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Our Help and Hope

Nearly three centuries ago, Isaac Watts penned the words

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.*

We often sing this great hymn at the first chapel service of a new academic year. It beautifully captures God's generous provisions throughout Houghton's history and His gracious promises for our future.

God continues to guide and provide for Houghton College in the present, and almost always He chooses to work His will through people. At Houghton, these important people include alumni, friends, faculty, staff, students, administrators and trustees.

The name of this final group, the trustees, is a reminder that they hold Houghton's present and future in their hands as a sacred trust. One of their important quadrennial responsibilities is appointing and/or re-appointing the college president. In discharging that duty, the trustees perform a comprehensive evaluation of presidential performance, even as they analyze the college's future leadership needs. On February 27, the trustees concluded the process by voting unanimously to extend my term of service as president of Houghton College for another four years. I have accepted their invitation, even as I recognize my dependence upon God and others to perform the duties required by this office.

In presidential politics at the national level, shouts of "four more years!" greet the nomination and re-election of incumbent chief executives. Such celebrations may be appropriate, and I am grateful for the confidence this decision demonstrates. I eagerly and joyfully anticipate the challenges and opportunities I see in Houghton's near future. But as I view another four years of serving God and others here at Houghton, my mind

goes back to the thoughts I had when I became president of Houghton in 1976.

In my inaugural address, which I entitled *Firm Foundations: New Horizons*, I pledged "to the Board of Trustees, students, faculty, staff, alumni, constituency and friends of this college, my commitment and my best efforts." I went on to state, "It is not enough for us to recite or even to celebrate our firm foundations. It is rather for us to dedicate ourselves to building upon those foundations. As my title suggests, we are not looking in new directions, but to new and higher horizons in the direction and on the journey already taken." I have renewed that commitment to the trustees and I now renew it with Houghton's constituency.

As I anticipate another term as Houghton's president, my spirit and my purposes are still captured by the final paragraph of my inaugural address.

In the words of Scripture, Houghton College can rejoice that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Our foundations are firm. Today we look forward to new horizons with fresh faith, confident of our purpose, and seeking ever to improve our processes. As we accept the challenge that is ours, we can rise to Clark Kerr's definition of a perfect college as "an imperfect one urgently seeking perfection."

I serve in the present with great confidence that the God who has been our help in the past will transform our hope for the future into remarkable reality.

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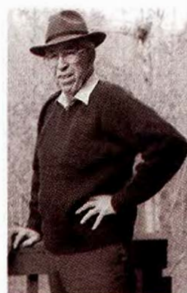
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Construction Update

A bright yellow exterior on the fine arts center has added color to campus over the winter months. This insulation covering is temporary until the final stone facade is added later in the project. The majority of the work has moved to the inside of the facility where the mechanical, ductwork, electrical, and plumbing systems are being installed. Details and design of the interior spaces, including color schemes and decor, are now the topic of regular discussions. The project is still on schedule for late-summer occupancy.

Attention has now turned to another phase of the campus building project: library renovations. The renovations — likely to begin in May after commencement — include the redesign of stairwells and handicap access, expanding the area for stacks and book storage, and adding study rooms. When those phases are complete, work will begin on building a new front entrance that will raise it to first-floor level. The entrance design will be similar to that of Luckey Building, with a pitched roof and columns and will include reinstallation of the ceramic artwork given to the college by the class of '93. Most of the interior work will be finished over the summer with completion of the entrance during the fall semester.



As the identity of the fine arts center and its place on campus develops, so does the identity of many areas within the building. Currently 18 rooms have been named in honor of individuals, with 12 more naming agreements in the process and still more opportunities available.



This front elevation reflects the exterior portion of the nearly \$1-million renovations planned this spring to the 1964 structure.

New WJSL: Back in the Hands of the Students

Houghton College has reached an agreement with WXXI-FM that will provide the assistance and equipment upgrades to set up a student-operated, lower-power station and that will turn over the 90.3 frequency of the college radio station to the Rochester-based station by this coming fall.

It's a move college officials are certain will create more learning opportunities for students and save money. And it's an opportunity for WXXI to reach a new audience with its classical music format.

