County judge since January 1996.

83 In June, **Katherine Singer** became the new police commander for the Desert Hot Springs (CA) Police Department. Singer is a 19-year law enforcement

September. Amos coaches the Rochester Rhinos women's team.

93 **Paula Marolewski** launched the Web site *Sink Your Roots* in June 2008. Visit www.SinkYourRoots.com for online Bible studies, free Bible lessons and a weekly devotional called "Seedlings." Marolewski plans to add new Bible studies regularly.

94 **Sarah (Strain) Moore** has married (*see Down the Aisle*), and accepted a position with the YWCA in Batavia, NY,

97 **Kristin (Hinde) Hodulick** is one of seven members of the class of 1997 who are training together to run a half or full marathon. "I'm amazed at how, 15 years later, my Highlander experience is still with me," she writes. "I can still hear **Drew White '96**, one of my leaders, asking 'Did you give 100%?'...Thank you, Houghton...I met my dearest friends and had this experience that will stay with me for my entire life."



86 On July 4, several members of the class got together for an impromptu reunion in Pittsburgh, PA. Attendees included **Tim and Jenn (Kreidler) Kitchen** of Westfield, NY, with four of their five children; **Dave and Tamys Hoffman** of Bozeman, MT, and their four children; **Jim and Barb (Carini) LaDine** of Whitinsville, MA, and their four children; and **John and Laurie (Spinelli) Cannon** of Rochester, NY, with their four children. (We'll let you try to identify who's who in the picture!) "We had a wonderful time of fun, fellowship and making new memories," writes Tim Kitchen.

veteran who, for the past eight years, worked as a senior law enforcement consultant with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Prior to her service with POST, Singer served 11 years with the Marin County Sheriff's Office as both a sergeant and a deputy. Singer enjoys coaching various sports, hiking and volleyball.

89 **Julie (Romann) Meyers** and her husband John recently completed a four-year training program with New Tribes Mission and are planning to go to Bolivia in July 2009. Read more about their journey at www.ntm.org/john_meyers.

92 **Peter Amos** was one of eight coaches selected by the United Soccer Leagues (USL) to manage the eight participating squads in the inaugural USL W-League combine in Tampa Bay, FL, in

leading the after-school program at Letchworth Central School.

97 **Karen Behm**, chaplain at The Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, was one of four finalists from 75 nominations selected by the Ohio Hospital Association for the 2008 Albert E. Dyckes Health Care Worker of the Year Award. The award recognizes outstanding caregivers who are great leaders, reflect the values and ideals of Ohio's health care facilities, routinely go above and beyond the call of duty, give back to the community and have overcome odds to succeed. Behm has been a chaplain at Jewish Hospital for two years. Outside of work, she is an active member and volunteer minister at her church where she is involved with the Interfaith Hospitality Network that works with the homeless.

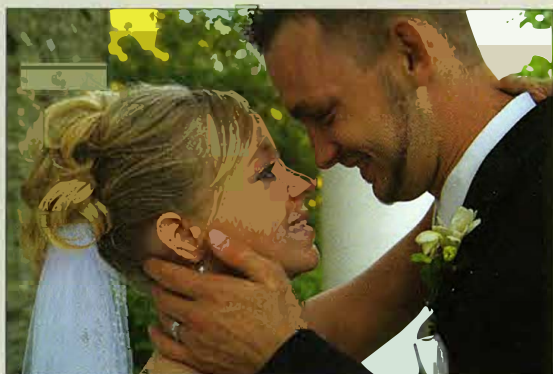
00 **Brian Pickard** graduated in May from Rutgers Law-Camden with high honors, and received the Rutgers Law School Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement. He is now a member of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania bars and works for Archer and Greiner, P.C., in Haddonfield, NJ.

02 **Sarah Tooley** completed her master's degree in social work at Roberts Wesleyan College in May and is working as an adoption social worker at the Catholic Family Center in Rochester, NY. She also ran the Buffalo half-marathon in May.

