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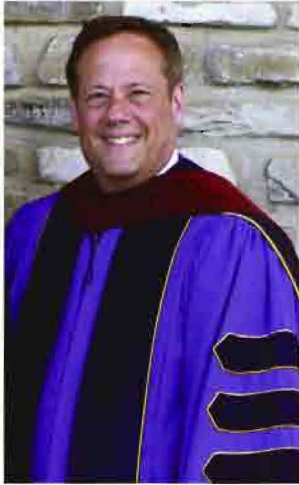


"For Such a Time as This"

THE INAUGURAL SEASON OF
PRESIDENT SHIRLEY MULLEN

For Such a Time as This

by Karl D. Eastlack '79



Karl Eastlack '79

MANAGING TIMES OF CHANGE is perhaps one of the greatest challenges leaders face. Aubrey Malphurs writes about how people respond during times of organizational change (he calls them early adapters, middle adapters, late adapters and never adapters). He also articulates the most common mistakes made during those tumultuous times, such as assuming everyone agrees on which direction the organization should take as it comes out of the change period.

The past two years have brought many changes for Houghton College. While bidding farewell to a much-loved leader and his precious wife, we simultaneously carried on a search to find the new president whom God had to lead us. During this special (and rare) period of leadership change at Houghton, I had the distinct privilege of chairing the Presidential Search Committee (often feeling like I had the "best seat in the house" during this momentous time).

The committee processed dozens of names—in fact, our consultant told us that he never had a larger pool of potential candidates than Houghton's. The period of selecting was not without its moments of high drama and intense discussion, yet as we began to focus on a certain few, one name kept rising to the top. At the "end of the day," we knew the Lord had led us to her and, after much prayer and deep thought, she agreed with our assessment, as did the full board of trustees. As a result, I am very pleased to introduce the fifth president of Houghton College: **Shirley Mullen '76.**

After serving for many years at Westmont College in southern California, Mullen brings to her beloved alma mater a demonstrated blend of organizational and academic leadership. She arrived on campus in December and has already offered an open style of communication with various parts of the college community. Her love for Houghton is easily sensed, her passion for our Lord and His Kingdom is deep, her desire for academic excellence is contagious and (interestingly) her appreciation for John and Charles Wesley's potential impact on our current culture and church is quite inspiring.

It was exhilarating and a true blessing to serve with the search team. They are owed a debt of gratitude for their selfless, often sacrificial service to the college. While Malphurs' writings proved quite helpful to the team, I am thrilled to say that the college not only survived this period of testing, it thrived. It bent without breaking. It prayed when called upon. It asked the hard questions and held decision-makers accountable. It fretted, yet it kept its faith in God's leadership and timing.

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Please join me as we formally welcome Shirley Mullen as president of Houghton College. The future presents challenges as well as opportunities (they might often prove to be the same!). May the Lord Jesus provide His anointing upon her as she leads this special place "for such a time as this."

Karl Eastlack '79/'02 is the pastor of the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church and chairs the Houghton College board of trustees.



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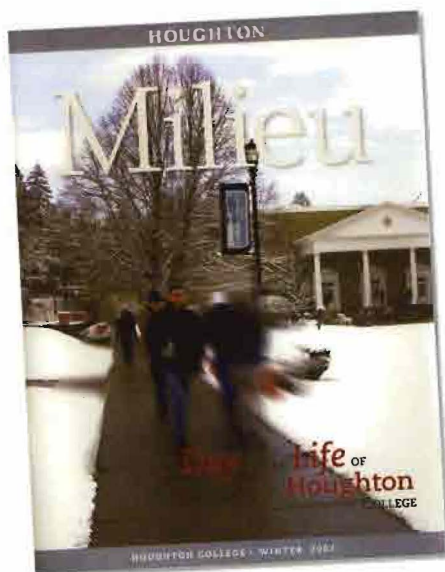
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A Day's Differences

In President Shirley Mullen's column ("The Difference a Day Can Make," winter 2007), she said, "There was the day that Rosa Parks sat down in the front of the bus instead of going to the back as she had always done..." While her point was that some personal actions are so courageous they turn simple dates into historic milestones, her reference to Parks perpetuates an incorrect version of what happened December 1, 1955, on that Montgomery, AL, bus.

Parks herself gave the true account in a 1956 radio interview: "I want to make very certain that it is understood that I had not taken a seat in the white section, as has been reported in many cases," Parks said. "When I got on the bus, the rear was filled with colored passengers, and they were beginning to stand. The seat I occupied was the first of the seats (that) Negro passengers take on this route." Parks said the driver looked back and asked her and three others to yield their seats to some white men. "The other passengers very reluctantly gave up their seats, but I refused to do so," she said. (The Parks interview is included in a six-CD set, *Women in the Civil Rights Movement*, available from Radio Pacifica Archives in North Hollywood, CA.)

Carol (Lepper '70) Christian
Houston, TX

My thanks to Carol for sharing the details of this important event. As an historian, I would not want anyone to have an incorrect understanding of what took place, and what better source could there be than Ms. Parks herself? As noted, the focus of my column was on the personal courage shown by Parks' actions, which helped make that day a turning point in the battle for civil rights in our country.—Shirley A. Mullen '76

More "Picture This" Memories

The photo of Professor Woolsey through the window of a Woolsey Hall classroom door in the fall 2006 issue reminded me of another quirk of that building. On the ground level of the arcade that connected Woolsey and Fancher was a classroom space where I had Labor Economics. On cold January and February mornings the heating system would be hard at work warming up the building and several times during each class period the overhead pipes would start to "clang" so loudly that Professor Ed Willett would have to stop his lecture. Professor Ed Willett would have to stop his lecture and wait 30 or 40 seconds for the sound to end. It wasn't long into the semester that we all learned the routine: The clanging would start. Willett would stop in mid-sentence. He would glance up at the pipes. We would wait for the clanging to stop. He would resume his lecture as though nothing happened. I still vividly recall his look of resignation when he glanced at the pipes.

Rich Strum '85
Ticonderoga, NY

My favorite Quad story took place on a night in the fall of 1965 when some mischievous senior students held "The Houghton 500" at about 2 a.m. Cars ran around the roadway parallel to the Quad; the "flag" was dropped in the area where the Campus Center is now, near the back of the Bedford Gym. We also staged great Frisbee baseball games on the Quad—this was a fairly regular activity during my years and got many students involved.

Ken McGeorge '66
Browns Flat, New Brunswick

Corrections

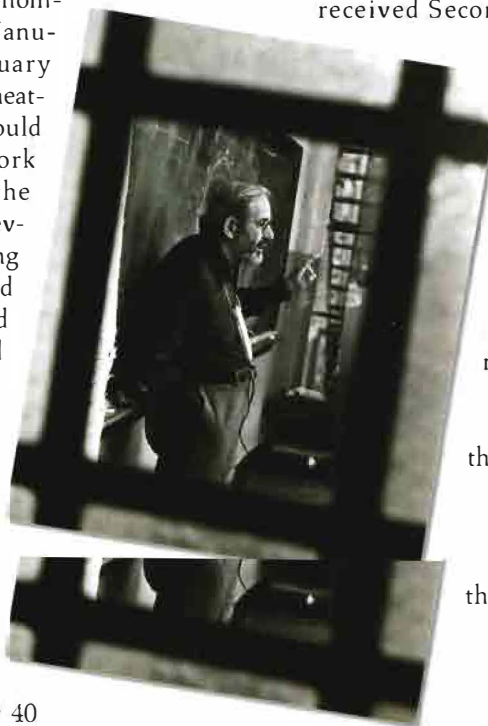
In the "Future Alumni" section of the winter 2007 issue we omitted the name of **Matthew Hirschhoff '97** as father of Eva Rose and husband of **Amy (Bretsch '97) Hirschhoff**.

In the spring 2007 issue we wrote that **Bethany Kowalczyk '08** had received Second-Team NAIA All-

America honors for her first three seasons of play with the women's soccer team. In fact, Kowalczyk was a **First-Team** All American her freshman and sophomore years and Second-Team her junior year.

We apologize for these errors.—Editor

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Faculty and Staff Recognized for Service

AT ITS ANNUAL RECOGNITION Dinner in April the college honored landmark service years for 36 employees, three of whom are retiring from full-time service. Also presented at the dinner were the Mary Boomhower Staff Excellence Award and the Ken Boon Community Service Award.

Electrician Ken Stonemetz received

who has excelled in community service and honors the memory of Houghton Biology Professor **Ken Boon '62**, who was chief of the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department for 24 years.

Ten-year service awards were given to **Denise Bakerink '83** (dean of student life), Jane Buteyn (Campus Store floor supervisor), Wei Hu (associate professor of

of sociology), Ron Oakerson (professor of political science), **Paul Stempert '83** (maintenance), Matt Webb (men's soccer coach) and John Woodard (PC support technician).

Receiving 20-year awards were Cameron Airhart (professor of history), **Skip Lord '80** (women's basketball coach and associate vice president of athletics) and **Jeff Luckey '87** (maintenance).

Honored for 25 years of service were Bruce Brenneman (assistant professor of English), Darlene Bressler (interim academic dean), Diane Deci (West Seneca library assistant), Janet Findlay (Health Center RN), **Mitchel Jones '69** (maintenance), Mike Lastoria (director of counseling services), Dan Moore (instructional technology coordinator, Audio Visual), **Rich Stegen '69** (professor of psychology), **Daryl Stevenson**

'70 (interim associate academic dean), G. Ange Szymanski (assistant director of facilities), **Mike Walters '86** (professor of Christian ministries) and **Jo-Anne Young '69** (equestrian program director).

Thomas Kettelkamp (professor of physical education and recreation) and B. Jean Reigles (professor of voice) were recognized for 30 years of service.

Retirees included **Betty (Histed '66) Bunt** (36 years, library coordinator of technical services), Joanne Hartman (20 years, academic dean's office administrative assistant) and Martha Wolfer (21 years, library circulation supervisor).



Ken Stonemetz (left) received the Boomhower award for his Christian witness and exemplary performance. Dan Moore (below) received the Boon award for excelling in community service.

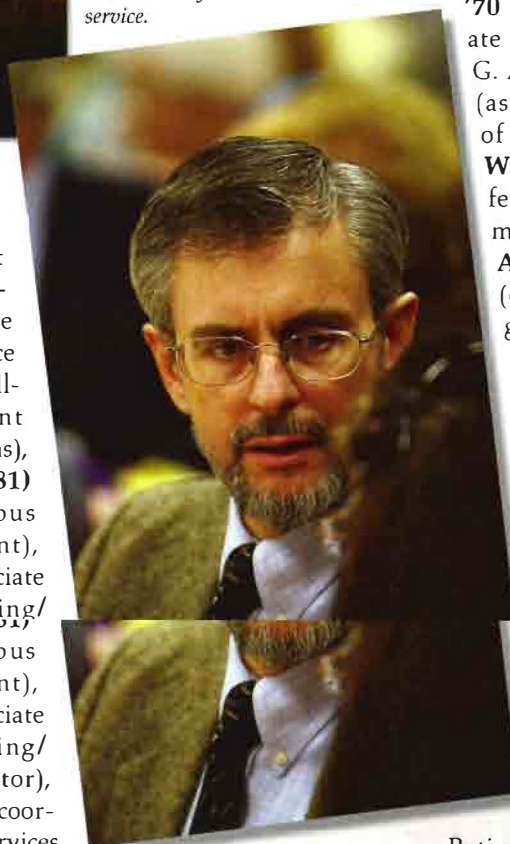
the Boomhower award, presented each year to a staff member with a minimum of 10 years of service who exemplifies a commitment to God, a servant's heart and exemplary performance. The award honors Boomhower's 45 years of service. Stonemetz was noted for his quiet, humble demeanor and his willingness to use his expertise outside his regular work.

Dan Moore, audio visual instructional technology coordinator, received the Boon Award for donating his technical expertise to the Houghton Wesleyan Church and for leading Bible studies at the Allegany County Jail for 25 years. He also helps inmates when they are released by connecting them with churches and providing counsel as they look for work and get established. His outreach to prisoners extends around the world to Russia, where he has traveled to install satellite systems that now bring Christian radio to prisons and drug rehab facilities.

The award recognizes an employee

mathematics and computer science), **Mark Pavone '97** (P.A.C.E. assistant director), Betsy Sanford (administrative assistant to the vice president for enrollment management and market relations), **Janine (Filmer '81) Spear** (off-campus programs assistant), Dennis Stack (associate director of housing/calendar coordinator), **Brad Wilber '91** (coordinator of public services and interim director of the library) and **Brad Zarges '92** (men's basketball coach).

Employees recognized for 15 years of service included **Nancy (Banker '90) Cole** (women's volleyball coach), **Roselyn Danner '84** (art collection manager), Jayne Maugans (professor



Faculty/Staff News

Barb (Robbins '72) Bates, director of major gifts activity, received her professional certification as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).

Judy Congdon, professor of organ, was the major presenter for an all-day conference on organ pedagogy in Rochester, NY. The conference was sponsored by the Rochester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Congdon also gave an organ recital as part of the Eric Arnold Memorial Concert Series at Randall Baptist Church in Williamsville, NY.

Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies **Marcus Dean's** review of the book *The New Friars: The Emerging Movement Serving the World's Poor* by Scott A. Bessenecker was published in the April 2007 *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*.

Executive-in-residence **Craig Fellenstein** was invited by The Informatics Association of Turkey to speak at their upcoming Seminar for the Managers of IT Departments.

Cathy Freytag, associate professor of education, and **Meredith Howard '07** (an inclusive childhood education major) were invited presenters at the Student Council for Exceptional Children Conference at SUNY Geneseo. They presented a session entitled "Using Differentiated Instruction and Universal Design Principles to Reach English Language Learners with Diverse Learning Abilities." The session was based on an earlier presentation that Freytag collaboratively presented with four students at a state-wide conference in Albany last November.

Professor of Business **Richard Halberg '71** and **Jeff Hirschhoff '00** traveled to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and conducted an operational and



Photos on this page: Mary Gibson '00

Eight Compete at National Meet

EIGHT ATHLETES from the Highlander track & field squad competed at the 56th Annual NAIA Outdoor Track &

24th in a field of 51.

In other year-end sports news, four women and three men earned post-season honors in basketball. **Leah French '10** was named Freshman of the Year and selected to the Second Team of the American Midwest Conference's (AMC) North Division. **Ashley Scudder '08** was named AMC North Division Honorable Mention for the second time in her career.

She was joined on the Honorable Mention team by **Erika Forland '10** and **Jessica Smith '10**, who also made the AMC North Division All-Freshmen Team. For the men, **Luke Mortenson '07** was named as a Second Team All-AMC North Division selection; **Mada Abdelhamid '10** and



Field National Championships, held May 24-26 at Fresno (CA) Pacific University. **Rachel Rhodes '08** finished third in the three-kilometer race walk (15:26.12) to earn All-America honors for the second time. **Naomi Rhodes '08** finished third in the three-kilometer race walk (15:26.12) to earn All-America honors for the second time. **Naomi Christensen '08** ran the 400 meters (1:00.4) and **Kaitlin Fadden '10** finished 17th in the 10K (40:03.99) for the women. The men's 4 X 800M relay team of **Stephen Scott '09**, **Dan Ballard '09**, **Josiah Snellgrove '08** and **Ryan Fadden '07** suffered a fall and was unable to improve on its record-setting performance in the conference meet. Scott also made it to the semi-finals of the 400M hurdles, setting a school record of 54.47. **Mike Platt '09** ran the marathon in 2:40:46.93, finishing

Yannick Anzulini '10 were both selected as All-AMC North Division Honorable Mention and to the AMC North Division All-Freshmen Team.