For more than a year, college officials had been meeting about the future of WJSL 90.3 FM. Since making a switch from low-power FM to 6,000 watts in 1984, the college station hasn't met expectations, particularly in terms of producing revenue and providing educational opportunities for students. "The college began to subsidize WJSL to keep its operations going," said Jeff Spear, vice president for finance. "And there was less and less student content as we received the majority of our programming from a network." A return to low power will restore the station to the hands of the students, turning back to the original purpose of the station. "It became apparent we needed to get back to the reason it was formed: as an opportunity for students to engage in learning from a comprehensive standpoint; creating more diverse programming, and learning how to run a station," said Spear.

Doug Gaerte, chair of the English and communication department, agreed with Spear's assessment. "We're interested in expanding opportunities for students to do more news and production work, and for the airing of more college concerts and sporting events. We hope that turning the station back to the students will create a sense of pride."

Spear and Gaerte are quick to point out that WJSL is not affiliating with WXXI. "Houghton did not sell WJSL or lease WJSL," said Spear. "We continue to own WJSL and it will continue to be on the air as the radio station of Houghton College. The only change is the power and frequency." Gaerte adds, "We're basically working out an agreement with WXXI that will help them introduce classical music to the Southern Tier and help us set up a station we can afford, while providing educational opportunities for our students."

WJSL will be a local station, serving the college and Houghton community, with a signal strong enough to reach both Fillmore and Belfast. The majority of the programming will be contemporary Christian music, aimed at the college audience, but will also include student news programs, talk and interview programs, college concerts and student recitals, sports events, chapels, and services from the Houghton Wesleyan Church.

WXXI officials have also expressed interest in airing Houghton School of Music performances and student-produced new programs on both its new station and its Rochester station. "Certainly Houghton's music program, especially with past affiliations with the Rochester and Buffalo Philharmonic orchestras, has the reputation and quality WXXI is looking for. It's consistent with their format," added Gaerte.

WXXI is also open to employing Houghton students as interns and providing WXXI staff members as adjunct faculty.

"WXXI is proud to partner with Houghton in this exciting new venture," said Jeanne Fisher, vice president of WXXI Radio.



Students competed in the fall of '98 to create a new logo for WJSL. Junior art major Erin Bennett from Honeoye Falls, N.Y., won the contest with this design.

Houghton Academy Expanding

*courtesy of
Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Houghton Academy has kicked off Cornerstone 2000, a \$500,000 campaign that will fund the building of a new elementary school later this year along Route 19 in Belmont. Academy officials hope the campaign generates enough money through donations and bequests to fund construction of Houghton Academy South, which will include seven classrooms, an activity room, and offices. Future plans call for expansion of the facility to include a gym, cafeteria, science rooms, and additional classrooms.

Wellsville Christian School will cease to exist and its students and faculty will merge with the Houghton Academy South faculty at the new location. The new school will consist of kindergarten through sixth grade, with the building open in time for classes to begin in September.

"We know we are doing this at a much faster pace than it would normally be done," said Academy headmaster Philip G. Stockin. "We're looking at this as giving parents an opportunity for those who want a Christian-based values education."

It is hoped the new building's location will attract more students from as far as Hornell and Olean.

Staley Lecturer

Dr. Ward Gasque, president of Pacific Association for Theological Studies in Seattle, Wash., spoke to the Houghton community in February as a Staley Lecturer. Dr. Terence Paige, associate professor of New Testament and a former teacher's assistant to Gasque, requested him as a Staley Lecturer because of his well-known reputation as a committed, evangelical scholar.

In two chapel services, Gasque spoke on the topic of "Evangelical Theology as Ecumenical Theology," stressing how the evangelical movement was dominated at first by the ecumenicalists and then by liberalists. He also spoke in several New Testament classes and gave lectures on "Business as Ministry" and "The Bible and Women." As a result of the lectures, many women preparing for the ministry were encouraged and many business majors were affirmed that their vocation could be used as ministry in today's world.

CLEW

Dr. Victor Hamilton '63, professor of religion at Asbury College, shared with the college community during Christian Life Emphasis Week, January 18-22. Among the topics he addressed were the importance of "not boxing God in," and remaining modest and humble when responding to God.

The author of numerous articles and commentaries about the Old Testament, Dr. Hamilton is currently working on a book tentatively titled "The Handbook of Historical Books."

The Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Inspires Students to Serve

Close to 300 students—almost a quarter of the college student body—spent Saturday, January 16, assisting food pantries, soup kitchens, rescue missions, homeless shelters, and churches throughout Buffalo and Rochester as part of the college's first-ever Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day.