03 On the morning of the day that **Seth and Lauren Zysk-Parry** welcomed their first son into the world (*see Future Alumni*), Seth successfully defended his doctoral thesis. He received his degree

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Mr. & Mrs. Smith



Mr. & Mrs. Nagy

Down the Aisle

Peter and Pamela Montstream '93-Archangeli	12.28.07
Geronimo and Andrea (Pfeiffer '04) Bates	5.3.08
Barry and Mindela (Sheaffer '03) King '03	7.31.04
Clark and Sarah (Strain '94) Moore	7.4.07
Kyle and Michelle (Gaffrey '06) Nagy '06	7.14.07
Michael and Sarah (Haugen '05) Powell	7.5.08
Justin and Jaclyn Smith '06	5.31.08
Peter and Carissa (Lee '05) Sumner '04	7.26.08
Jeff and Julie (Claypool '94) Wilson	7.12.08

Mr. & Mrs. Montstream-Archangeli



At the Pfeiffer-Bates wedding, Houghton alumni present included (left to right): Ashley Mattern '04, Carrie Barss '04, Kaitlin (Holmberg '04) Seaman, Andrea (Pfeiffer '04) Bates, Andrea Walton '04, Renata (Dykman '05) Austin and Kimberly Goovaerts '04, as well as (not pictured): Chris Austin '04 and Charles Seaman '04.

Mr. & Mrs. Powell



Photos: Left to right, top to bottom; Simon King, Gavin McCarty, Kamryn Witmer, Valerie Wakeman, Noah Russell, Aubrey Thurber, Madeline & Nathaniel Murphy, and baby April Davis with her parents.



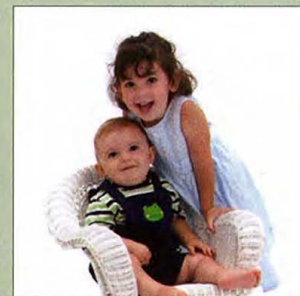
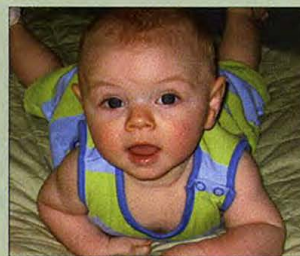
Future Alumni

Derek and Jessica (Fortt '00) Boggs
Colin and Pennie (Shufelt '98) Burgess
John-Marc and Elizabeth (Clay '02) Murphy

Benjie and Trish (Turner '04) Davis '04
Barry and Mindel (Seaffer '03) King '03
Glenn and Danielle (Bialy '01) McCarty '01
David and Susan (Stuart '89) Peterson
Paul and Heather (Curtis '02) Russell
Greg and Lara (Lundgren '98) Schuler
Lee and Elizabeth (Sherwood '99) Thurber '97
Jeremy and Jule Ann (Davis '01) Wakeman '01
Jeremy and Kari Wilton '01
Rodney and Wendy (Hoke '92) Witmer

Levi David 3.27.08
Ashleigh Helen 5.26.08
Madeline Claire 9.6.04
Nathaniel Luke 8.20.07
April Mae 4.2.08
Simon Gregory 7.31.04
Gavin William 6.22.08
Elias Jeremiah 7.8.08
Noah Benjamin 1.22.08
Gregory Michael, Jr. 4.12.08
Aubrey Lillian 3.5.08
Valerie Jeanne 8.5.08
Emaline Olivia 2.11.08
Kamryn Olivia* 8.21.07

*adopted



from the CUNY Graduate Center in September and is teaching at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, GA.

04 **Peter and Carissa (Lee '05) Sumner** married (*see Down the Aisle*) and are living in Manhattan. He is in his fourth year of medical school and she is teaching fourth grade in the public schools.