Who's Visiting Houghton

EACH SEMESTER Houghton College hosts many visitors. Space doesn't allow us to share all of their names or stories here, but we thought you might enjoy a sampling of the guests who have visited campus this past semester:

- Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company Executive **Clifford Lange** spoke as part of the guest executive dinner series. Lange is vice president, chief financial officer and chief actuary at Boston Mutual, where he leads a team of 25 and is responsible for financial reporting, planning and budgeting.
- East and Southern Africa Director of Millennium Promise **Pete Ondeng** visited as a guest lecturer, speaking on "The Ethics of Microcredit" and "After the MDGs: What?" Ondeng hosts a weekly prime time television program called "Money Matters" in Kenya and is the author of *Africa's Moment*.
- **Jeff Clay '75** returned to campus as a guest executive. Clay is the executive director of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS), supervising and managing the public pension fund with assets in excess of \$60 billion, a staff of 301 and over 450,000 pension plans.
- Author **Lauren Winner** shared her story in chapel and a forum. Winner wrote *Girl Meets God*, *Mudhouse Sabbath* and *Real Sex: The Naked Truth about Chastity*. She has appeared on PBS's *Religion and Ethics Newsweekly* and has written for *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post Book World*, *Publishers Weekly* and *Christianity Today*.
- **Mark Blasko '90**, owner/general manager of Shirtmasters in New Hampshire, was the speaker at a guest executive dinner. Blasko started the shirt business in seventh grade and became known as the "shirt guy" around the Houghton campus selling shirts to clubs, teams, organizations

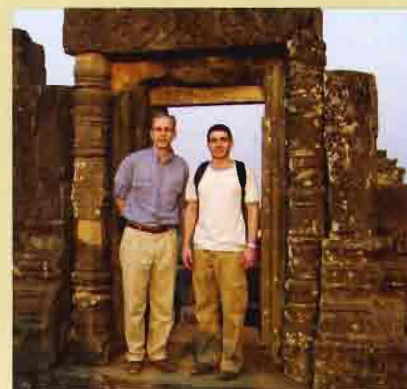
and the Campus Store. Shirtmasters now employs 14 people and serves thousands of commercial customers.

- **Donald Miller**, author of *The New York Times* bestseller *Blue Like Jazz*, spoke at a lecture series. An entertaining and engaging speaker, Miller speaks frequently at universities such as Cal State Poly and Harvard on issues concerning the relevancy of Christ to the human struggle.
- **David Foster '80** spoke at a monthly Guest Executive Dinner. Foster and his wife, **Martha (Manikas '82)**, own and operate two McDonald's franchises in the Southern Tier.
- The Spring Writing Festival featured four guest speakers: **Leslie Leyland-Fields**, professor of creative nonfiction in Seattle Pacific University's MFA program, who has written five books including *Surprise Child* and *Surviving the Island of Grace*; **Jean Janzen**, who has taught poetry at Fresno Pacific University and at Eastern Mennonite and has published six collections of poetry—the latest entitled *Piano in the Vineyard*—and a book of essays; **Susanna Childress**, who teaches at Hope College and had her first volume of poetry, *Jagged with Love*, selected by Billy Collins for the Brittingham Poetry



Lauren Winner

Prize and **Lawrence Wilson**, the editorial director for Wesleyan Publishing House and author of *When Life Doesn't Turn Out the Way You Expect*.



Halberg '71 and Hirschhoff '00.

financial review of C.R.E.D.I.T., a Cambodian microfinance institution, for World Hope International.

Virginia (Alexander '71) Halberg, instructor of piano, and Shirley Close, former professor of voice at Houghton, presented a sacred concert in Fort Myers, FL on Easter Sunday evening. They also participated in the Easter Morning Worship Service at Shell Point Village Church in Fort Myers.

Dave Hartzell, major gifts officer, was re-elected as president of the Clarence, NY, Chamber of Commerce. Hartzell has served on the board of directors since 2004, and was first elected president of the Chamber in 2006.

Dave Huth '91, assistant professor of visual communication and media arts, had a video selected for a special program showcasing online video at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival held in Durham, NC. Full Frame is "recognized as the premier documentary film festival special program showcasing online video at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival held in Durham, NC. Full Frame is "recognized as the premier documentary film festival in the United States." The video can be viewed at <http://davemedia.blogspot.com/2006/01/what-remains.html>. Huth also had a video selected to be shown at Pixelodeon, the first-ever internet video festival held in June at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles. Readers can view this video at <http://davemedia.blogspot.com>.

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com/2006/11/we-will-fly.html.

Brandon Johnson, director of choral activities, presented two sessions at the New York State School Music Educators Association annual winter convention entitled "First Rehearsal to the Performance: Getting Inside the Music and Extracting the Composer's Musical Intention in a Powerful and Emotional Way." The second session was an American Choral Directors Association sponsored conducting master-class where Johnson worked with graduate and undergraduate students to refine their conducting skills. At the Erie County Music Educators Association annual conference, Johnson presented a session entitled "How Can I Make My Choir Sound More Beautiful Tomorrow: Practical Suggestions and Concrete Solutions for Immediate Results." Also, Johnson was a contributing author to *Teaching Choir through Performance Volume II*.

Sharon Johnson, assistant professor of piano, and **Eric Thomas**, director of opera and musical theatre, presented a concert tour of Florida. They performed in Vero Beach and Fort Lauderdale before Thomas gave the recital hearing for his final doctoral recital at the University of Miami (he passed). Additionally, Thomas sang for services at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church and taped two segments for the Coral Ridge Hour television program.

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Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies **Ndunge Kiiti '88** and Associate Professor of Missions **Paul Shea '69** accompanied a group of 17 Houghton students to the Faith and International Development Conference at Calvin College.

David Lewis, women's soccer coach, presented "Cross-Cultural Church-Based Sports Ministry: An Ethiopian Paradigm" and "The Christian Coach



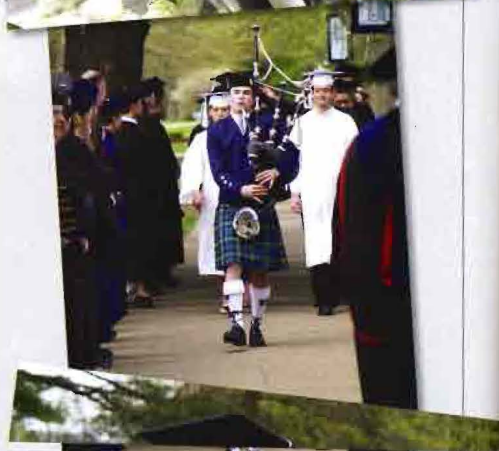
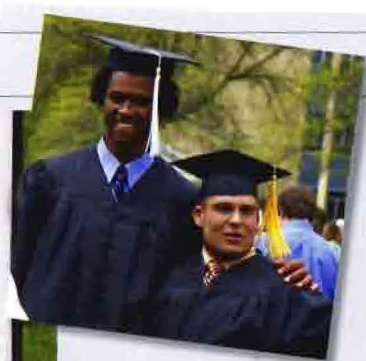
Commencement Celebrated by 277 Graduates

PRESIDENT SHIRLEY MULLEN '76 presented degrees to 277 graduates during commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 12 in Wesley Chapel. Two received associates degrees through Houghton's Pastoral and Church Ministries Program (PCMP) and eight received master's degrees. The class of 2007 included graduates from Canada, Germany, Honduras, Japan, Taiwan and Papua, New Guinea.

Alicia Walmus '07 of Broken Arrow, OK, was the valedictorian; she majored in intercultural studies with a concentration in missions and a minor in Bible. The salutatorian was **Anna Kruse '07**, of Candor, NY, who majored in English with minors in German and leadership studies. One hundred forty six of the graduates earned academic honors.

David Winter, president emeritus of Westmont College, challenged Houghton graduates with an address entitled "All I graduates earned academic honors."

David Winter, president emeritus of Westmont College, challenged Houghton graduates with an address entitled "All I Need." Winter, who lost his eyesight in just a few weeks while he was president at Westmont, noted that times of darkness are inevitable in each person's life. However, he noted, we can prepare for darkness, and, ultimately, we can join in the Apostle Paul's understanding from II Corinthians 12 that God's grace is sufficient. "What we really need is God," Winter said. "If you have God you do not need anything else. Build your life

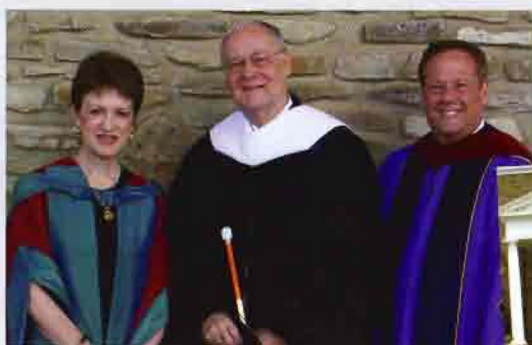


on this." Mullen and **Karl Eastlack '79**, chair of the board of trustees, presented Winter with an honorary doctorate.

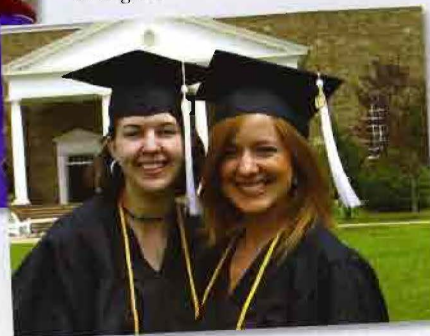
Houghton's ROTC program held its 2007 Commissioning Ceremony on Friday, May 11, the day before commencement. **Ryan Fadden '07**, an international relations, intercultural studies and Spanish major from Hyde Park, NY, accepted a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Two other ROTC graduates, **Benjamin Valentine '07** and **Thomas Bowers '07**, were commissioned June 4 and given "educational delays" to attend seminary and pursue positions as Army chaplains.



Valedictorian **Alicia Walmsley '07** (left) and Salutatorian **Anna Kruse '07** (right).



President **Shirley Mullen '76** (left) and **Karl Eastlack '79**, board chair (right) presented an honorary doctorate to **David Winter** (center), president emeritus of Westmont College.

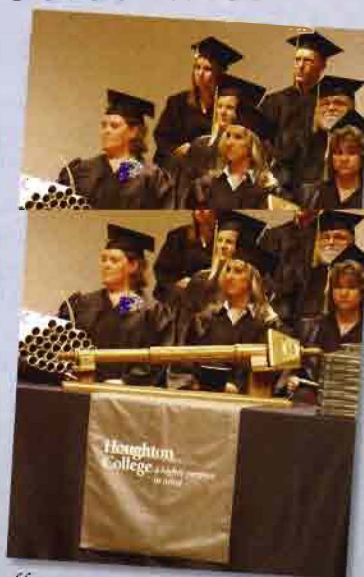


P.A.C.E. Program Celebrates Commencement

PRESIDENT **Shirley Mullen '76** gave the commencement address, as 35 students graduated from Houghton's

PRESIDENT **Shirley Mullen '76** gave the commencement address, as 35 students graduated from Houghton's Program for Accelerating College Education (P.A.C.E.) in May. Graduates **Diana Rathbun**, **Mark Szeffler** and **Benjamin Lindquist** also spoke during the ceremony.

P.A.C.E. is an accelerated adult degree completion program that allows adults with prior college credits to finish a bachelor's of science degree in 16 months by attending classes one evening per week and taking one course at a time. Houghton



offers P.A.C.E. programs in West Seneca, Olean, Jamestown, Arcade, Dansville and Eastern Hills.

as Sports Minister: The Integration of Faith and Coaching to Influence Lives" at the Church Sports and Recreation Ministries Summit in Asheville, NC.

Athletics Director **Skip Lord '80** was the guest speaker at the annual Cattaraugus County Boys' and Girls' Basketball Officials' spring banquet in Olean, NY. His talk was based on his popular presentation titled, "Blowing the Whistle on Character Education," which looks at the role of officiating in sports and its impact on the areas of fan behavior, crowd control, sportsmanship and the future of sport in our society. Lord has delivered this message in many settings, including the NCAA Division I women's basketball Final Four Convention and the Big East women's basketball coaches' summer meetings.

Professor of Sociology **Jayne Maugans** and four students from Houghton's Sociology Club attended the 28th annual conference of the 19th Century Studies Association, "Race and Ethnicity in the 19th Century," at Susquehanna University.

Associate Professor of Political Science **Peter Meilaender** presented a paper entitled "Is Loyalty a Virtue?: An Aristotelian Perspective" at the "Aristotelian Encounters" conference held at the Roosevelt Academy in Middelburg, the Netherlands. Prior to the conference Meilaender spent several days in Bern, Switzerland, researching Jeremias Gotthelf and Middelburg, the Netherlands. Prior to the conference Meilaender spent several days in Bern, Switzerland, researching Jeremias Gotthelf and meeting Gotthelf scholars at the University of Bern. Meilaender's essay on "Politics as Gardening" was published in the Lent 2007 edition of *The Cresset*.

Voltaire's Tolerance and Freedom of the Press Tested: A Reconsideration of the Philosophe's Notion of Human Rights, a book by Assistant Professor of French

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Justin Niati, has been accepted for publication by Peter Lang Publishing.

Tim Nichols '81, director of career services, was one of 30 campus educators accepted for a Test Preparation Workshop presented by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The conference was in anticipation of the first full revision of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). The revised test will be offered in September of this year and Nichols is working with ETS to have Houghton College be one of the new testing centers.

Carl Schultz '53, professor of Old Testament, led a group of students on a trip to Israel from February 21-March 2. **Dan Minchen**, associate professor of business and communication, accompanied Schultz on this trip.

Daryl Stevenson '70, interim associate academic dean, edited the book *Psychology and Christianity Integration: Seminal Works that Shaped the Movement*.



Linda Mills Woolsey '74, professor of English, is one of 15 faculty members from around the nation invited to participate in a seminar on "Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept" at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY. She also presented a paper on "'The Meaning of the Look: The Paradox of Christ-Authority in Elizabeth Barrett Browning's 1844 Ballads" at the international British Women Writers Conference on "Speaking with Authority," in Lexington, KY.

Alumni Devotional Planned

Linda (Chaffee '80) Taylor is in the process of creating a Houghton College alumni devotional book and would like to have your memories, stories and thoughts on lessons learned at Houghton. Over 250 alumni have already committed to writing a one-day devotional, so Taylor is looking for enough additional

authors to fill a year's worth. Her plan is to publish the book in the fall of 2008 to honor Houghton's 125th anniversary. To meet that timeline, entries will need to be written by the end of 2007. For more information, call Taylor at 630.871.1212, extension 1006 or e-mail linda@livingstonecorp.com.