Houghton's student volunteers traveled to the cities to help with cleaning, painting and renovating of various facilities, as well as basic office work, sorting clothing, and stocking shelves. The Boys' and Girls' Clubs, City Mission, Paradise House, Salvation Army, Urban Christian Ministries, American Rescue Mission, and Open Door Mission were among the 30 organizations in the two cities that benefited from the day of service. Ironically, Houghton's Service Day began as President Clinton, during his weekly radio address, was asking Americans to make Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday a "day on, not a day off" by joining a nationwide volunteer campaign.

Houghton professor Henry Biggs chairs the college's Committee on Opportunity, Equity, and Diversity, the group that organized the event. "The purpose was to celebrate Martin Luther King Day in a meaningful way," said Biggs. "The traditional method of simply taking the day off did not seem to really move students to probe deeper into who Martin Luther King was and what he was about. By doing something on this day, students will embody the Martin Luther King message of caring."

Kristin Leach, a junior from Lansdale, Pa., helped clean and paint at Buffalo's Boys' and Girls' Club. "They were so appreciative and thankful that we took a Saturday and came so far to help them," said Leach. "And I was able to work with other Houghton students who I had never met before this experience."

Service opportunities are an integral part of the Houghton experience, according to Houghton president Dr. Daniel Chamberlain. "We are creating servant-scholars, and this is a good opportunity for students to both learn and serve. It's a wonderful way to express what Houghton College is all about. By giving them this experience, hopefully it broadens their education and creates in them a desire to give more of themselves, to be more effective and committed to service in their careers."



Of the experience one participant comments, "I have continuously learned about who Martin Luther King was, but I never thought about honoring his legacy through service. For the first time, I put into practice his teachings of unity, service, and caring for my fellow man by giving of myself."

Houghton students volunteered to work with Honduran children still struggling with the devastating effects of Hurricane Mitch. Play therapy helped many children express their feelings and overcome their fears.



Relief in Honduras

Hurricane Mitch, the fourth most intense hurricane ever recorded, left the country of Honduras in economic shambles. In January, 33 volunteers — including faculty, staff and students — traveled to the ravaged country to help in the relief effort by working in construction, refugee camps, and medical brigades.

Fifteen students helped local residents build a 50-foot retaining wall to help support a new public school building that was splitting down the center from a sinking foundation. They helped the community of Los Pinos get the school back to a safe condition.

Another group worked with play therapy coordinated by Puerto Rican volunteers in various refugee camps where kids and families were still stranded without homes. Skits, dramas, music, and art were used to help the children express their fears and frustrations over the loss of home and family. Many younger kids who still could not verbally express their feelings were helped through drawing or acting out their emotions.

A third group worked in medical brigades that were set up and operated by Cuban physicians. Due to contaminated mud and dust covering much of the capital city, many Hondurans are afflicted with various types of skin irritations and fungus as well as respiratory problems. Houghton pre-medical students checked blood pressure and distributed ointments and medicines in concern and compassion for those with medical needs.

While reflecting on the experience, one student volunteer said, "I now understand better . . . what Jesus said about loving your neighbor, sharing, compassion, community and hoarding wealth."

Prior to the trip, professor Thomas Kettelkamp rallied the Houghton community around this cause, resulting in an outpouring of support. With the help of Houghton's student group, Evangelicals for Social Action, more than 200 boxes of donated clothing, linens, blankets, towels, and other items were gathered and shipped to Honduras in January.

Number of PhD Alumni is Impressive

Houghton ranks 81st of 506 four-year national liberal arts colleges in a study of graduates who completed PhD degrees from 1986 to 1995.

According to the most recent report, "Baccalaureate Origins of Doctoral Recipients," prepared by Franklin and Marshall College in cooperation with the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS), Houghton alumni earned 125 doctoral degrees between 1986 and 1995. Each institution was also ranked according to 18 disciplines. Of note, Houghton ranked 37th in mathematics (5 degrees earned), 51st in anthropology and sociology (4), and 60th in chemistry (14). In all, Houghton ranked among the top 150 in each of the 17 disciplines in which its alumni earned degrees.

According to the study, Houghton is ranked 10th of 36 New York state liberal arts schools in total number of alumni to receive doctorates since 1986. The study also ranked doctoral recipients between 1920-1995, and Houghton finished 94th with 464 alums receiving doctorate degrees. According to the 1920 and 1995 survey, Houghton finished among the top 150 in 16 of the disciplines. Its lowest ranking was 180. Of note, Houghton ranked 45th in computer science degrees (3), 70th in mathematics (15), and 62nd in education (125).