05 **Micah Niphakis**, a doctoral student at the University of Kansas (KU), has received a \$24,000 fellowship from the Division of Medicinal Chemistry within the American Chemical Society to continue researching plant compounds that kill cancer cells. Niphakis is one of nine doctoral students in the nation selected by division officials for the fellowship.

08 **Daniel Mullens** worked at a music camp near New York City before moving to Craig, CO, to accept a position as a high school/ middle school vocal music teacher. He invites friends to write him at daniel.mullens@moffatsd.org.

P.A.C.E.

B5 **Kelly Morgan** is the new executive director of The American Red Cross for Allegany County.



01 Here's a group of Houghton alumni that got together for a reunion on Labor Day. Pictured are (left to right): **Glenn and Danielle (Bialy) McCarty**, with future alumnus **Gavin McCarty**, **Akash and Sarah (Stalker) Desai**, **Jeff and Holly (Gruendike) Neill**, **Jeremiah and Jennifer (Curtis) Sheret '99**, holding future alumnus **Nathaniel Sheret** and **Kurt and Kimberly (Binkley) Verderber**.

M5 **George and Sharon Polarek** have accepted an appointment with The Salvation Army at its national headquarters in Washington, DC. George is the assistant director for the World Service Office and Sharon is part of the National Liaison for Disaster Services.

R3 **Deborah Watts** has been an IRR teacher for middle school for the last two years and is certified to teach business

to middle school and high school. She has completed teacher certification from the University of Georgia and is enrolled in their masters program for teaching.

Y4 **Christopher Malayny** has accepted a position as a ticket sales account executive with the New Orleans Saints of the NFL.

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39 **Sarabel (Allen) Elliott** died May 5 in Middletown, RI, at 94. Elliott attended normal school, then taught in a one-room schoolhouse for three years before attending Houghton, where she earned a degree in English. She married Rev. Everett Elliott in 1939, supporting his ministry as he pastored churches in Higgins, Appleton, Fillmore and elsewhere. She enjoyed reading, traveling, camping and being with her family. She is survived by her five children, including **Robert Elliott '65, Janet**

Arendt '67, James Elliott '69 and John Elliott '80. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, including **Janelle Arendt '04 and Stephanie (Arendt '00) Pease**; 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, two brothers and a son-in-law.

Ellsworth Rupp of Irving, NY, died June 1, at 90 years of age. Rupp was a World War II veteran and a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church of North Collins. Rupp

is survived by his wife Harriet; five children; 10 grandchildren and two sisters, including **Winifred Rupp '41**.

40 **Douglass Shaffner** of Tempe, AZ, passed away July 11 at the age of 89. A native of Bliss, NY, Shaffner was drafted into the U.S. Air Force in 1942 and served 25 years, primarily as a meteorologist. After retiring in 1967, Shaffner and his first wife, Lora, moved to Phoenix, where he worked in the computer industry. After Lora's death,

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he married **Edna (Woodworth '49) Clark**, who survives. Also surviving are two children, two step-daughters, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son.

41 Lloyd Elliott died May 26 at the age of 87 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Born into a pastor's family in Plattsburg, NY, Lloyd met his wife, **Margie (Fox '43) Elliott**, at Houghton and they married in 1944. Elliott graduated from Eastern Theological Seminary and pastored churches in New Jersey, Massachusetts and New York. His wife survives, as do their two sons and their wives: **Bob and Kathy Elliott '70** and **Dan and Kerry (Hull '74) Elliott '74**. Also surviving are three grandchildren and their spouses, including **Chris and Kim (Elliott '02) Mason** and **Robyn Elliott '04**, and four great-grandchildren.