Alumni Go "In the Steps of Paul"



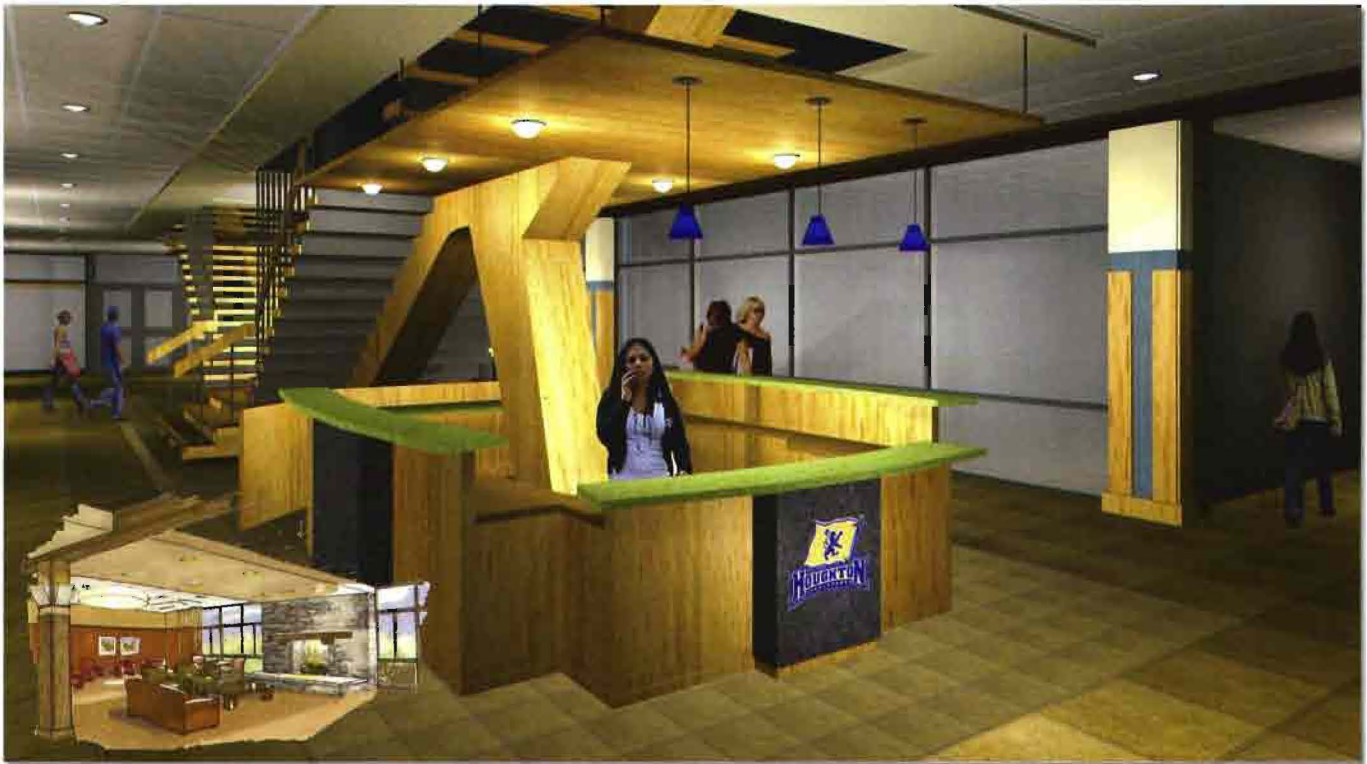
Pictured, from left to right, are: Chris and Debra "Windy" (McKay '76) Canfield '77, Dick and Betty Jane (Goodwin '56) Pocock '55, Beverly and Margie (Miller '49) Barnett '49, Bob and Shirley Bailey '51, Rick and Judy (Barbour '69) Nelson '67, Bob and Margie (Brewer '65) Foran '65, Ian and Charmaine (Lemmon '51) Lennox '51, Margaret (Harbers '57) Johnson (back row), Barbara Lindow (front row), Bob and Theresa Wallace and Jim and Sandy (Hamilton '67) Arthur '67. Not pictured: Carolyn (Drill '67) Miller (see Remembrance) and Jinny Quackenbush.

In March, 22 Houghton alumni and friends traveled to Greece "In the Steps of St. Paul." They visited sites where Paul preached including the Acropolis, Mars Hill, Corinth, Philippi and Thessaloniki.

Included in the trip was a three-day cruise of the Aegean Sea visiting the islands of Mykonos, Rhodes and Patmos, where John received inspiration for the book of Revelation. The cruise finished at the Turkish port of Kusadasi and a visit to the ruins of Ephesus. The cruise ship was the *Sea Diamond*, which was in the news just a few weeks later because it sank off the island of Santorini!

In the last four years alumni groups have visited Switzerland, Great Britain ("In the Steps of John Wesley"), Italy and now Greece. Alumni are encouraged to contact the alumni office with suggestions for future destinations.





Campus Center to Be Renovated

PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE and construction will be underway soon to transform the campus center lounge. The renovations will center on a large creek-stone fireplace and the restoration of the natural wood of the central staircase to create a space that is both comfortable and inviting. "For students, the lounge often functions as their living room

when they are here on campus," says Dean of Student Life **Denise Bakerink '83**, "so we want it to be a comfortable place. However, it is also one of the first places that guests visit when they come to campus, so we want it to make a positive first impression as well."

The Student Government Association has committed \$88,000 of its funds

to the project and the college has matched that. One donor has pledged \$80,000 and the President's Advisory Board has matched that donation. A foundation has committed \$10,000 as well. For more information or to contribute to this project, contact Barb Bates at 585.567.9336 or e-mail barbara.bates@houghton.edu.

Volunteers Honor MLK With Service Day

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APPROXIMATELY 500 STUDENTS, faculty and staff volunteered at 35 sites throughout western New York in celebration of the college's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day on Saturday, March 17. It was the eighth year of the event.

King once said that life's most persistent question is "what are you doing for others?" and noted that "everyone can be great, because everyone can serve." In that spirit of service, the college community aspired to turn King's

words into actions by assisting churches, social service agencies, camps and other non-profit organizations in Buffalo, Rochester and throughout Allegany County with a variety of tasks and projects throughout the day.

Painting was a popular activity for volunteers at various locations on MLK Service Day.



Orange Scott, Amazing Grace and the Wesleys

by John R. Tyson

A recent film, *Amazing Grace*, celebrates the lifelong effort of William Wilberforce to abolish the slave trade in Great Britain, accomplished 200 years ago. Renowned Wesley scholar John Tyson shares some of the connections between Wilberforce, John and Charles Wesley (his older contemporaries) and The Wesleyan Church.

BOTH JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY had historical connections with the hero of *Amazing Grace*, abolitionist and social reformer William Wilberforce (1759–1833). At the home of social reformer and religious writer, Hannah Moore, Charles Wesley met the rising young politician. Wilberforce recalled the encounter in his journal: “I went,” he wrote, “I think in 1785 to see her [Hannah Moore], and when I came into the room Charles Wesley arose from the table, around which a numerous party sat at tea, and coming forwards to me, gave me solemnly his blessing. I was scarcely ever more affected. Such was the effect of his manner and appearance that it altogether over set me, and I burst into tears, unable to restrain myself.”

On February 26, 1791, six days before his death, John Wesley penned what may have been the last letter he ever wrote: to William Wilberforce. In this letter of encouragement Wesley urged the younger man to stand like Athanasius “against the world.” But, Wesley intimated, “I see not how you can go through your glorious enterprise, in opposing that execrable villainy, which is the scandal of religion, of England, and of human nature, unless God has raised you up for this very thing. You will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils. But ‘if God be for you, who can be against you?’ Are all of them together stronger than God? O ‘be not weary in well doing!’ Go on, in the name of God and in the power of His might till American Slavery (the vilest that ever saw the sun) shall vanish away before it” (JW. Works, XIII:153).

Both Wesleys had seen slavery first-hand during their missionary adventure in the American South and both men learned to despise it deeply.

Slavery was illegal in Georgia when the Wesleys served there, but they had ample opportunity to see it at work in other places. Charles Wesley’s journal records in graphic detail the mistreatment of a woman in Charlestown, SC, by her owner, the local dancing teacher: “He whipped a she-slave so long, that she fell down at his feet for dead. When, by the help of a physician, she was so far recovered as to show some signs of life, he repeated the whipping with equal rigour, and concluded with dropping hot sealing-wax upon her flesh. Her crime was over-filling a tea-cup.”

Wesley considered this an example of the “horrid cruelties” which were legal in the American colonies. He remarked, incredulously, that it was quasi-legal for an owner to kill a slave, since the crime bore the meager penalty of a fine; “half of which is usually saved by the criminal’s informing on himself.” Charles concluded: “This I can look upon as no other than a public act to indemnify [or legalize] murder.” Thus I can look upon as no other than a public act to indemnify [or legalize] murder.”

John Wesley also deeply opposed slavery. In his most memorable remark, Wesley described slavery as “the execrable sum of all villainies...” (JW. Works, III:453). On June 27, 1755, he found himself “much affected” by a letter he received from an unnamed correspondent in Virginia, which described both the physical and spiritual plight of the slaves there. The gentleman from Virginia reported: “The poor Negro

slaves here have never heard of Jesus, or his religion...” (JW. Works, II:337). Words like these were bound to touch the heart of the founder of Methodism. Sometime—perhaps as early as 1743—the “General Rules” which every Methodist embraced upon joining the movement prohibited “The buying and selling the bodies and souls of men, women, and children, with an intention to enslave them.”

In 1772 John Wesley began reading all he could on the American slave trade, most notably the works of a Philadelphian, Antony Benezent, “an honest Quaker,” as Wesley called him (JW. Works, II:453). Wesley reported: “I read nothing like it, in the heathen world, whether ancient or modern. And it infinitely exceeds, in every instance of barbarity, whatever Christian slaves suffer in Mahometan countries” (ibid.).

Wesley’s reading program led to the publication of his treatise *Thoughts on Slavery* in 1774. The Crown, notably the Prince of Wales, was defending the slave trade at this time, so in criticizing it Wesley was, implicitly, notably the Prince of Wales, was defending the slave trade at this time, so in criticizing it Wesley was, implicitly, setting himself against the religious and political establishment. In this lengthy pamphlet, Wesley examined the nature and roots of slavery, as well as the manner in which slaves were treated on the American plantations.

He chastised slave holders severely: “You kept them stupid and wicked, by cutting them off from all opportunities of improvement either in knowledge or virtue; and now you assign their want of



John Wesley



John Wesley

wisdom and goodness as the reason for using them worse than brute beasts." (JW. Works, XI:75). Finally, in the latter section of the treatise, Wesley begins to cajole, convince, threaten and accuse those who held slaves. Wesley found the person who owned slaves to be equally guilty of wrongdoing as the person who stole them from their home in Africa in the first place.

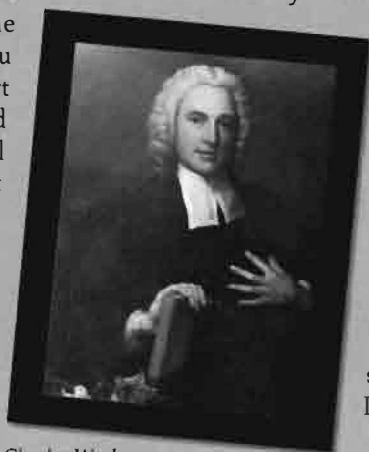
At the end of the treatise Wesley prayed that God would take up the cause of the American slaves: "O Thou God of love, thou who art loving to every man, and whose mercy is over all thy works; thou who art the Father of the spirits of all flesh, and who art rich in mercy unto all; thou who hast mingled of one blood all the nations upon earth; have compassion upon these outcasts of men, who are trodden down as dung upon the earth! Arise, and help these that have no helper, whose blood is split upon the ground like water! ..." (JW. Works, XI:79).

Ever the Christian evangelist, John Wesley also prayed that God would give the American slaves liberty of spirit, as well as physical freedom and safety: "O bust thou all their chains in sunder," he wrote, "more especially the chains of their sins! Thou Saviour of all, make them free, that they may be free indeed!" (Ibid). On at least two occasions when he met African Americans during travels to the Carolinas, he treated them as spiritual and social equals and instructed them in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was about this same time that John Wesley began preaching against slavery directly, from Methodist pulpits. In the New Room, in Bristol (one of the cities made rich by the slave trade) he announced "On Tuesday I gave notice of my design to preach on Tuesday evening upon (what is now the general topic) slavery." Such a thunder storm broke

over the building while Wesley preached that he thought he was facing supernatural opposition: "It was the strangest incident of the kind I ever remember," Wesley wrote, "and I believe none can account for it, without supposing some preternatural influence. Satan fought lest his kingdom be delivered up."

In response to this (and all) opposition, the Methodists called a day of prayer and fasting: "We set Friday apart as a day of fasting and prayer," Wesley wrote, "that God would remember those poor outcasts of men; and (which seems impossible with men, considering the wealth and power of their oppressors) make a way for them to escape and break their chains in sunder" (JW. Works, IV:408).



Charles Wesley

In America, the Wesleyan struggle against slavery was carried on by abolitionists like Orange Scott (ca. 1800-47) in the Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC). Scott had been converted around the age of 21 and entered the Methodist ministry almost immediately thereafter. By 1830 he had been elected "presiding elder" (district superintendent) in Vermont, and it seemed that he had a bright career ahead of him in the church; people were even talking about his chances of being elected bishop.

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As a result of his effective leadership and abolitionist efforts, Scott was elected as a delegate to the 1836 Methodist General Conference. He worked tirelessly to have the Church pass a memorial in favor of abolitionism, but even the mildest language, borrowed directly from the Methodist Book of Discipline—"we are as much as ever convinced of the great evil of slavery"—could not pass.

In fact, the conference voted 120-14 in favor of a resolution that said they were "... decidedly opposed to modern abolitionism, and wholly disclaim any right, wish or intention to interfere in the Civil and political relationship between master and slave, as it exists in the slaveholding states of the Union." The MEC had decided that it wanted to remain an undivided, national church more than it wanted to be true to its Wesleyan heritage on the issue of slavery.

Undaunted, Scott continued to preach, teach and write against slavery. When his annual conference threatened to remove him from the office of presiding elder, Scott refused to stop his abolitionist efforts and was removed. He accepted an invitation from the American Anti-Slavery Society to become a traveling abolitionist evangelist.

In 1842, Scott, John Horton and others withdrew from the MEC, describing it as "not only a slaveholding, but a slavery defending, Church." In his letter of withdrawal, Scott continued: "what we mean is, that the M.E. Church allows her members and ministers unrebuked to hold innocent human beings in a state of hopeless bondage—nay more, that she upholds and defends her communicants in this abominable business!" They wanted to "stand forth for a new anti-slavery, anti-intemperance, anti-everything-wrong church organization."

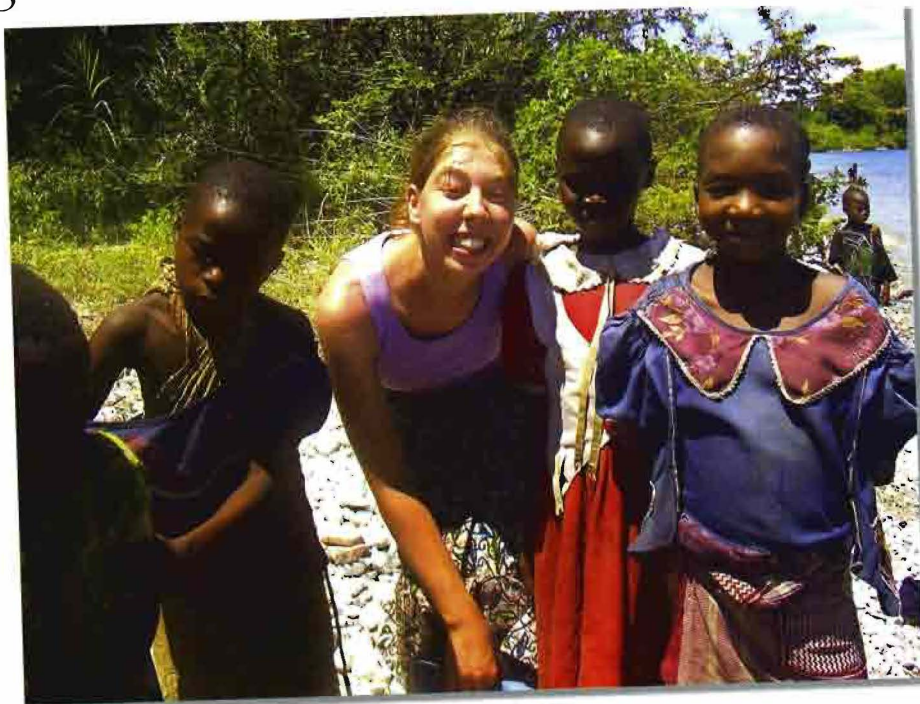
Scott and the others formed the Wesleyan Methodist Connection—now called The Wesleyan Church—in 1843.