The study did not take into account the large number of graduates who receive medical, law, and other non-professional, non-doctoral degrees. Also, the findings were not normalized on the basis of institutional size.

Big Al Leaves Houghton

Al Rehn, known on campus as "Big Al," has left Houghton after 17 years as food services director. Health reasons necessitated the transfer of the campus icon to a less demanding position within Pioneer College Caterers, a Christian corporation that contracts food service only to Christian colleges.

During his time at Houghton, Big Al, who has been in food service for 35 years, supervised the dining hall and was in charge of catering events on campus. He also created Big Al's Snack Shop, which has become the hub of campus activity — a place where students come to eat, study, or just hang out. The success of Big Al's Snack Shop has resulted in its duplication at other colleges serviced by Pioneer.

Al is now working in a unique position, under his son as assistant director of food services at Columbia International University. Pioneer, Columbia, father, and son are all happy about the new setup.

Students, faculty, and staff will never forget Big Al's legendary smile and thumbs-up gesture. We'll miss you, Big Al.

A favorite in the community, "Big Al" Rehn signs an autograph at the 1997 grand opening of the renovated snack shop that bears his name.



Alumni Program Recognized

The 1998 Houghton College Health Care Symposium received a Gold Award in the first Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II Alumni Relations and Communications awards program.

The Health Care Symposium helps reconnect alumni with Houghton, introduces area medical professionals to the college pre-med program, and provides current pre-med students with networking opportunities. Providing a quality continuing education program to alumni is the main goal of the symposium. And since the program has been recognized by the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians, it's an attractive option not only for alumni but for others needing continuing medical education credit.

Speaking of the 400 Houghton alumni physicians and numerous others in related fields, Bruce Campbell, associate director of alumni relations, comments, "It's unique to have so many of our alums in the medical field and to offer a program just for them. It's an opportunity for alumni to get back to campus and reconnect to the pre-med program — many for the first time in years."

Its unique programming has also been an attraction. The 1998 Symposium focused on how body, mind, and spirit work together in patient well-being. It examined several key aspects of physical and emotional health and, in integrative sessions, looked at the influence of religious belief in wellness and treatment. "It does integrate spiritual

issues into it as well. That makes the program unique," said Campbell. "It's generated interest from those in the medical field not affiliated with Houghton College. It's something they can't get at secular medical conferences." Among the 78 participants at the 1998 symposium were a dozen non-alumni physicians, counselors, and hospital chaplains from the local area.

Houghton pre-med students who have attended have been introduced to a wide-range of medical professionals, including those holding medical school faculty appointments. "It does present opportunities for our students interested in medical schools," said Campbell. "They can make good connections."

The next symposium is planned for 2000.



Faculty News

Dr. Carl Schultz, professor of Old Testament, and Dr. Irmgard Howard, professor of chemistry, were among 30 professors chosen to participate in the John Templeton Seminars on Science and Christianity. The 30 participants, who were selected from among 120 applicants, will attend seminars in the areas of theology, history of science, and philosophy for three weeks during the next three summers in Oxford, England. During this time, they will initiate a scholarly project connecting the areas of science and Christianity. Their research is encouraged to be used for presentations during the seminars, material in their college classes, and publication.

A previous award from the Templeton Foundation enabled Dr. Schultz to expand his studies between science and Christianity into a class which he taught last semester in London.

John Tyson had a research proposal funded by the ISAE (Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals — Wheaton College). Thirty-seven scholars were selected to receive grants and to present their findings at a May 2000 public conference. There were over 115 proposals. John's title is "The Methodist National Anthem: 'O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing,' And the Development of American Methodism."

Congratulations to Horacio Hernandez who has successfully completed his doctoral degree at SUNY at Albany.

For their vision, hard work, and commitment to Buffalo's King Urban Life Center, Drs. Charles and Claity Massey have been named recipients of a Sister/Brotherhood Award in Community Service/Volunteerism from the National Conference for Community and Justice.

The couple was among a select group of citizens and organizations honored for their exemplary acts and deeds of service to the cause of promoting brotherhood and sisterhood in Buffalo communities.

"It adds legitimacy to the work of the King Center," said Charles. "I feel we are receiving this award as representatives of a core of people that has been involved for more than 10 years in the development of the King Center."

Programs at the King Center include a four-classroom public school for pre-kindergarten to second-grade students; the Wee Read beginning literacy program; after-school computer enrichment programs; weekend reading programs; an adult literacy program; and a sewing class.