42 Emily (Markham) Adelman of New Paltz, NY, passed away September 17 after an heroic battle with ovarian cancer. Adelman earned her medical degree at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania and practiced pediatrics for 40 years. She was a charter member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Highland, NY, and a life member of the Christian Medical Society. An avid supporter of the college, Adelman served on the President's Advisory Board and loved to return for Homecoming, lending her convertible to drive the president in the parade. The atrium of the Center for the Arts was named in her honor. Adelman was an avid hiker and led the Hiker's Holiday at the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz for 20 years. She was predeceased by her husband of 24 years **John Adelman** and is survived by her sisters **Martha Markham '41** and **Jane (Markham '45) Tupitza**; by two nieces and two nephews and spouses, including **James Tupitza '71** and **Willam and Barbara (Tupitza '73) Boyes '70** and by many grand-nieces and grand-nephews, including **Matthew Tupitza '08**.



Emily (Markham '42) Adelman

46 Evelyn (MacNeill) McMonigle went to be with the Lord on May 30, in Owosso, MI, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. McMonigle served for many years with the Missionary Workers in Detroit, and taught in the public school system there. She was married to **Clyde McMonigle**, who died in 1992. She is survived by a daughter and a son; three granddaughters; her sister, **Frances MacNeill '50** and her brother, **Donald MacNeill '55**.

49 Leslie Beach, age 82, of Holland, MI, died September 7. Following service as a communications intelligence expert in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46, Beach graduated from Houghton College in 1949. From 1949-55, interrupted by another year of naval intelligence service during the Korean War, he served the General Motors Institute as an instructor in psychology and human relations, while simultaneously completing a master's degree in educational psychology at Wayne State University. After completing his doctorate in psychology and educational psychology at the University of Michigan, he became an associate professor at Whitworth College in Spokane, WA, where he served from 1957-63. Following a one-year appointment as an associate professor at Bowling Green State University, he joined the faculty of Hope College in Holland, MI. He served

twice as chairperson of the psychology department at Hope, and wrote *Psychology in Business*, published by McGraw-Hill. Three times he received external research grants supporting his nationally recognized research on student development during college and on enhancing student learning through small-group discussion. Beach was also an adjunct lecturer in the Grand Rapids Extension of the University of Michigan from 1969-80. In retirement he was active as a volunteer with the American Red Cross in disaster mental health. Surviving are his wife of 44 years, **Carla**; three children, six grandchildren and two brothers and their spouses, **Gerald and Marjorie (Updyke '39) Beach '39** and **Richard and Lucille (Barnett '47) Beach '50**.

49 J. Robert Raub died July 14 at the home of his son in Honeoye Falls, NY, following a long illness. After attending Houghton, Raub earned a master's degree in elementary education from Buffalo University and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Rochester. He married **Connie (Williams '52)** in 1956. He was a school district administrator, elementary principal, instructional administrator and teacher. Raub owned the Buffalo Placement Service and was an associate professor at Roberts Wesleyan. Later he was planning director at the Mohawk Region Planning Center in Rome, NY, then spent 15 years as the director of education at the Madison-Oneida BOCES in Verona. His wife predeceased him in 2003. Surviving are two sons, including **James Raub '81**, five grandchildren and a sister.

50 June (Dukeshire) LaCelle died January 16 in Rochester, NY. Following Houghton, she taught school for a year and then worked in research at the University of Pennsylvania, at the National Institutes of Health and at Kodak before having four children. She sang in the Rochester Oratorio Society and the Bach Chorale, taught after-school religion classes, became a

leader in the Christian Women's Club and later in Rochester area Community Bible Study and served as choir director, board member, Sunday school and vacation Bible school teacher, first at Gates Wesleyan and then at Penfield Wesleyan Church near Rochester.

After completing her master's degree in counseling at the University of Rochester she headed the Prison Action Group, an organization that assisted prisoners as they re-entered society. She was also a freelance writer for Christian publications. After having a stroke in 2002 she became active in a stroke support group, volunteering weekly at hospitals to encourage stroke victims and their families. She is survived by her husband, **Paul LaCelle '51**, a long-time member of the college's board. Also surviving are her sister, **Mary (Dukeshire '46) Burke**; her four children, including **Andrea (LaCelle '79) Redfern**, **Peter LaCelle '84** and **Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82** and five grandchildren.