John R. Tyson is professor of theology.

The Global Village

ALTHOUGH THE NATURE OF historical study has not changed significantly since 1976, the opportunities for students to study in a global context have increased dramatically. Today's students can learn history while traveling the world and gain a deeper understanding of the political systems of the global village as well as the local village. In her tenure as a history professor at Westmont College, President Mullen was actively involved in teaching and traveling overseas; she led eight Mayterm courses in Europe, two presidential teaching trips to Austria and France and an alumni trip to Italy.

At Houghton, the history and political science department has played a key role in expanding study-abroad opportunities for students. The college now has two First-Year Honors programs—the Meaning of the West program in London, England, begun in 1997 by history professor Cameron Airhart and philosophy professor Christopher Stewart, and the East Meets West program launched in the spring of 2006 by history professor Meic Pearse. Both programs offer integrated models of studying western civilization and its interaction with the world. Students are introduced to key figures, events and places in the ongoing



Grace Spurrier '08 participated in the Houghton-in-Tanzania program this spring.

story of western culture and its clash with other cultures, past and present.

Grace Spurrier '08 is a history major and participated in the First-Year Honors program in London. This spring Spurrier completed a semester abroad with the Houghton-in-Tanzania program, traveled around Europe

for several weeks, then returned to London for a Mayterm history class on the Christmas truce of WWI. Here she describes her experience as a Houghton history major and the benefits of this global perspective:

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Inasmuch as 2007 is a season of inauguration for President **Shirley A. Mullen '76**, it is also a celebration of history in the remaking. Mullen is making a new beginning in a familiar place—and she is not alone in her circular voyage. **B. David Benedict '73**, who earned his history degree three years before Mullen, returned to Houghton in 1989 to teach political science. History professor David Howard points out that four members of

the board of trustees—Kevin Knowlton '79, Terry Slye '79, David White '79 and Harriett Olson '80—were also history majors of that era.

Howard, who arrived at Houghton in 1969 with a doctorate from Duke University, was a young faculty member during Mullen's student days, and taught the future president for two semesters of English history. He remembers her as "a shy student, with some initial hesitation," then adds, "but she was quite confident and comfortable once she got going." Howard says Mullen was diligent and teachable, the kind of pupil

who "displayed a clear learning curve" by the way she "quickly incorporated suggestions or critiques into her work."

Katherine (Walberger '43) Lindley taught in the history department from 1963-89 and became a close mentor to Mullen. "I loved history," Lindley says, "but I loved teaching students even more." Lindley, who had completed her doctoral work in modern European history at the University of Wisconsin, encouraged Mullen—whom she remembers as "an excellent and enjoyable student"—in her scholarly pursuits. Since the future president was a good friend

A Sense of the Whole

ence of a lifetime for me. For many, history seems to be just dull facts about dead people or events that occurred ages ago, but here history comes to life. Whether I am learning about the ancient Romans or the colonists of America, my professors bring relevance and excitement to the facts by honing in on individual lives and showing that cultures and people groups of long ago dealt with many of the same issues we do today.

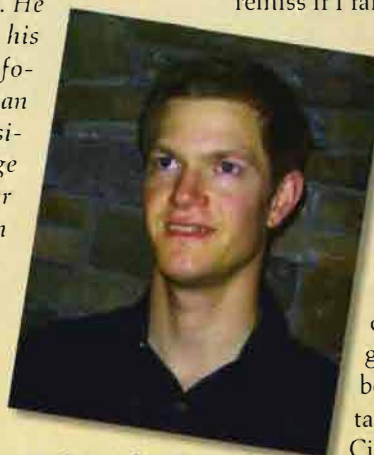
An exciting aspect of the history department at Houghton is the variety of global classes one can experience. I have been swept away to the mountains and plains of East Africa, the Italian peninsula and burgeoning Rome, the troubled times of the 19th century in Eastern Europe and the battlefields in Belgium during WWI. I feel blessed to have been able to study global history in such an intimate way, because I feel that knowing the history of other countries (as well as my own) makes both the past and the present alive and active. To know where people are coming from and where they hope to go is valuable information in a world that is increasingly becoming a global community.

IN RECENT YEARS, the history department has expanded to include a political science major and minor and a total of eight faculty members. Today's students continue to receive the kind of training that gives them a "sense of the whole"—a broad, interdisciplinary background that allows these students to become whole people, capable of entering a variety of occupations, effective in all walks of life and able to thoughtfully engage the world around them. To illustrate, here are three recent alumni of the history and political science department and their reflections on a Houghton education:

Mark Lempke '05 is studying for his doctorate on a fellowship at the University at Buffalo. He will soon begin work on his dissertation, which will focus on grassroots Christian involvement in the presidential campaign of George McGovern, whose father was an early Houghton alumnus. Lempke reflects:

What the history and political science department at Houghton may have lacked in numbers, it made up for in quality and character. David Howard's encyclopedic knowledge enabled him to teach African, English and Latin American history with equal aplomb, and William Doezeema impressed me with his strong grasp of historiography (that is,

how earlier historians have interpreted the past). But I would be particularly remiss if I failed to mention my



Mark Lempke '05

advisor, Cameron Airhart. His lectures and seminars were student favorites, and I still have a notebook filled with eccentric quotes he made in class. Moreover, he gave me a chance to be a teaching assistant for his Western Civilization class and the First-Year Honors

program, helping me slowly build a graduate school-friendly resume.

After working with talent like that, how could one not wish to pursue history further? My education at Houghton both prepared me to do the

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of Lindley's daughter, **Eileen (Lindley '77) Williams**, Lindley interacted with Mullen frequently in her home as well as in the classroom. It was Lindley who issued an unforgettable challenge to her young student: "Someday, Shirley, you're going to be a college president." Thirty years later, that prophecy was fulfilled.



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- Dick Halberg '71**, professor of business administration
- David Howard**, professor of history
- Irmgard Howard**, professor of chemistry
- Richard "Jake" Jacobson**, professor of mathematics
- Thomas Kettiekamp**, professor of recreation and physical education
- Jack Leax '67**, professor of English
- Wayne MacBeth '75**, vice president for market relations and administration
- Chuck Massey**, professor of education
- Jean Reigles**, professor of voice
- Jean-Louis Roederer '64**, associate professor of French and Spanish
- Carl Schultz '53**, professor of Old Testament

*Only David Howard taught a class in which Mullen was enrolled.

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work I am doing and gave me the love of history that it often requires. Through it all, my professors and classmates helped me understand that history is not a static discipline; interpretations are revised, retooled and inspected from different angles constantly. While the past is past, the lessons that it teaches us are forever changing.

Rachel Moran

'05 is a student at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago, IL. This spring Moran was named one of the Top Ten Best Advocates in the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition, where she led the Chicago-Kent team to a fourth-place finish out of 178 teams. She is spending the summer

working for the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, and plans to continue her work with the federal government after graduation. Moran writes:

I will always be grateful for the history and political science department at Houghton. I arrived on campus with a vague understanding that I wanted to serve God in a "secular" career, and an equally indistinct idea that perhaps declaring a political science major would be the best way to achieve that goal. I never once regretted my decision. My education as a political science major at Houghton didn't just help me get a great scholarship at an excellent law school, it challenged me both intellectually and spiritually and provided me with a solid academic foundation and a strong desire to serve the world around me.

Academic success had come easily for me prior to college, but prodding from my professors taught me to strive for money rather than mere opinion, for excellence rather than mere success. Classes with Cameron Airhart and Meic Pearse led me to look at the world holistically rather than impose a false divide between

the sacred and the secular. And thanks to Peter Meilaender's instruction, I'm pretty sure I clinched at least two scholarship and job offers when I answered an interview question with an enthusiastic reference to Aristotelian ethics.

Spiritual growth was an equally significant byproduct of my political science classes: reading the works of St. Augustine, Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King, Jr. gave me an excitement for integrating my faith with the often-gritty realities of life on this earth, and a desire to use my beliefs to make me a better citizen here as well as in the eventual heavenly kingdom.

Discussions with my advisor, David Benedict '73, reaffirmed my desire to glorify God by serving my fellow citizens in a government career.

In the two years since I graduated from Houghton, I've had the opportunity to work for an appellate judge at the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, assist the U.S. Army in contract disputes and appeals, serve as a teaching assistant for several classes, work with self-represented litigants, defend clients facing the death penalty, compete in national legal skills competitions and participate actively in the leadership of the Christian Legal Society. None of this could have happened without the excellent educational grounding I received from thoughtful and caring professors at Houghton. I am so excited to begin a career in a field where Christians—and particularly Houghton graduates!—are almost in-

variably an underrepresented minority. May I continue to cherish and utilize the gifts that so many people invested in me during my time at Houghton College.

Benjamin Hughes '05 is a student at William & Mary School of Law in Williamsburg, VA. Before commencing law school, Hughes interned and worked for International Justice Mission in Washington, DC, a faith-based non-government organization that deploys criminal investigators and lawyers overseas to assist local authorities with human rights casework. He is currently a participant in a citizen police academy and plans on returning to DC as a legal intern for a federal law enforcement agency this summer. Hughes is considering potential careers in law enforcement, criminal prosecution and international human rights. He shares:

"Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:17)

As I write this, I am one final away from completing my first year at William & Mary School of Law. Taking a break from reviewing the intricacies of property law, I pause to reflect on my formative experiences with the history and political science department at Houghton. My experiences with the history and political science department at Houghton. My challenging political science and history classes truly prepared me to excel amid the

rigors of law school and solidified my commitment to a public service career.

I remain deeply grateful for the department's dedicated faculty and fellow students. The political science and history professors facilitated meaningful debate and dialogue in my classes, foreshadowing the Socratic method that defines law school instruction. Outside



Rachel Moran '05



Benjamin Hughes '05

the classroom—from election night parties to office hour visits—I enjoyed countless occasions to apply political and historical analysis to real-world problems.

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'73, and Peter Meilaender for investing in my potential as a scholar. Working closely with Professor Meilaender, I authored a senior honors thesis that analyzed competing theories of constitutional interpretive theory. I briefed and presented numerous cases in Professor Benedict's International Law and Organization class, and thereby began to develop critical legal skills. Professor Airhart refined my appreciation of Western history and historiography in both London and Houghton. As law often represents the nexus of legal rights, history and public policy, my Houghton education has served as an excellent background for my ongoing legal studies.

I am honored to represent Houghton College among my diverse colleagues here at William & Mary School of Law. As I pursue my degree and my vocational calling, I look forward to meeting fellow alumni of Houghton's remarkable history and political science department.

Outside the Classroom

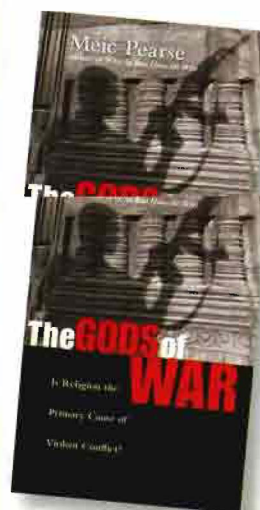
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of Political Science Peter Meilaender participated in a conference held March 29-30 at Princeton University.

"The Good Samaritan in the Global Age: Migration, Religion, and the World Economy" was co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and the Center for Migration and Development at Princeton. Meilaender was invited to deliver the response to the keynote address, "Open or Closed Borders? Moral and Practical Questions," given by Rick Ufford-Chase, executive director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Meilaender also served as part of a concluding panel discussion, and his editorial "Immigration: Citizens and Strangers" appeared in the May 2007 issue of the journal *First Things*.



Peter Meilaender

Professor of History Meic Pearse recently completed his latest book, *The Gods of War: Is Religion the Primary Cause of Violent Conflict?* (InterVarsity Press). Due to be released in October 2007, the book examines the role that religion plays in causing war. Although secular establishments claim that religion is responsible for much of the world's conflict, Pearse argues that such accu-



sations are far from the whole truth. Instead, he contends that the two principal causes of warfare are human greed—clothed in ideology—and culture. *The Gods of War* offers nuanced answers to questions like:

How important, historically, has religious faith been in the immediate promotion of conflict, as exemplified by crusade or *jihad*? Do

some religions have a better record than others, and why? Can we distinguish between different forms of Christianity, and, if so, on what basis? When has religion been a mere smokescreen to justify warfare that is actually bound up with other, more mundane concerns? How far is the accusation that religion is the principal culprit itself merely a smokescreen behind which the irreligious pursue their attempt to drive faith out of the public square?

Professor of Political Science Ron Oakerson was invited by Food for the Hungry, a Christian relief and development agency, to visit the Go-ED program, an academic semester for college students in Uganda. Houghton participates as one of five collegiate sponsors of Go-ED, and Oakerson—a member of the program's academic advisory board—spent four weeks of the spring 2007 semester on sabbatical visiting east Africa. He met with **Jeff Arensen '02**, a political science alumnus serving in Uganda as country director for Samaritan's Purse, another Christian organization devoted to relief and development. On the advice of **John Lyon '97**—another political science alumnus—Oakerson also investigated the plight of the Batwa Pygmies evicted from the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest of Uganda. Oakerson is returning to the classroom after serving as Houghton's academic dean for the past eight years, and says that his travels were the perfect preparation for teaching. "Visiting with a former student and witnessing his effectiveness first-hand, plus following up on the mission-driven efforts of another former student while observing current students preparing for similar lives of service—these were just the experiences I needed to send me back to the classroom with renewed vision and energy," he says.

Chocolate, Coffee, and Books:

A BIOGRAPHY OF PRESIDENT SHIRLEY MULLEN

by Naomi (Spurrier '05) Smith

Shirley Annette Mullen was born November 4, 1954 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada. Her parents, Larry and Vesta Mullen, served at Bethany Bible College until 1959, when the family moved to Woodstock, New Brunswick to minister at the Woodstock Wesleyan Church. Beulah Camp, a 19th-century holiness camp meeting in eastern Canada, also held a prominent place in Mullen's childhood. She spent each summer at Beulah, where she developed a relationship with Jesus Christ and where, she says, "I learned that God calls us to himself within the context of Christian community."

Even as a child, Mullen was a quick learner and adept reader. She would spend long hours in the company of books, fascinated by her father's collection of histories on Winston Churchill and World War II. Mullen's maternal grandfather, Fraser Dunlop, once told her, "You never need to be afraid of the truth," and his advice stayed with her as she grew in wisdom and discovered the truth of God in the world.

When Mullen was entering the seventh grade, her father took a faculty position in the religion and philosophy department of Houghton College, and the family—which by this time included three other children: Barbara, and philosophy department of Houghton College, and the family—which by this time included three other children: Barbara, Andrew and James—moved from Canada to western New York.

The future president enjoyed her time as a "faculty kid" in Houghton and appreciated the role models she found within the community. She completed her early education at Fillmore Central School, where her mother worked as a teacher for 25 years. In 1972, Mullen graduated as the valedictorian of her high school class and enrolled at Houghton College.

Mullen was a shy and quiet college student, but she excelled in the classroom and under the tutelage of several Houghton faculty members. Mullen says that during her time at Houghton she arrived at a deeper understanding of God's



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After graduating *summa cum laude* in 1976, Mullen went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Toronto in 1977. She worked in student life at the University of Minnesota for several years and completed her doctoral studies in history in 1985. Her dissertation eventually gave rise to a book, *Organized Freethought: The Religion of Unbelief in Victorian England* (Garland 1987), published the same year that she earned the first of three "Teacher of the Year" awards at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA.