The Masseys came to Houghton in 1976 to teach in the education department. Later, after serving four years as dean of students, Charles accepted the position of dean at the West Seneca campus. The move to that location opened their eyes to the needs in the city and led to their involvement with the King Center.

"What has been critical to our involvement is Houghton College's encouragement," said Charles. "They made it easier for us to pursue these efforts in the city."

Today Claity serves as the director of the King Center while Charles is on the board of directors. They continue to share a teaching position and supervise Houghton student teachers in the city.



While continuing their teaching responsibilities, the Masseys have served at the King Center, from helping to secure grants to developing the program's focus, including working with the early childhood school and the use of innovative technology.



Conference Facilities at West Seneca Expand

Anticipating increased P.A.C.E. enrollment and the demand for meeting facilities at Houghton's West Seneca campus, construction of a state-of-the-art conference facility in the Lambein Learning Center began in October.

Involvement by area business leaders has enhanced the project, including the personal attention of Ellen Metty to design concept and detail. Thanks, to Bruce Kaiser ('75) of Americom Phone Systems, the facility is wired for the new millennium, enabling conference attendees to plug in to the Internet via 24 strategically located jacks. The room is also being equipped for fiber-optic video conferencing and projection equipment. Bill Thornton, a member of Houghton's Business and Professional Advisory Council and general manager of the Southgate Plaza, donated several hundred man hours by the plaza's maintenance crew, during the sheet rock phase of construction.

While the room has not yet received its finishing touches, it is already seeing active duty in service to P.A.C.E. as well as the business community.

Lewis and Lord Reach Milestones

Two coaches celebrated milestones during their respective seasons. Women's soccer coach David Lewis celebrated his 100th win and women's basketball coach Skip Lord celebrated his 200th win.

Lewis, whose overall record is 111-38-4 in eight seasons, becomes only the fourth women's soccer coach in the history of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to go over the century mark. He ranks second in all-time wins among active NAIA coaches. Since 1993, Lewis has led Houghton to six straight conference titles, and last fall the Lady Highlanders finished 18-3, making it to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time since 1985. Lewis has twice been named KECC Coach of the Year and NSCAA/NAIA East Regional Coach of the Year.

Coach Lord topped the 200 career-win mark on January 30 against Mt. Aloysius College. In his 12th season at the helm of the women's basketball program, Lord has guided his teams to 210 wins against just 110 losses (through February 27). In 1994-95, he led his team to a 21-6 record and the program's first-ever trip to the NAIA National Tournament. Following the 1997-98 season, in which he guided his team to a 20-8 mark, Lord was named Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year and WBCA/NAIA Northeast Region Coach of the Year.

Lord also served eight years as head volleyball coach at Houghton, registering a record of 164-64, and this season served as interim head coach of the men's basketball team.

Houghton is "Home" to Two-sport Standout

Amie Fells was initially recruited to play basketball at Houghton. When head basketball coach Skip Lord heard that she also played volleyball, he asked her if she'd like to play that sport on the college level, too.

"Why not?" replied the 5-11 Anderson, Calif., native.

However, she soon found out that the two-sport experience, especially with overlapping seasons, can be a challenge. But flexibility and a strong work ethic have helped her cope and excel in both sports, and both of those traits have earned her the appreciation of her teammates and coaches.

"She is a great athlete and competes on a high level in both sports," says volleyball coach Nancy Cole. "Because of other [volleyball] teammates' injuries during her junior season, Amie had to switch her position three times in one-and-a-half weeks, which is tough to do. She is hardworking and adapts well to change."

It is this same work ethic that helps her balance her athletic and academic responsibilities. Fells, a business major with a minor in horsemanship — she's been showing and riding horses since she was five — claims to always be "swamped" with work, but says, "sports make me more disciplined. And by God's grace, everything seems to get done."

Her career has included numerous conference and regional honors in both sports. And this season she led both teams to conference titles and to their respective NAIA National Tournaments.

In basketball — the sport she favors — her consistent play put her over the 500 career rebounds plateau as a junior, and this season it produced another milestone: 1,000 career points.

"Amie has been an impact player since the day she arrived," says Lord. "She has been key in terms of production, but she's also been a followed leader on the floor. When she leaves there's going to be a bigger gap than just a 5-foot-11, 1,000-point scorer. We will be losing a player who has been instrumental in taking us to a higher level of play."