53 Mary (Moreland) Collins died of pancreatic cancer October 3 at the age of 77. She and her husband Clifford, who survives, lived in Ransomville, NY. Collins was the only child of **George Moreland**, who taught for many years in the college's science department, and **Frances (Woods) Moreland**. Collins graduated from Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary (now Houghton Academy) in 1949, then earned her bachelor's degree at the college. She received her master's in elementary education from SUNY Geneseo in 1956. She taught summer school for two summers at a Wesleyan missionary school in Puerto Rico. She and Clifford were married on July 3, 1965 in the Houghton Wesleyan Church. Collins taught at Brookside Elementary School in Wellsville and at Lewiston-Porter Elementary School for a total of 36 years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of the Ransomville Free Methodist Church where she taught CYC, played the piano for worship services and led the Wednesday morning ladies Bible study. She liked

doing crossword puzzles and home decorating. In addition to her husband, Collins is survived by several cousins with whom she was close, including **Frances (Woods '72) Carl** and **Laura Woods '76**.

55 Grace (Weaver) Rice died July 11. Rice was born in Washington Township, PA, and graduated from Elizabethville High School. She earned a degree from Lankenau Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia. Her husband John predeceased her, as did four brothers, including **Roy Weaver '41**; two sisters and a niece. Surviving are a sister, 10 nieces and nephews and several grandnieces and grand-nephews.

56 Patricia (Pogoda) Nyhus died April 13 in Graham, WA. Born in Utica, Nyhus was an elementary and special education teacher in Syracuse, in Tucson, AZ, and in the Seattle area. She was predeceased by her husband Don, in 2006. Surviving are two sons; a brother; three sisters, including **Marion (Pogoda '55) Harr**; an uncle; an aunt and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

57 Christine Ferrand, 90, of Salisbury, MD, passed away September 19. Born in 1918 in Gardenville, NY, Ferrand graduated from Bryant & Stratton Business Institute in Buffalo with an accounting-secretarial certificate and worked in the investment department of the Marine Midland Group in Buffalo as a bookkeeper and assistant steno/secretary for 10 years. In 1957 she graduated from Houghton with a degree in Christian education and a minor in music. From 1958-62 she served as a director of religious education at Trinity Methodist Church in Salisbury. After returning to New York, she went to graduate school for an intensive teacher training program for elementary teaching. She taught elementary school in Wellsville for 20 years before retiring and moving back to Salisbury in 1982. Ferrand is survived by a brother, two nephews, three nieces and

a sister-in-law. She was preceded in death by her two brothers.

61 Albert King died June 30 in Wyoming, NY, at age 68. A 1957 graduate of Letchworth Central School, he was the first recipient of the John Philip Sousa Award there. After Houghton, he earned his master's in child development at the University of Illinois. King taught for two years at Oregon State, then taught at Iowa State, where he earned his doctorate in statistics and research methodology. He retired in 1997 after 23 years of teaching at Iowa State. King was an accomplished composer and vocalist, described as "a fun-loving guy and the life of any party." Surviving are four sisters, including **Juliann King '65**; two step-brothers and a step-sister and several nieces and nephews.

68 Brenda (Markley) Picazo, of Springville, NY, died peacefully in Buffalo General Hospital on August 22, of pneumonia and related complications. She was 61 years old. Born in 1946 in Allentown, PA, Picazo attended Ritter Elementary School, graduated from Dieruff High School with honors in 1964, and *cum laude* from Houghton. She took graduate courses at Lehigh University and the College of William and Mary and was a permanently certified elementary and Spanish teacher in New York State. Picazo's love of music defined her professional career as a piano instructor, church music director and vocal and keyboard performer.



Brenda (Markley '68) Picazo (left) at this summer's alumni reunion.