Mullen began her tenure as professor of history at Westmont in 1984 and remained there for 22 years. She quickly



An early riser and avid reader, Mullen joined her father in reading the paper.

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became a well-loved professor and earned a reputation for her "rapid-fire" lecture style and substantive classes. Her

dedication to her work also became legendary; colleagues at Westmont tell stories of receiving Mullen's e-mails or voice mail messages at 2 a.m. An avid traveler, Mullen accrued international teaching experiences as well; she led eight Mayterm courses and one semester in Europe, two presidential-teaching trips to Austria and France, and an alumni trip to Italy.

Despite her busy schedule, Mullen took time to mentor dozens of students and alumni. She made it a point to memorize the names of as many students as she could—even students who had never taken a class from her. One colleague declares, "In the history of [Westmont College], I am not aware of any professor who had more continuing contact with our graduates. She should have had a course reduction for all the post-graduation mentoring she did over a meal, over coffee, via telephone and e-mail."

Not only was Mullen a mentor for alumni exploring further education, but she also kept her own love of learning alive. In 2000, Mullen earned a second doctorate, this time in philosophy from the University of Wales with a focus on the Scottish philosopher and historian David Hume. Her combined interests in history and philosophy granted the president unique opportunities to give lectures throughout the United States, and one such speaking engagement resulted in an honorary doctorate from her alma mater in 2003.

In addition to her superb teaching and scholarship, Mullen was a capable and called-upon leader on the Westmont campus. She fulfilled numerous terms in positions of academic leadership, serving as department chair, chair of the faculty, chair of the academic senate, vice provost for curriculum and faculty development and interim academic dean. In 2002, Mullen's colleagues asked her to become Westmont's provost, an invitation she reluctantly, yet graciously, accepted. In 2002, Mullen's colleagues asked her to become Westmont's provost, an invitation she reluctantly, yet graciously, accepted.

During her tenure as provost, Mullen hired 21 faculty members, oversaw the revision of the general education requirements and chaired the long-range planning process. She helped form a science advisory council and a summer science research program, played a crucial role in bringing academics and student life together around a coordinated educational vision and organized faith-learning workshops for new faculty. Perhaps most importantly, she ensured that her office was well supplied with chocolate and coffee for anyone paying a visit.

In June 2006, Mullen bid *adieu* to colleagues, friends, California beaches and her daily stop at Starbucks and accepted

yet another invitation—to take office as the fifth president of Houghton College. In this inaugural year, Mullen has continued to be a teacher, mentor and leader for those she serves. She has met with students in each residence hall to answer questions and share her story, counseled the class of 2007 on the realities of life after graduation and kept her office door open to colleagues and students alike. Mullen has become the face and voice of Houghton College, representing her alma mater in its pursuit to "be the best Houghton we can be" and to "prepare people of conviction, compassion and competence" for a lifetime of service to a world in need.

Outside of the office, Mullen lives life with the same exuberance and excellence that has characterized her professional career. One member of the Mullen family explains that Houghton's new president "believes in multi-tasking." Even on family vacations at Beulah Camp in Canada, Mullen is known to rise early and sit outside the cabin checking her voice mail while eating breakfast. She finds time to be involved in church, community and family events despite the demands of her work. Mullen is an avid skier, enjoys the change of seasons in western New York and has a particular fondness for the Advent season. Her love of literature never died, and she includes G. K. Chesterton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, George Herbert, Simone Weil, Frederick Buechner, C. S. Lewis, John Wesley, R. S. Thomas, Dorothy Sayers, Flannery O'Connor, W. H. Auden and J. R. R. Tolkien among her favorite authors.

First and foremost, Shirley A. Mullen's story is a story of faith. She points to Philippians 1:6, 9-10 as "theme verses" for her life: "Being confident of this very thing,

that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ... And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ... And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and all judgment, that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ" (KJV). As the worldwide Houghton community celebrates this new chapter in Mullen's story—and in the history

of Houghton College—we join her in this prayer.

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All in the Family:

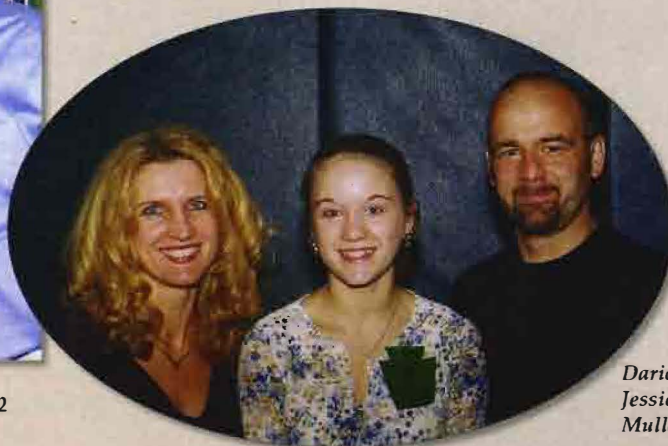
THE MULLENS' HOUGHTON CONNECTIONS



Barbara (Mullen '78) Pointer and Andrew Mullen '82



Left to right: Larry, Shirley '76 and Vesta Mullen



Darice (Beardsley '86),
Jessica '08 and James
Mullen '86

WE OFTEN DESCRIBE HOUGHTON alumni and friends as being part of the Houghton "family." Sometimes, though, the word should be taken literally. Such is the case for our new president:

- Shirley's father, **Larry Mullen**, taught in the religion and philosophy division at Houghton from 1966-1993. Concurrently, he served for 10 years as pastor of the nearby Curriers Congregational Church, five years as college chaplain, and five years as director of church relations. Larry was awarded an honorary doctorate from Houghton in 1995.

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- Shirley's sister, **Barbara '78**, formerly a nurse, is the coordinator of off-campus programs at Westmont College. Together with husband **Richard Pointer '77**, Barbara has helped to lead Westmont's Europe Semester on three occasions. (Richard, a professor of history at Westmont since 1994, also taught at Houghton part-time during 1980-81.) The Pointers have three grown daughters.

- Shirley's brother **Andrew '82** worked in nature centers

and taught elementary school and private-school history before pursuing graduate studies in the history of education. He taught in the University of Maine system before joining the Westmont College faculty in 2001, where he serves as chair of the department of education. Andrew and his wife, Jana, have two elementary-age daughters.

- Born on Shirley's birthday (10 years later), youngest sibling, **James '86**, has taught English for 20 years at Fillmore Central School. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, James maintains a heavy extra-curricular load as coach to three varsity sports, yearbook advisor and drama director. He and his wife, **Darice (Beardsley '86)**, an elementary teacher at Belfast Central School, provide foster care and have three children of their own, including...

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- ...Shirley's niece, **Jessica Mullen '08**, who is majoring in inclusive childhood education with a concentration in English and communications.

- Finally, Shirley's first cousin **Linda (Mullen '92) Dingley** earned a masters degree in special education and taught in California public schools before turning to the field of architecture. Along with her late husband, Ted, Linda has managed her own small architect's firm in San Diego. Linda's father (and Shirley's uncle) **Bernard** has been a longtime member of Houghton's Canada Foundation.

Special thanks to **Andrew Mullen '82** for putting together this piece. —Editor

To Serve the Community Well

Over the course of two days in May, Milieu interviewed President **Shirley Mullen '76** on a variety of topics, from her favorite books to the relevance of a Christian liberal arts education. Here are excerpts from that interview:

Milieu: You chose "For Such a Time as This" as the theme for your season of inauguration. Why?

Mullen: As an historian, I have a deep sense of the notion that in God's providence time matters. My sense of history and of the way in which people's lives and circumstances interact drew me to this passage. I love the book of Esther; it's got high drama and all of the elements of a great story. I read it last January, after I came back [to Westmont] from having

with the search committee. Between late September [2005] and January [2006], though, it seemed as if every time Houghton made an overture, something would happen at Westmont to make me feel that I couldn't leave—so I responded "No" to several invitations. It was a confusing time. Finally, late last spring it seemed as if I had done all that I could do at Westmont and at last there was a coming together of the invitation and the release.



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interviewed here, and the theme has been intertwined with my life for the last year.

There are several versions of how you came to accept the position as president of Houghton College—how did it actually happen?

I'll try to give you a short version. I have never sought to be a college president; that was one of the farthest things from my mind. I've always thought that my work was being in the classroom. I love teaching. I love history. So when I got this rather standard note from the search committee in the spring of 2005 I wrote back and said, "No, I'm really not interested. There are other people." In fact, I wrote what I felt was a fairly good recommendation for someone else!

I've never felt that knowing God's calling was a simple matter. I've always had a real clear sense of the next step. So the time from June 2005 to May 2006 was probably one of the most agonizing periods of my life. I was torn between my obligation to the community that I cared deeply about and had invested in and my obligation to the community that wanted me to come and be part of them—where my roots were.

When I got another call from Houghton in the fall [of 2005], I felt that I needed to pay attention and I interviewed

The common wisdom is that when there's someone who's had a long tenure, you don't want to be the person who follows him or her, you want to be the person after that.

Right!

But you're the next person.

Oh, I know.

Do you feel some trepidation about that?

Well, sure. This is one of the things I know from history, that after a long leadership there is almost always a time of turmoil and shaking down, and you don't want to be the next person. And I didn't want to be the next person. If I were looking to make a career move, this would not be where I would be coming. I would've been incredibly relieved if the mantle had fallen on someone else.

I'm trying to come at this with no illusions and submit to the vulnerability of being in that situation. It adds another dimension to the theme from Esther because what goes along with "For Such a Time as This," of course, is the notion of "If I perish, I perish." This position is a dying of sorts, because it is not about you. There are people who aspire to be college presidents because they think that they will have all kinds of influence, but it's not like that from inside. It's about trying to

serve the community well. The issue of the timing, that's just part of the submitting. I believe so much in Houghton and I believe that somebody has to be here at this moment to walk through this with the community. If this is where God wants me, this is where I'll be.

Undoubtedly some of the readers will remember you from your student days—what do you want to tell them about yourself now?

That I am as surprised as they will be to see me as a college president! When I was a student here I was painfully shy—beyond words. I couldn't speak in a class—I never talked in a class. Most people would say that I'm a serious person now, but I'm absolutely light-hearted compared to the way I was as a student. I was so serious. I think in good ways I've lightened up a lot.

You're the first member of the alumni to become president of Houghton College. Is that an asset or a liability?

I think it's an asset, because there are a lot of things that I understand more quickly. I think it's also an asset that I've been involved in other colleges. I don't think that I would have as much to contribute if I had been here all of these 30 years.

You are also Houghton's first female president. What advantages or disadvantages will you face as a female in what—at least for Houghton—has been a traditionally male role?

So much depends on the circumstances. Theoretically, the Houghton tradition has more room for women as leaders than many other Christian colleges, so that's a good thing. However, we have not practiced that for a long time—there were more women in leadership positions at the college, particularly on the faculty, in the '50s, '60s and '70s than there were in the '80s and '90s.

When I think someone is bothered by the fact that I am a woman, I try hard not to react to that. My parents used to say to us: "Don't ever let another person determine how you will treat them." If I feel that I'm dealing with someone who is uncomfortable with women in leadership I try just to be true to who I am. I try to give people space to come to terms with the issue.

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I don't think we're yet at a point where I can be just Shirley in a situation in a way that a man just can be who he is, though. For example: if a man does something obnoxious, people say "Well, that's just so-and-so." Whereas, if a woman in leadership does something obnoxious they think "That's what happens when you have a woman in charge."

I hope that my being in this role will help both men and women have a broader vision for what it means to work together. We should be sending out students who are comfortable working with both men and women, because that's the way the world is.

In putting together your presidential staff, the fact that you have chosen several people who are a.) women and b.) from outside of the Houghton community have led some to say that these are preferences on your part. What is your response?

It seemed to me that at this time in the community having more "outside" people than "insiders" was a good thing. It's not primarily about Houghton: if I had gone into any situation where there had been a president there for 30 years, I would think that it was time to bring in some fresh blood. That several of them turned out to be women was not something we looked at. We just tried to look at who was the best person,

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all things considered. My sense would be that we want a good balance, which is what we've ended up with, but it really wasn't something that I was thinking about.

This is an illustration of my earlier point: that people read things into a female president's actions that they would never read into a male president's. If I, as a woman president, had no women on the staff, there would have been people who would have thought that was problematic. So there's a bit of "no win" to these things.

Someone mentioned today that they are concerned that we have several single people on president's staff and wondered if they were going to be people who are only concerned about their work. See, that is a stereotype of single people. There's no way that single people are only concerned about their work.

You're a single person, how do you like to spend time away from work?

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What books are on your "must read" list?

Every thoughtful person who wants to be a wise person should read Dostoevsky's *Brothers Karamazov* in the course of his or her lifetime. I've read that several times and each time I grew, because there's so much there. One of my all-time-favorites is *Till We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis. I like George Eliot's *Middlemarch*—she's a great writer. I like to read sermons (Austin Farrer and John Henry Newman). I also like poetry—George Herbert and R.S. Thomas are some of my favorites. I like reading letters because you really get into people's lives. I

like Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings because he embodied what I would hope for in my life and also from our students—a life that is deep in faith and deep in understanding the times and really willing to bring those two things together.

Is there a classic that you haven't read that you wish you had?

I've read parts of Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, but I have not read it carefully through and that's something that I should do.

One popular view is to compare a college president to a corporate CEO. If we were to accept that premise, what would you describe as your managerial style?

I would say it's very collaborative, but of course that's what everybody says—who doesn't say that? No, this is what I would say: proactive in raising questions and agendas, but collaborative in process.

It's my job to ask the questions and to invite the dialogues that help us become the community that we want and need to be. Once I've raised those questions I want to be an active partner in the dialogue. I try to be proactive and some people—even in my brief time here—have confused proactive for dictatorial.

What does **not** characterize my style is "passive," and that is intentional. If I were going to be a passive leader, I'd rather be back teaching history. It's not that I have this view that I need to make a difference for my sake, but that the community ought to be more what it wants to be as a result of my being in the president's office.

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Another set of people view the chief role of the college president to be a fundraiser. Is that your first priority? How do you approach that challenge?

I wish we were at a place where the president had the luxury to be primarily a fundraiser. If the president is to be primarily a fundraiser, there must be a sharp vision and a clear strategic plan. The donors I've worked with—especially the most deeply spiritual ones—want to give to a place where they have confidence that there's going to be good stewardship as a

result of clear vision and long-range planning.

We have a clear vision; we are not in the position of having to reinvent what we are doing. Houghton has a strong mission—we're a Christian liberal arts college—but it's a mission that is not easy to describe in our culture. There is a need for language to describe to the culture what we're doing—a consistent message. Then, finally, we have to sharpen our strategic planning. The mission, the message and the planning—when we have those three things clarified then I can go out and talk to people about coming along with us for this adventure of being Houghton in this time.

What were some of the assets that you foresaw and that you discovered upon arrival?

First, Houghton is one of a small number of colleges that has retained its strong commitment to the Christian faith and, simultaneously, a strong commitment to a high quality education. That is Houghton's strength. Secondly, Houghton has a strong reputation: in particular for work in the health sciences area, music, education, religion—I could list others. A third asset is Houghton's roots in the holiness tradition, which marries spiritual orthodoxy with a commitment to social justice that can make real changes in the world.

Now that I am here, I see the dedication that people have to Houghton. I wasn't surprised to find this, but I would say that it has been wonderful. The excitement of getting to know these people—faculty, staff, students, trustees and donors—there's a huge reservoir of people out there who care about Houghton.