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She gave private music instruction for the past 26 years in her studio in Springville, NY. At the time of her death she was staff music director for the Springville First United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading and crossword puzzles and took frequent walks or rides on her tandem bicycle with her husband. She participated in and led small-group Bible studies, and was a member of the Auxiliary of the Gideon's International. At her request, during her last hours Brenda's husband read to her from the Psalms and played favorite hymns for her. Picazo is survived by her husband of 35 years, Esteban; their two sons; her mother; a niece; a nephew and a sister-in-law. She was predeceased by her brother.

77 **Connie (Seeley) Penne**, 52, of Annapolis, MD, died Aug. 17 in Punxsutawney, PA. Penne was born in 1956 in Punxsutawney. She was the vice president of membership marketing with the National Business Aviation Association in Washington, DC. Previously, she

worked in publishing, advertising and marketing. Penne was devoted to her family and supportive of her children's activities. She enjoyed the beach, reading, writing and visiting family. She was the pianist for church services at the Future Care

Nursing Home. Penne was preceded in death by her infant son, two brothers and two sisters. Survivors include her husband **David Penne '77**, two sons, a daughter, a brother and a sister.

78 **Susan Bunnell** passed away March 2 at her home in Dallas, TX, after a three-year battle with lung cancer. After Houghton, Bunnell earned a master's degree in business administration from Southern Methodist University. She worked as an insurance underwriter for CNA and AIG. She was a member of Christ the King Presbyterian church in Houston, TX, and was a docent at

the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. Interests included reading, travel, art, bicycling, hiking and racquetball. Survivors include her parents; her siblings and their spouses, including **William Bunnell '64**, **David and Lynne (Barker '66) Bunnell '67** and **Marc and Marcia (Bunnell '69) Bateman**; five nieces and nephews.

79 **Diane (Risk) Stern**, 51, died September 9 in her home, following a 13-year battle with cancer. Born in 1956 in Quarryville, PA, Stern was valedictorian at Solanco (PA) High School and an exchange student in Brazil before attending Houghton. She earned her medical degree at the Milton Hershey Medical School, and did work at Penn State University. Stern was a doctor of pathology. She attended First Evangelical Free Church and enjoyed Bible studies with friends. She also enjoyed gardening, scrapbooking and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Stern is survived by her husband, **David Stern '81**, by their three children, by her parents, **Paul and Shirley Risk**—he served on the president's advisory board—a brother, a niece and nephew.

Faculty/Staff/Administration

Jesse Crowder died from osteoporosis on October 3 at the age of 84. Crowder, a retired accountant for the company that owned *The Baltimore Sun*, served on the college board of trustees after his retirement in 1988. Crowder attended a one-room schoolhouse in Artemas, PA, and was the first in his family to graduate from high school. During World War II he served with the Coast Guard on the *USS Gordon*, ferrying troops to England before the Normandy invasion and bringing German prisoners of war to the United States. Crowder graduated from the University of Baltimore and went on to work for the Haskins & Sells accounting firm and later the A.S. Abell Co., which owns the *Sun*. When Crowder retired to Orlando two decades ago, he declared he would take it easy. That included world travel from Norway to the southernmost tip of South America, entertaining presidents of various