What do you see as some of the changes that Houghton needs to make fairly quickly?

We have taken for granted that, because we've been trying to deliver a high quality Christian liberal arts education, everybody would know about us. We have to get over the reluctance to tell our own story. Closely linked with that, we have taken our alumni for granted. We have not told our alumni how Houghton has developed, has kept up with the times. We need to continue ministering to our alumni after they graduate. We need to include repair and replacement schedules in the capital funding of the college. We need to have a plan for faculty development—not just for hiring faculty but for sustaining to continue ministering to our alumni after they graduate. We need to include repair and replacement schedules in the capital funding of the college. We need to have a plan for faculty development—not just for hiring faculty but for sustaining them in their journeys as teachers and as scholars. We need to go through an educational process about the financing of an institution like Houghton.

We need to take a hard look at all of our programs because we're going to have to make some choices about which things bring people to the college and invest in those. In saying this, I don't mean that we focus only on what brings people. Rather, if the college is a large house and we want the whole house to be well served, we must pay attention to the front porch—the place of invitation and hospitality.

Finally, if Houghton is to be the kind of place it needs to be, we need to make sure that there are good matches between the tasks that need to be done and the people that we have do-



ing them. In a small community that can be a hard and painful thing. We want to match people and positions in ways that are gracious and caring, so that in the long run it results in good things for both the community and the people.

Several years ago the college announced an enrollment goal of 1,400. Is that still a goal?

We have put that on hold to be re-examined in the context of our strategic plan. In order to bring Houghton to a deeply financially sustainable position we need to look at the whole picture: indebtedness, ideal enrollment, discount rate, tuition costs. We have to ask about faculty-student ratio, chapel seating, residence hall space; we have to ask ourselves some tough questions. I haven't seen enough of the reasoning that went into that number yet, so I want to take a step back and have us look again.

Is a Christian liberal arts education relevant today?

It's more relevant today than it's ever been. With change happening so fast, the most important skill for people going into the workplace is flexibility. I recently talked to the CEO of a company that hires engineers, and that person said, "in the long run, I want engineers who have been trained at the undergraduate level as a liberal arts person because..."—and these are the words of this CEO—"they are the people who know

how to think, who know how to write, who know how to work with complexity and they know how to make transitions...." In the past, you might have been able to send someone to technical school, train them for a job and it would last them for a lifetime. No technical education is going to last today's graduate for a lifetime. A liberal arts education is.

Our culture is characterized by fragmentation, by the sound bite, and we need people going into that culture who know how to build bridges and communities. The culture needs the person who's broadly trained to be the conversation facilitator—that's what liberal arts people do. If you look at the leaders of corporations today, they're not engineers, they're the people who were trained as history majors, English majors, etc.

A lot of what I just said, a liberal arts college that is not Christian would say as well. We're in a culture that has said "religion is private; it doesn't fit in the public arena" so they don't want to bring moral vision and faith together with learning. Then they are shocked by the Enron scandal and ask "How can this happen?" We need people who help society see that bringing religion and culture together doesn't have to be a frightening thing. This is what a Christian liberal arts college can do—send out people of faith who can work on that dichotomy between religion and society.

All the President's, er, People

Since taking office, President Mullen has been compiling a leadership team for the college which she refers to as "president's staff." The group consists of:

Eric Alcott, vice president for advancement: Alcott came to Houghton as senior director of development in 1999 after having worked in development for the University at Buffalo, Erie Community College and as a volunteer for the United Way. He moved into his current post in 2001. A graduate of Valparaiso University, Alcott earned a master's degree from the University at Buffalo in 1996.

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John Brittain, dean of the chapel: Brittain, professor of religion, graduated from Brown University, earned his master's at The Methodist Theological School and his doctorate from St. Mary's Seminary and University. He pastored churches in the 1970s, then became a college chaplain at Wesley College. He served at the University of Evansville (IN) for 16 years before coming to Houghton in 2003.

Jack Connell '83, special assistant to the president for church relations: Connell earned a master's degree from Asbury Theological Seminary before serving as associate pastor at Houghton Wesleyan Church. He was senior pastor at Wesleyan churches in Syracuse and Canandaigua from 1989-2006, earning

his doctorate from Asbury in 1997. In 2006 he became associate dean of the Beeson Center at Asbury; he returned to Houghton in March to take his current position.

Sharra Durham '94, vice president for student life: Durham, who arrives to assume this post in August, anticipates receiving her doctorate from Texas A&M this summer. She has a master's degree from Alfred University and has held posts in student life at Houghton, George Fox and Texas A&M, where she was most recently associate director for leadership.

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Wayne MacBeth '75, vice president for enrollment management and marketing relations: MacBeth served Houghton in a variety of positions from 1975-92, earning a master's in business administration from St. Bonaventure University in 1988 before leaving to work with Wesleyan World Missions and, later, World Hope International. He returned as vice president for student life in 2004, was interim chief financial officer for a short period of time and moved to his current position last year.

"As the Twig is Bent...

by Larry and Vesta Mullen

...so grows the tree," according to the old saying. The president's parents share some anecdotes from her childhood that illustrate her adult character.

Many of the characteristics that define Houghton's fifth president developed early in her life. Since her youth, Shirley has had a penchant for early rising, a creative bent, a love of books and a strong sense of order. She has long demonstrated a global world view and an enjoyment of scholarly research. More important, though, she learned early the spiritual discipline of prayer and the joy of communion with God.

There is an old adage that begins, "Early to bed, early to rise...": the last phrase has long applied to Shirley. Her penchant for starting the day early created stress for her not-a-morning-person mother. Adjusting to daylight saving time each spring was especially challenging. When Shirley was four years old her parents awakened to the sound of music coming from the stereo in the living room. Since the children had not been instructed in the use of the machine, they wondered, "Who is in our house at

for the day, sauntering down the street, happily embracing the sights and sounds of a beautiful spring morning.

Shirley had a generous supply of rattles, stuffed animals and dolls, but books were her "toys of choice." As soon as she learned to creep across the floor, her favorite destination was a bookcase. She could always seem to get hold of a book on the bottom shelf that would respond to her pull. Like most children, she had special books that she would listen to over and over again. Any effort on the part of the reader to skip over a page or two would evoke a word or gesture to let the reader know he had missed a page.



Mullen learned baseball early and later played softball in a women's league in Minnesota.

From early childhood Shirley was concerned about the need for order. As soon as she could write, she was making lists. She laid out small toys on her toy blanket in categories. One day while she was playing in the backyard, her mother

tricycle around so that it was headed in the same direction as the other vehicles, then proceeded to the house.

Shirley learned to skate when she

was small and one of her favorite winter activities is cross-country skiing. She plays tennis, swims and canoes, but she did not participate in team sports until she played softball in a women's league in Minnesota. She surprised her family when, as a counselor at the Pioneer Girls' Camp Cherith in the Adirondacks, she passed the qualifications for teaching riflery!

Shirley's self confidence as an athlete, however, was damaged irreparably when she was a freshman in college. One of the requirements in her physical education course was the ability to do a headstand. She wasn't able to master the feat and as a consequence missed a 4.0 college average by a tenth of a point.

Shirley is creative—a quality she displayed early. One Sunday morning while her father was at church and her mother was resting with Shirley's newborn sister Barbara, Shirley ran out of interest in her toys. The house was quiet. Nothing was going on. There was



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six o'clock in the morning?" Her mother hopped out of bed and hurried down the stairs to find the front door ajar. Looking outside she spotted Shirley, fully dressed

called her to come in. As she raced by her tricycle, she noticed that it was facing in a different direction than her cart and carriage. She stopped, turned the

no one and nothing to play with. What to do? Somehow the imaginative two-year-old managed to get a pound of butter out of the refrigerator, unwrap it and spread it around on the linoleum floor in the kitchen and the hardwood floors downstairs. Slipping and sliding—what a sensuous experience! What fun! What a mess!

Fortunately that was not her final experience with food; she likes to cook. In her senior year of high school, she justified her choice to take home economics (over yet another history course) to the guidance counselor by explaining that she would be taking many history

a new investigation."

Her academic experience wasn't without some bumps, though. Although

Although scholarship and politics were important, spiritual concerns became an integral part of Shirley's life while she was still young.

she had eagerly looked forward to her first day of school, Shirley returned home at noon and announced that she was not going back. Seems she had used an eraser to trace her name on her newly varnished desktop, and her teacher had

minced no words about the inappropriateness of the act, concluding with "Just wait until the janitor sees what you have done!"

To be reprimanded was one thing, but the threat of an encounter with someone she knew nothing about left her imagination running wild. After lunch Shirley and her mother returned to school,

one day. Another time—after she had picked up the idea that heaven has no need of earthly trappings to bring us joy—she announced with certainty, "There are no toys up in heaven." Her mother overheard the following conversation between Shirley and her sister Barbara following the funeral of one of their father's parishioners:

"How do souls get to heaven?"

(Thoughtful pause)

"Maybe they are mailed in a letter."

(No hesitation)

"I don't think so. They'd be too thick."

Shirley still rises early and she still lives an orderly life, charting her daily activities by lists and written reminders. She still loves to cook and to delve deeply into research and books. She is creative and active and looks at the world with a global perspective. Experience has taught her the importance of depending on God for help and guidance, too. Soon after returning to Houghton, she made it a point to invite the senior citizens of the community to pray both for her and for the ongoing ministry of Houghton College. It brought to mind what she had learned early on about the joys of prayer and being in the Lord's presence. One day when she was seven she came to her father and whispered in his ear, "Daddy, I've been praying in my room, and I feel all lighted up inside."

Larry and Vesta Mullen are the president's parents. They live in Houghton.



Mullen likes to make Christmas cookies—and read while she waits for each batch to bake.

courses in the future and that she wanted to develop her domestic skills. Her family benefited from the choice because Shirley took on the task of preparing dinner most nights that year. She also won the Betty Crocker award at school!

Baking Christmas cookies is a must-do activity for Shirley during the holidays, but scholarly pursuits are never far removed from her mind. One recent Christmas her mother found her sitting at the kitchen table waiting for the oven timer to signal that another batch of cookies was done. No time to waste, she was reading a lengthy tome on the Scottish Enlightenment. It was reminiscent of when she was a college student and announced to her mother: "I've just started a new research paper. There's nothing I find so invigorating as to be working on

talked with the teacher and met the janitor—a kind little old man who had no intention of doing her any harm at all!

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Although scholarship and politics were important, spiritual concerns be-

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50 Henry and Dorothy (Collins) Gifford are “slowly slowing down” in retirement. He enjoys painting (watercolors and acrylics) and is a member of the Hershey Area Art Association. They enjoy traveling—most recently to England—and keeping track of two new great-grandchildren, ages one and two.

61 Richard Mouw has put together a new book, *Praying at Burger King* (Eerdmans Publishing). Mouw, who gave the first Woolsey Lectures at Houghton last fall, has been president of Fuller Theological Seminar since 1993. The book is a compilation of short essays and columns in which Mouw “considers how the outward life of a Christian should reflect the inner workings of the Spirit,” according to publicity materials. Interestingly, those materials were sent to *Milieu* by Justin Paul Lawrence '00, a publicist for Eerdmans.

64 David C. Droppa has been granted tenure at Seton Hill University. Droppa is coordinating the liberal arts curriculum and has recently published an article in the *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work* on teaching policy practice using partnerships with human service organizations.

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An American PA in Scotland

Editor's note: A reader recently informed *Milieu* that Ed and Rebecca (Watkins '95) Schuurman '95 were in Scotland, so we asked them to share some of their experience there. Ed writes:

As you may know, the physician assistant (PA) has been part of the American health-care system since the 1970s. The role developed to fill a shortage of health-care providers in rural communities and inner cities. In the spring of 2006 the National Health Service (NHS) of Scotland decided to investigate the role of PAs here, recruiting about a dozen American PAs to come to Scotland. I was selected as one of the lucky few.

My family and I moved here in September 2006 and have enjoyed our time. We have seen tremendous cultural differences and have each faced our own difficulties with the transition. In general, things are much more expensive and much smaller in the U.K. when compared with what we are accustomed to in the United States. Our small, three-bedroom bungalow is about one-third the size of our house in the U.S., yet costs more each month. Gas is hovering around \$8 per gallon.

Professionally, I've been challenged to work in a nationalized health care system. Although there is no co-pay or insurance reimbursement to deal with, the care is anything but free. Tax rates are tremendously high, the system is overburdened and waiting times to see specialists or to have certain tests performed can be measured in months.

Due to family concerns beyond our control we will be returning to the U.S. in September 2007—a year shorter than our intended stay. We are excited to be returning to our friends and family, yet eager to see and do all we can before we have to go back.



adults. Ron also wrote for *Adirondack Life* and published a book: *The Search for Adirondack Gold*.

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gam and his wife, Amy (Konz '83) have three daughters: Sarah '10, 18; Susanna, 17 and Sharon, 15.

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hosted several workshops and field trips devoted to the Loess Hills and Sioux City Prairie.

Bausch & Lomb Inc. has named **Efrain Rivera** as senior vice president and chief financial officer. Rivera received an MBA in finance from the William E. Simon Graduate School of Business at the University of Rochester, a J.D. from New York University and an executive doctorate in management from Case Western Reserve University. He has had a variety of international leadership roles with Bausch & Lomb, most recently as corporate vice president and treasurer.

81 After living in Baku, Azerbaijan for 10 years, **Rich Felder** and his family (wife Lori and sons Sam, 16; Paul, 13 and Luke, 11) have recently moved to Istanbul, Turkey, where he will be developing media projects. His e-mail is r-felder@remotemail.org.

83 **Scott and Mercy (Decker '82) Dawson '82** performed special music at **Bernard Decker's** wedding (see *Down the Aisle*). The Deckers live in Webster, NY, where they attend Calvary Chapel. Decker is a financial planner for couples and small business owners with an office in Pittsford, NY. Friends are invited to contact them at bdecker9@lycos.com.

85 The St. Bonaventure University Seneca Battalion has inducted **Col. Robert J. Coy** into its Army ROTC Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors individuals who have served their country with the utmost duty and valor. An area underwriting manager for Safeco Insurance, Coy and his family (wife Jean, children Joshua, 9 and Rachel, 7) live in Renton, WA.

88 **Dionne (Chandler) Hammond** has received her masters of divinity, with honors, from Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL, and is in the process of ordination by the United Methodist Church.

She is the pastor of community formation at Wellspring United Methodist in Tampa, where her husband, **Craig '93**, is the lead pastor. The Hammonds and their three children (Caily, 15; Lydia, 11 and Connor, 7) have been in Tampa for five years.

89 **John and Donna (Dean) Bartz** launched a church in Jupiter, FL, in December 2005. In addition to serving as children's minister for their church, Donna teaches third grade for Jupiter Christian School, where their children—Hannah, 12, and Josh, 10—attend. To contact the Bartzes or to read more about their ministry, go to www.newhopeinjupiter.com.

90 The academic dean at Tabor College has appointed **Sheila Schmitt** a distinguished faculty for the 2007-2008 academic year. The status is assigned to provide support to faculty who are engaged in high level and institutionally beneficial scholarship. Schmitt, an associate professor of piano and piano pedagogy, has been teaching at Tabor College for seven years. She founded and directs the Music Preparatory School and performs regularly.

92 **Heather G. (Coords) Kuruvilla** was recently named faculty scholar of the year at Cedarville University. Kuruvilla, an associate professor of biology, is married

Without a Chaperone

In August 2006, Bill Barker '48 agreed to go to Brazil for a six-week assignment as a substitute physics teacher, arranged through the Network of International Christian Schools. We have chosen some excerpts from what he wrote about the experience.—Editor

I was surprised and not a little disappointed when my wife, **Ruth (Donley '46)**, seemed eager to see me go.

My friends asked: "You're going to Brazil for six weeks, alone?"

"Yes, at 82, I'm old enough to go without a chaperone," I told them.

Consider this: have you ever had the opportunity to talk about God to 75 (predominately Muslim) kids from K4 through grade 12? In the Brasilia Christian School [I did]!

All classes are taught in English, which is the second or third language for most students. However, accented language falling on old ears is occasionally labored:

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Somewhat sheepishly, I answered, "No...."

"Italian?"

Again, "No...." I know a little German, so my adventurous spirit was tempted to say: "Auf Deutsch?" Then reality reared its fortunate head and I thought, "What if he says, 'Ja ja, auf Deutsch.?' The ensuing conversation would no doubt have caused my German teacher, Professor Fancher, to turn over in his grave, so I changed the subject and asked, "Oweis, how many languages do you know?"

"Five," was the answer, "but only three fluently." English was not one of them.

On my last day, I said my emotional goodbyes and added, "We have a couple minutes, does anyone have a question?"

"We could pray..." said a bright Pakistani girl.

and has two daughters, Debbie and Julia. The family resides in Xenia, OH.

95 The State University of New York at Cortland's student affairs division recently appointed **Don Lawrence** as a co-coordinator to manage programs and services that foster a culturally diverse campus. Lawrence earned his master's degree in college student affairs from Azusa Pacific University, where he served as assistant director of diversity in the undergraduate admissions office. He is pursuing a doctorate in higher education from Claremont Graduate University.

96 **Heidi (Oberholtzer) Lee** recently earned her doctorate in English from the University

of Notre Dame and is a professor in the English department at Messiah College. She and her husband, Mike, had a daughter last summer (see *Future Alumni*).

97 **J. Matt Miller** was mentioned in a recent article on usaweekend.com for selling his paintings online. "In this age of computers, machines and mass production," the Web site quotes Miller as saying, "the appeal of original, one-of-a-kind artwork is growing phenomenally." Readers can view his work at dailylife-painting.blogspot.com/.

98 **Danielle (Gehman) Miner** and her husband, Aaron, are planning to move to St. Petersburg, Russia, as support workers

for SIL. He will be teaching science at an international school. She taught science in Ephrata, PA, for four years, and is now enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. Friends can contact them at danielle_miner@sil.org.

Andrew Runion works as creative director for PointRoll, an online advertising agency. Runion and his wife, Stacie, live in Abington, PA, with their son William, 2, and attend the New Life Presbyterian Church in Dresher, PA. You can view Runion's design and illustration work at www.andrewrunion.com.

99 In January, **Keely Jones** was awarded the Scholarship of Engagement Grant to Enhance University Engagement from



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Down the Aisle

Bernard and Samantha Decker '83	5-27-2006
Dan and Laura (Mann '06) Kilpatrick '05	2-17-2007
Nathan and Charity (Brooks '04) Marshall	9-30-2006
Matt and Daneé (Knoll '05) Rollins	8-5-2006
Don and Devin (Hamm '05) Schuessler '05/'07	7-30-2005
Brandon and Missy (Thompson '98) Thomas	8-4-2001
Lyle and Sharon (Doutrich '99) Wenger	3-4-2007



Mr. & Mrs. Wenger



Mr. & Mrs. Rollins



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Future Alumni

Jeff and Angela (Keppen '98) Babbitt '96
 Aaron and Dana (Sell '05) Benedict '03
 Jeff and Andrea (Potteiger '00) Boon '02
 Adam and Gillian (Derbyshire '07) Carman '06
 Andy and Christine (Smith '02) Engert '02
 Francis and Jennifer (Roberts '01) Gasparri '00
 Nathan and Jessica (Roberts '01) Glunt
 Matthew and Amy (Bretsch '97) Hirschhoff '97
 Christian and Kristen (Bauer '01) Huebner '01
 Jeremy and Holly (Church '00) John '99
 Kyle and Rachel (Wing '01) Ketterlinus
 Mike and Jacquelyn (Sentz '95) Kuhlkin '94
 Mike and Heidi (Oberholtzer '96) Lee
 Mark and Rebecca (Outt '97) McClelland '97
 Kyle and Amanda (Glenn '03) Mohlenhoff '01
 Aaron and Danielle (Gehman '98) Miner
 David and Jessica (McDonald '00) Norman
 Tim and Hope Paulding '89
 Ivan and Karen (Hillman '92) Rocha '92
 Aaron and Virginia (Hoskison '97) Routhe '97
 Michael and Shannon (Roggie '98) Schrag
 Mike and Jonna (Lambrosa '86) Statt '85
 Shannon and Sarah (Cummings '98) Theule
 Brandon and Missy (Thompson '98) Thomas
 Andrew and Katie (McCoy '98) Thompson '98
 Terry and Kathy (Merchant '92) Tuttle
 Brian and Rebecca (Tolly '92) Windsor
 Jeremy and Susan (Ventresca '00) Veenema '00
 John and Amanda Yarbrough '84

Dylan Jeffrey* 2-16-2000
 Brek James 3-7-2007
 John Kaleb 4-4-2007
 Leah Michelle 2-15-2007
 Luke Andrew 1-17-2007
 Grace Elizabeth 4-21-2006
 Hannah Lee 2-4-2007
 Eva Rose 5-24-2006
 Karis Alanna 1-29-2007
 Aron Daniel 4-3-2006
 Benjamin William 7-20-2006
 Rachel Marie 9-27-2006
 Lydia Sumi 8-1-2006
 Grace Elizabeth 11-14-2006
 Christian David Richard 3-16-2006
 Lydia Ruth 5-17-2006
 Wesley David 2-6-2007
 Anna Grace 2-12-2007
 Joel Peter 9-14-2006
 Rees Scott 8-9-2006
 Collin Michael 1-27-2006
 Weston Archer 11-21-2006
 Elise Jasmine 11-23-2005
 Sonya Brio 3-27-2005
 Eva Marie 7-12-2006
 Kylie Jean 11-22-2006
 Audrey Meredith 11-30-2006
 Eden Lucia 1-24-2006
 J. Caleb 7-17-2006

* adopted



Brek James Benedict



Aron Daniel John



Lydia Ruth Miner



Kylie Jean Tuttle (right)



Pictured are the children of Jason and Sue (Smith '95) Herring '95 and Mark and Rebecca (Outt '97) McClelland '97, from left to right: Evan Herring, Leah Herring, Nathan Herring, Isaac McClelland, James McClelland and, in his arms, Grace Elizabeth McClelland.



Andrew, Katie (McCoy '98) and Eva Marie Thompson.



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the University of Georgia (UGA). The grants are given to select faculty who are implementing outreach programs in the classroom that address community needs and encourage student involvement in the community. Jones is an assistant professor in the department of public administration and policy at UGA's School of Public and Interanational Affairs.

01 After admission to the New York State Bar Association in February 2007 **Danielle (Shadduck) Rizzo** has joined the law offices of **James D. Eiss '69** as an associate. Rizzo has been working at the firm as a paralegal since graduating from Houghton, and while attending law school at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She has co-authored several articles on immigration law issues with Eiss and writes the firm's newsletter, which is published at www.usvisahelp.com.

Stephanie Price is starting a new position, counseling at-risk youth at the Maryland Multicultural Youth Center near Washington, DC. The focus of the program is gang intervention/prevention.

Jeff Thompson has been selected



Charity (Brooks '04) Marshall is married (see Down the Aisle) and lives in Goldsboro, NC. She is an ESL teacher and her husband, Nathan, is a pilot in the Air Force. Pictured at their wedding are (left to right): Gina Cintron, Jennifer Sherwood, Emily (Patterson) Stauring, Josh Stauring, Melanie (Neureuther) Houck, Roger Houck '02 and Amie Gates '03. The Marshalls are in the front.

chief resident for the coming year at the University of Buffalo Medical School. His current rotation is in the trauma center at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo. He plans to practice in emergency medicine. Thompson also serves as youth pastor at Baker Memorial United Methodist church in East Aurora, NY.

02 **Brian and Karen (Clark) Winey** have both recently completed graduate degrees. Karen completed her master of arts (with a perfect 4.0) in Spanish language,

Houghton's Weather Forecaster

Doug Gillham '94 recently placed first in the faculty division of a nationwide weather forecasting competition, the second time Gillham has won the competition in the past



three years (he placed second the other time!). Achievement is nothing new to Gillham: he made the highest score ever on the entrance exam to Mississippi State University (MSU) when he applied to their master's program in meteorology. When he finished that degree and started on his doctorate, the school asked him to join its faculty.

Now Gillham is MSU's director of distance learning for Earth sciences and also teaches weather forecasting. In the summers Gillham—a certified storm chaser—leads student groups to Idaho and the Grand Canyon. He and his wife, **Heather (Terry '96)**, have a one-year-old daughter, **Riley**.

Gillham is well known at Houghton because every week he calls the college Info. Center to deliver a weather report that he has prepared for the Houghton area. He also answers e-mail questions from students, faculty and staff about the weather here—or wherever they may be planning to travel. Many in the Houghton community plan their activities around Gillham's forecasts.



Jennifer (Rimer '02) Baney recently helped organize a mini-reunion with a handful of women from the classes of 2001 and '02. Houghton alumnae gathered at the house of Erin (Stenton '02) Wan on Long Island. Back row, from left: Kimberly (Elliott '02) Mason, Baney, Sarah (Baldyga '02) Vooris, Maria (Behrns '02) Scheleen and Elissa Albrecht '02. Front row, from left: Kristin (Wieland '02) Cimonetti, Lisa (Owen '02) Warner, Wan, Lara Jacobsen '02, Corissa Siciliano '01 and Amy (Willson '02) Bahr.



Brian and Karen (Clark '02) Winey '02

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literature and culture from Syracuse University in May 2006. Brian completed his doctoral dissertation in physics at the University of Rochester. He has accepted a postdoctoral research fellowship in the medical physics group at the Harvard Medical School and Dana Farber Cancer Institute. They will be relocating to the Boston area during the summer of 2007.

05 **Daneé (Knoll) Rollins** has married (see *Down the Aisle*) and lives in Ellington, CT, with her husband, Matt. He is a credit representative with First Pioneer Farm Credit and she is substitute teaching, with plans to teach full-time in the fall. Their bridal party included **Rachel (Ferguson '04) Allen, Monica McCray** and **Becky Prine**.

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B4 **Timothy Abbey** recently accepted a position as facilities manager at the Dunkirk (NY) Housing Authority. He previously served as maintenance supervisor at Jamestown Public Schools.

Q4 **Valerie Tober** has been hired as the professional tutor in Alfred State College's Learning Center, where she helps students with organizing and revising their writing. Tober was previously an adjunct English instructor and the Student Senate administrative assistant at Alfred State. Tober holds a master of fine arts in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Former Faculty/Staff

G. Edna Howard, retired professor of education, has written a book, *The Covenant of Love and The House That Love Built* (xulon Press). The book explores the building of man's spiritual house and the similarities and differences in the rebuilding of the Howards' home in Belfast, NY. It notes that love must be known by its outcome and evidenced by what it produces. The book is available through the Houghton College Campus Store or from Howard (e-mail: edda-how@juno.com).

PICTURE THIS

The Presidents' Houses

Houghton has provided a house for its president since the early part of the 20th century; four of them are pictured here. Which of these do you remember as the president's house, and what do you remember about it? Who lived in which, do you recall? We know that some *Milieu* readers have lived—or are living—in

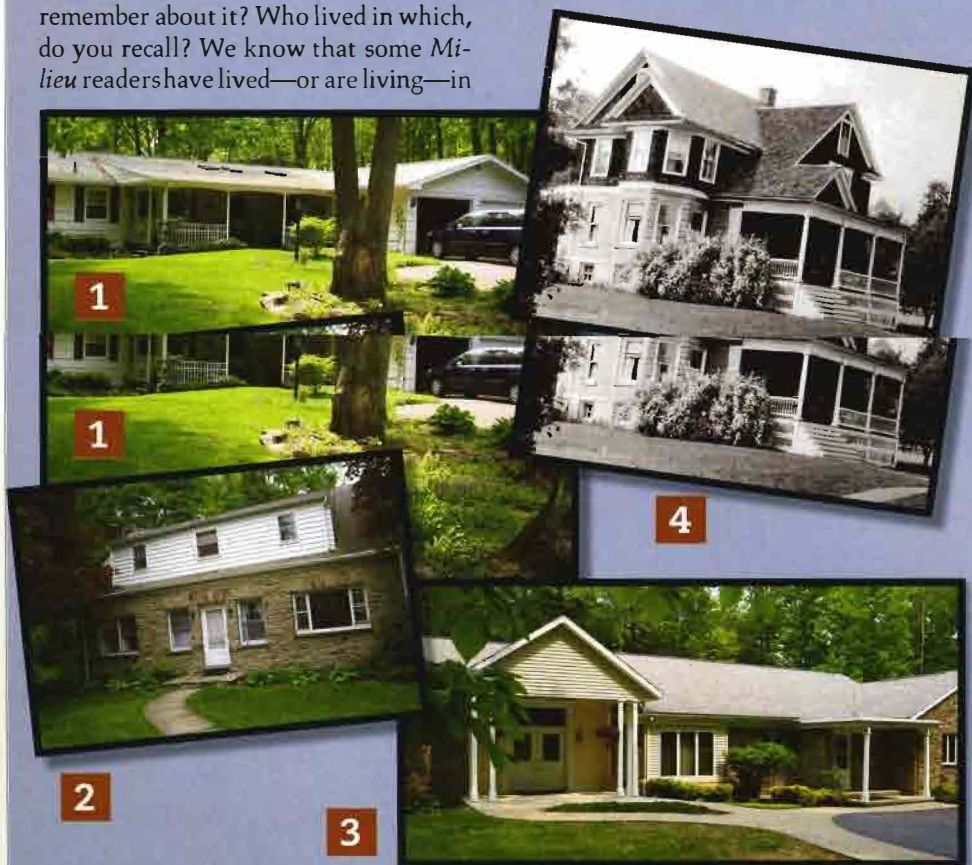
some of these houses—before or after the president and his family lived there, or sometimes even with the president's family! Many others have been guests or visitors. We invite all to share their experiences and memories.

FROM THE LAST ISSUE:

The correct answers to the "cornerstone quiz" were: 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 4, 3, 1, 7, 6, 8. Congratulations to: **Walter** and **(Laura Clark '04) Hopkins '04, Jennifer (Rimer '02) Baney, Lucas Rees '05, Jim Hilliard '93, Norah (Griffiths '98) Goggin, Jeffrey Thompson '01, Caroline Hogan, Sylvia (Bristow '62) Cahill and Sarah Stedman '05/'07** who got all of the answers correct and received some Houghton goodies.

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Hilliard remembered that students sang "God of Concrete, God of Steel" in chapel the week the Academic Building (now the Chamberlain Center) opened and wondered how many buildings have the cornerstone on the third floor (like Shen)? Goggin suggested two verses for future cornerstones: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."—Proverbs 16:3 and "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain."—Psalm 127:1.



38 **Jeannette (Frost) Jones** passed away February 9 at the age of 91. After graduating from Houghton, Jones taught music in various schools for 10 years while she earned a master's degree in music from Syracuse University (in 1943). In 1948 she married Norman Jones and continued to teach as a substitute while helping to raise his three children. The couple became members of the "Adirondack 46ers" by climbing the 46 highest peaks of the Adirondack Mountains. Jones also enjoyed painting the decoys that her husband carved and playing the violin in the Watertown (NY) Civic Orchestra. Her husband died in 1998. Surviving are a stepdaughter and her husband, **David and Charlotte (Jones '58) Cauwels '58** and a stepson and his wife; seven grandchildren and nieces and nephews. A stepdaughter, **Anne (Jones '54) Pillars** predeceased her, as did a brother and sister.