universities at his home and serving on boards for the college and The Wesleyan Church. Crowder is survived by his wife of 61 years, Grace; three sons and a daughter; 13 grandchildren, including **Clinton Crowder '98**; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Richard "Dick" Wing, Lt. Col. (ret), professor emeritus of writing and former administrator, passed away June 23 at the age of 73. He was at the V.A. Medical Center in Batavia at the time of his death, where he had been a resident for two months following a diagnosis of cancer. Wing was born in 1935 in Buffalo and graduated from Bliss High School in 1952. He received a degree in agricultural education from Cornell in 1956 and later earned his doctorate in education from the University of Buffalo in 1990. While at Cornell, Wing enrolled in the Air Force ROTC and upon graduation served in the Air Force as an officer and pilot, with tours of duty in Georgia, Texas, Hawaii, California, Illinois, England, Germany and Pennsylvania. He served in Viet Nam from 1965-66, earning a Silver Star and several other medals. Upon retiring from the Air Force in 1977, he moved to Pike, NY, and worked at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds for one summer as a carpenter. He was the voice of the Grand Parade and Firemen's Parade for almost 30 years and the emcee of the annual Barbershoppers Concert. He was a member and former deacon at the Castile Baptist Church. In 1978 Wing started working at Houghton in various capacities, ultimately becoming an instructor for principles of writing and journalism. He retired from Houghton in 1998 but kept close ties to the college until his death. He ghost-wrote many speeches made by faculty and administration and edited other speeches and dissertations. In 2004 Wing published his book *A Vine Of God's Own Planting: A History Of Houghton College From Its Beginnings Through 1972*. Wing was predeceased by his wife, Lois, and is survived by a daughter; three sons, including **Alan Wing '84** and **Edward Wing '85**; a grandson; two brothers and two sisters.

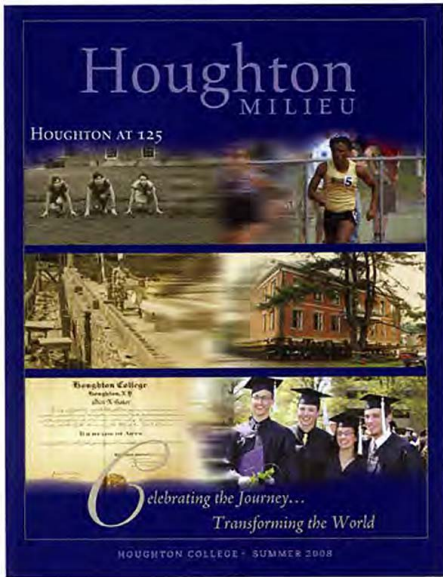


Connie (Seeley '77) Penne



Appreciation for Houghton

The *Houghton Milieu* has been a great blessing to me all these years. It has been the primary communication connecting me to the college and to the



achievements of others.

I left Houghton with a bachelor's degree in education and the greatest summer wilderness experience with Coach Burke. Dr. Lola Haller influenced my life with her insight and patience. I am indebted to her and the college.

In August 2007 I completed my master's degree in education with high honors from LeMoyne College. I celebrate God's richness and grace to me in light of all that God has done through the ministry of Houghton's education department and the long hours professors gave me.

Linda A. Palmer '81
Cortland, NY

I left Houghton at Christmas 1942, in the middle of my senior year, and went on active duty with the U.S. Navy, where I held the rank of lieutenant (j.g.). I served in the Pacific and on the USS Birmingham, a light cruiser. I went through the invasions at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Following my discharge I completed my bachelor's degree and earned a master's at Stanford University, where I maintained a straight "A" average. I then served as a teacher and principal in the public schools for 30 years.

Upon retirement in 1977 I worked with the Environmental Volunteers for another 30 years. They teach children about the environment in which they live and take them on field trips. I have spent a good share of the last five years as a volunteer docent at the Palo Alto Baylands Environmental Education Center.

I feel that I can attribute much of my success at Stanford, in the Navy and at the Palo Alto Baylands to the training I received at Houghton. Thank you.

James D. Marsh '43
Mountain View, CA

Thank you for the privilege of being able to express my gratitude for the Houghton years. Many Western New York classrooms were occupied by the '29 graduates. I enjoyed your article and wish Naomi [Christensen '08] well.