40 **George E. Failing**, former general editor of *The Wesleyan Church*, died February 26, at the age of 94. Failing graduated magna cum laude from Houghton, earned his master's from Duke and was given honorary doctorates by Houghton and by Southern Wesleyan. Ordained in 1938, Failing pastored churches in New York, North Carolina, Kentucky and Indiana. He served on the faculty and staff of several Wesleyan colleges: as an instructor of Bible and Greek at Southern Wesleyan, director of public relations at Houghton, and professor of theology at the former United Wesleyan College in Allentown, PA. He was also chancellor of Wesleyan, director of public relations at Houghton, and professor of theology at the former United Wesleyan College in Allentown, PA. He was also chancellor and professor at Satellite Christian Institute in San Diego, CA. Failing was an assistant editor of Sunday school literature and editor of *The Wesleyan Methodist*. In 1973 he was elected general editor of *The Wesleyan Advocate* (now *Wesleyan Life*). His writings included seven books and numerous articles, and he ministered internationally as a speaker and seminar leader. In 1984, he retired as general editor to pursue a doctoral degree and enjoy his hobbies of travel and photography.

Failing's wife of 67 years, Phyllis, passed away the day before he did. They had two daughters and a son, who survive.

43 **Frank Houser** died January 13 after battling Alzheimer's disease for several years. He was 86. After graduating from Houghton, Houser served as a naval officer in the Pacific during World War II. He went on to Columbia University, earning a master's in sociology in 1948 and a doctorate in 1974. From 1948-1959 Houser taught sociology at Wheaton College. He also taught summer courses at the Young Life Institute in Colorado from 1958-62. In 1959 he joined the faculty of Whitworth College in Spokane, WA, where he later chaired the sociology department. Houser enjoyed music and sports. He played the cello and also sang tenor in the Whitworth College Faculty Quartet. He was an accomplished basketball and tennis player. He and his wife, Helen (Baker '45), taught a class on marriage and relationships at Whitworth and twice traveled to China where they taught courses on American culture and English at Nanjing University. She survives, as do two sons, a daughter, a brother, eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

46 **Glenora June (McBride '46) Crowell** went to be with her Lord March 17 after a long struggle with osteoporosis. After Houghton, Crowell did course work at Syracuse University and completed her master's at Alfred University. She began her career as an English teacher and librarian at Rushford (NY) Central School and then taught for more than 20 years at Arkport (NY) Central School. She also taught several summers at the New York State Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred. Crowell taught Sunday school until she was in her 70s and served on many committees at the Arkport United Methodist Church. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the New York State Retired Teachers Association and the Hornell Book Club. In 1984 she and her husband, Robert, were

enrolled in the Arkport Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds in recognition of their community activities. He survives; as do two daughters, including **Beverly Crowell '73** and **Maribeth Crowell '76** and a nephew, **Daniel McBride '67**. She was predeceased by her parents, a brother and a sister.

49 **Harry Wilcke** died of cancer on March 24; he was 81. After serving in the U.S. Army in Europe and the Philippines during World War II, Wilcke came to Houghton where he met his wife, **Wanda (Williams '49)**. After they graduated, he went to Temple University School of Medicine and did his internship at Abington Memorial Hospital and a surgical residency at Frankford Hospital. He went on to study French and tropical medicine in Belgium, after which he and his wife went to the Belgian Congo (now the Democratic Republic of Congo) as medical missionaries (she ran a pharmacy) with Africa Inland Mission. The couple returned to the U.S. in 1964 because of political unrest. Wilcke completed a residency in anesthesiology at Temple University Hospital, and he and his wife returned to Africa from 1967-72. Upon returning to the U.S. for health reasons, Wilcke was an anesthesiologist at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and later at Abington Memorial, retiring in the 1980s. He taught Sunday school, and was an elder, treasurer and chairman of the missions committee at Bethany Bible Fellowship Church. Wilcke is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son and five grandchildren.

51 **Merritt Donald Penner, Jr.** passed away January 18 at his home. He was 80. In 1954 Penner moved to Kentucky to pastor two churches in what is now the Red Bird Missionary Conference, and he later pastored two Presbyterian churches. He served a total of 43 years as a pastor before retiring in 1989. In retirement Penner volunteered as a chaplain at the Manchester (KY) Hospital, amassing almost 8,900 hours of service. In 1982



1960 portrait of evangelist Billy Graham '50 hangs in the Graham Library at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY.

Her professional memberships included The Portrait Society of America; the Allegany, Wellsville and Olean Arts associations and the Christians in Visual Arts Association. Houghton College awarded Shea an honorary doctorate in fine arts in 1991.

Shea was predeceased by her parents, her sisters Ruth (Ortlip '44) Gibson and Marjorie (Ortlip '94) Stockin and her brother W. Henry Ortlip '40.

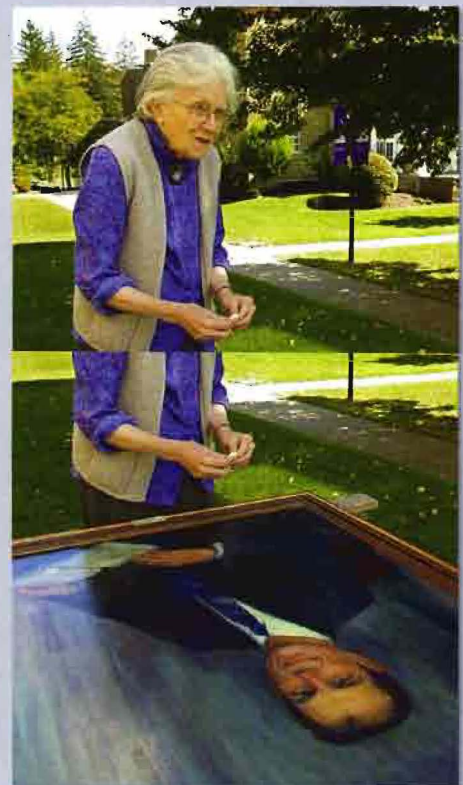
She is survived by her husband, Alton Shea '36; three children, including son A. Jonathan "Pat" Shea '63, daughter Eila

Aileen Ortlip Shea, 95, died March 24. She was the eldest of seven children born to artists H. Willard and Aimee Ortlip. After high school, Shea studied for seven years at the National Academy of Design in New York City. She was awarded the 1935-36 Pulitzer Traveling Scholarship in Art and traveled and painted in Spain, Switzerland and France and completed a *Diplome d'Études de Civilisation Française* at the Sorbonne, University of Paris.

She returned to the United States in 1936, accepting an invitation to pioneer the art department at Houghton College, where she taught for 10 years. Her sister **Marjorie Ortlip Stockin** '94 and parents also taught art at Houghton. Married in 1938 to **Alton J. Shea** '36, the two served Wesleyan churches in Gates, NY, Houghton and (for 14 years) Wellsville, NY, where they became well known through the Hour of Worship radio ministry. In the 1970s the Sheas embarked on seven years of mischurchees in Gates, NY, Houghton and (for 14 years) Wellsville, NY, where they became well known through the Hour of Worship radio ministry. In the 1970s the Sheas embarked on seven years of missionary radio, teaching and art service in Sierra Leone, Africa, followed by itinerant church ministries and five years of pastoring at the United Methodist Church in Oramel, NY.

Shea illustrated numerous children's talks, books and teaching materials for a half century. She painted and sketched hundreds of faces, from street urchins in Spain to women in Sierra Leone, to family members' and friends' children, to judges and college personnel from New York to Illinois—including a dozen presidential portraits for Alfred University, Houghton College, Roberts Wesleyan College and Trinity International University. Her

Shea '66 and son Associate Professor of Missions **Paul Shea** '69; five grandchildren, including **Alan Shea** '92, **Robin (Shea '94) McGee**, **Heidi (Shea '96) Huizenga**, **Christy Shea** '98 and **Linda (Shea '01) Knapp**; and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers, including **Stephen Ortlip** '42 and **Paul Ortlip** '88 and numerous nieces and nephews, including **Leon Gibson** '73, **Audrey (Stockin '64) Eyler**, **Philip Stockin** '67, **Judith (Stockin '70) Ganch**, **Lora Beth (Stockin '77) Norton**, Assistant Professor of Sociology **Karen (Ortlip '69) Daugherty**, **David Ortlip** '75, **Jonathan Ortlip** '81 and **Daniel Ortlip** '86.



Shea touching up the portrait she painted of former president Daniel Chamberlain.

Houghton College gave Penner an honorary doctorate. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy; three daughters; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

53 Elizabeth (Patzarian) Myers died March 29 after a long struggle with ovarian cancer. She was a teacher. Myers is survived by her husband of 51 years, Ralph Myers '53; two sons, **Eric Myers '81** and **Jeffrey Myers '84** and five grandchildren.

Richard W. Sadler went to be with the Lord on January 23, following more than a year of battling pancreatic cancer. He was a retired math teacher. Sadler earned a master's degree in mathematics from the State University of New York at Cortland in 1972. He is survived by his wife, **Jeanne (Hotaling '53) Sadler** and their four children, including **Janice (Sadler '83) Lemke**.

55 Mary Olga (Shreve) Hickman passed into the presence of the Lord on April 5. Hickman served with her husband, **Ernest '55**, in Spain for 25 years, where she was a hostess, church planter and secretary. They served another six years in Aruba, where she helped translate the Bible into the Papiamentu language. She was an active member of The Evangelical Alliance Mission for 31 years. During the last few years, her husband cared for her as her Alzheimer's disease progressed. He survives, as do their three children.

61 William Everett Silfee died April 30; he was 69. After Houghton, Silfee attended Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and became an elementary school teacher in Warwick, NY. He later worked as a teacher and a counselor at the Chappaqua (NY) Public Schools. In 1969 he earned a master's degree in counselor education from Pennsylvania State University. He earned a master's degree in sacred theology from New York Theological Seminary in 1981 and a doctorate in pastoral counseling and was inducted as a fellow by the Graduate Theological

Foundation, Notre Dame, IN, in 1989. Silfee was an active member within the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), serving on regional and national boards and committees for the ministry. He was an associate pastor at Trinity Baptist Church, where he was ordained in June 1990. He was a pastor at Dalton Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre, PA, before his retirement. He served on both the alumni board and the board of trustees of the New York Theological Seminary. He continued to attend workshops, seminars and classes until his death. Surviving are four brothers and several nieces and nephews.

67 Carolyn (Drill '67) "Lindy" Miller was called home on April 13. After graduating from Houghton, Miller married Owen Ndungu and lived in Kenya for 10 years, where she raised four children before returning to Ridgewood, NJ. She married David Miller in 1980 and enjoyed life in a blended family. In 1991, the Millers retired to State College, PA, where she earned her master of fine arts degree in English from Pennsylvania State University in 2000. She enjoyed the opportunity to teach at Penn State for nearly 10 years. Miller loved to sing and was a member of Sweet Adelines International and of the choir at the State College Presbyterian Church, where she was a deacon. Photography, travel and sailing with her husband and friends were among her special joys. Miller went on a trip to Greece with Houghton alumni in her final weeks, suffering a relapse of her metastatic cancer while overseas. Through the efforts of her sister Jinny and her daughter Heather, a nurse, she returned to the United States before she passed away. She is survived by her husband of 27 years; her children, including **Benjamin Ndungu '89** and her grandchildren.

95 Karen Kunz died of cancer on April 1 at the age of 53. For over 30 years Kunz worked in the business offices of various BOCES schools in western New York, most re-

cently she was the business executive for the Hinsdale Central School District. She taught the high school Sunday school class at the Cuba United Methodist Church, where she served on the board of trustees and was the youth group advisor. She enjoyed walking, gardening, cooking and golf. She is survived by her husband, two children and a brother.

Former Faculty/Staff

Marie Corey of Toronto passed away on February 15. Corey was a secretary for the student personnel department in the 1960s and 1970s, working for Dean James Mills and Dean of Women Isabelle Rogato Weir, who notes that Corey was "known for her sense of humor and was greatly appreciated for her work ethic."

United Wesleyan College

51 William Adams, Jr., went home to be with the Lord on April 2; he was 80. Adams graduated from United Wesleyan College and also attended Susquehanna University. He served in the Navy during World War II. Adams was the founding pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, Selinsgrove, PA, in 1950 and served there until 1958. He pastored the Fairview Church of the Nazarene (Muncy, PA) from 1959-68 and Witmer's United Methodist Church (Port Trevorton, PA) from 1968-77. He was the pastor at the Catawissa Avenue United Methodist Church (Sunbury, PA) from 1977 until he retired in 1989. He was named pastor emeritus of Selinsgrove Church of the Nazarene in 1999. He was president of the school board in Selinsgrove from 1968-70 and also served on the boards of the Selinsgrove Area Recreation Association and the Snyder County chapter of the American Red Cross. He was a member of the American Legion Post 25 and a former member and two-term president of the Selinsgrove Kiwanis Club. Surviving are his wife, a daughter, two sons, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

11:00–11:45 a.m. **Chapel Service**—The guest chapel speaker will be Miroslav Volf, influential Christian theologian and currently the Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale University Divinity School and director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. Born in Osijek, Croatia, Volf holds degrees from the Evangelical-Theological Faculty, Zagreb, Fuller Theological Seminary and the University of Tübingen, where he studied under theologian Jürgen Moltmann. Volf is widely known for his works on systematic theology, ethics, conflict resolution and peace-making; his two newest books are *Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace* (2005) and *The End of Memory: Remembering Rightly in a Violent World* (2006).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

7:00–9:00 p.m. **Inaugural Gala**—In celebration of the decade in which Houghton College, under President James S. Luckey, received its permanent charter, the student life office is hosting a Roaring Twenties party on the quad. Students, parents and visitors are all welcome and encouraged to arrive in costumes fitting for the 1920s. Guests will enjoy jazz music, poetry readings and skits as well as food and inventions of the era.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007

9:30–11:00 a.m. **Academic Symposium**—A seminar on "Fixing up this world: Houghton and the Wesleyan imperative for personal transformation and global engagement" will feature presentations and dialogue with four guest speakers. James E. Kirby, professor emeritus of church history at Southern Methodist University, is a specialist in the history of Methodism as well as religion and American culture. Joel A. Carpenter, current provost of Calvin College and former director of the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals at Wheaton College, is a church historian with interests in fundamentalism and contemporary evangelicalism. John R. Tyson, professor of theology at Houghton College, is an award-winning Wesley scholar and church historian. Carolyn (Paine '60) Miller is the current president of SIL International and the daughter of Stephen W. Paine, Houghton's second president. She and her husband John '57 have served as missionaries in the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

1:30–3:00 p.m. **Inaugural Ceremony**—In a time of worship and celebration, the Houghton College Board of Trustees will formally install Shirley A. Mullen '76 as the college's fifth president. This ceremony is open to the public.

3:00–5:00 p.m. **Inaugural Reception**—Guests are welcome to witness the unveiling of a portrait of President Mullen painted by Kyle M. Stevenson '06 and commissioned as a gift from the class of 2007.

8:00–9:30 p.m. **Inaugural Concert**—An evening concert will feature the world premiere of "Such a Time," a composition for piano, chamber singers and ensemble by Mark D. Hijleh, professor of composition and conducting at Houghton. The program will include music by the Symphonic Winds and performances by Judy A. Congdon, professor of organ, and Eric S. Thomas, assistant professor of voice. Concert attendees will listen to "Walking the Ridge Home," a reading by John R. "Jack" Leax '66, professor of English, and view the presentation of a work of sculpture by Gary D. Baxter, professor of art.

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