Edith (Davis '29) Densmore
Franklin, IN

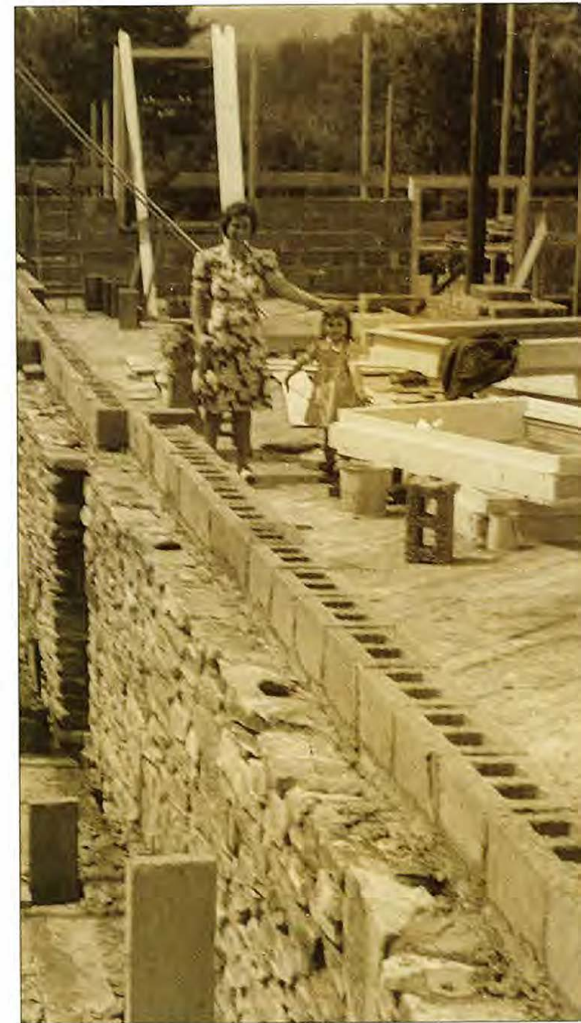
Recently, I saw the cover of the summer 2008 *Milieu* and thought that it included a picture of my late wife Lila and our daughter, Peggy, standing on what I thought was the center section of East Hall (now named Gillette Hall). The dress looked like Lila's best dress and the face of the little girl was Peggy's. I was so sure that I stopped at the Alumni Office to see if I could get extra copies. The receptionist said she would check the files for the original, and soon an e-mail message came requesting that I stop by the office.

When I did, there was a framed copy of the picture as a gift. Again, I was sure it was Lila, but, alas, in studying the picture at home I realized that the building was Luckey Memorial,

not East Hall. (I had laid stone on both buildings.) The picture was of **Mae (Young '33) Smith** and her daughter, **Lois Ann (Smith '60) Thomas**, taken in 1941, not 1952. I am disappointed, but have to admit to facts.

I still have the picture and when I look at it my heart is warmed not only by the memory of my late wife but by the warmth of the love shown by the Alumni Office receptionist, **Michelle Hillman '08**. God bless her.

Olson Clark '46
Houghton, NY



Mae (Young '33) Smith and her daughter, Lois Ann (Smith '60) Thomas observing the construction of Luckey Memorial.



PICTURE THIS

WALLDORF HOUSE



Built in 1890, Willard J. Houghton made reference to the success of the "Walldorf Temperance Hotel" as evidence of a growing community surrounding the seminary. In 1921 Eleanor Woodhead deeded the building to the college in exchange for an annuity. Female students moved in shortly thereafter. Later in its history, Walldorf housed boys from Houghton Academy, then men from the college. Recently, Walldorf was home to female college students seeking to live in "an intentional community environment." The Alumni Board has proposed that Walldorf become a meeting place for alumni and—bringing its use full circle—a guest house for out-of-town alumni. At Homecoming, the college held a ceremony (pictured above and left) to commence Walldorf's refurbishing. Do you remember more of Walldorf's history? Did you live there, or know others who did? Drop Milieu a line and share your stories: milieu@houghton.edu or Milieu, Houghton College, One Willard Avenue, Houghton, NY 14744.

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