After graduation this May, Fells would like to find a job at a horse barn, develop her own philosophy on horse training and barn management, and one day open her own riding facility.



HIGHLANDER 2000

Watching night soccer games, running on an all-weather track, playing tennis on a beautiful court, finding a parking spot at the gym. Extensive improvements to the outdoor athletic facilities created some new experiences for Highlander sports fans last fall.

Despite the facelift, several things are still needed — a grandstand, a press box, and equipment storage facilities — before the project is considered complete.

The athletic department, specifically the men's and women's soccer programs, is initiating Highlander 2000, a two-year fundraising campaign that will provide funding for five areas:

1. Highlander Sports Associates (HSA)

HSA has become a source to help fund initiatives in the athletic department that are not covered under the yearly budget. Past efforts have provided for new sideline chairs for indoor sports teams, safer volleyball standards for the main gym, and professional development clinics.

2. Short-term missions initiatives

Based on the concept of sports ministry, the goal of Houghton athletics is to see more teams participating in missions trips, such as those taken by the women's soccer and basketball teams last year.

3. Refacing the front of the Nielsen Center

Presenting an attractive, aesthetically pleasing image to the numerous visitors of Nielsen Center is important and requires refacing the front facade of the facility that has been affected and deteriorated by the weather. The new facing would be of creekstone, to match other campus buildings.

4. Equipping outdoor facilities

The major component in this area is construction of an elevated, 1,000-seat grandstand between the new field hockey and soccer fields—complete with press box and concession stand. With adequate seating, our lighted track and field will enable us to host more major events and have one of the nicest facilities in western New York.

5. Adding endowed athletic scholarships.

Increased athletics scholarship money will enable our coaches to recruit student-athletes who will help our program continue to grow.

Later this spring former soccer team captains will begin phoning their teammates so that facilities can be completed and then dedicated at Homecoming '99 (October 3), as part of a soccer reunion.

Of the \$290,000 goal, some \$90,000 in lead gifts have been secured and the co-chairs (former soccer players John Ortlip '81, Randy Levak '92, and Daryl Stevenson '70) are working closely with college personnel to plot the project's strategy. Whether a soccer alum or a soccer fan, anyone wanting to learn more about Highlander 2000 can call Barbara Bates in the development office at 888-377-9340.

Athletes Honored for Academics

The women's soccer team has been given an NSCAA/Adidas Team Academic Award for maintaining a team grade-point average of 3.05 during the 1997-98 academic year. Houghton was one of just 16 NAIA schools honored. It's the second straight year the team has received the award.

"The team work ethic is very strong, not just on the field but in the classroom as well," said head coach David Lewis. "It's definitely a team priority that they maintain their grades."

Only athletes who appear on a varsity roster during the soccer season are eligible in calculating the grade-point average. All soccer players on the roster must be included in the calculation.

Recognized through an individual award for her work in the classroom, Andrea Potteiger, a junior from Mechanicsburg, Pa., was named to the NSCAA 1998 Women's Scholar-Athlete East Regional Third Team. Just 33 athletes — representing all levels for play from NCAA Division I to NAIA — were named to the three east-regional teams. Potteiger, a recreation and psychology major, maintained a 3.51 GPA during the 1998 fall semester. She was also named an NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete and second-team NAIA All-America following the season.

The NSCAA — the largest single-sport coaching organization in the United States with more than 14,600 members — is dedicated to promoting the game of soccer and to the education of coaches.



When Parents Come to Stay

by Dale D. Howard, EdD

When we visited our son in Africa, we found that Malian culture demands that children provide for their parents. Everywhere we went in Mali, our son was reminded that it was his responsibility to care for us. "Papa and Mama are old and must be cared for." Not necessarily so in our culture! The maturing process in America focuses on the development of independence and autonomy. Parents have moved through this process themselves and have worked hard to instill the same value in their children. Yet there are forces that act upon family life that may reverse the process, moving parents back into a dependent position, a role reversal very difficult for them as well as for their children. Declining health and/or financial status may work against the efforts of parents to continue to live independently. When this happens, there

are a number of options families may consider as solutions to the new family configuration. This article focuses on one option: parents moving into their children's home.

Regardless of the option chosen, any decision concerning such a highly complex change in family organization should be preceded by

a healthy discussion of the options, a discussion that involves both children and parents. Since change can cause emotional and psychological dilemmas that destroy family equilibrium, families should predetermine the best arrangement

prior to the development of the crisis situation. Waiting until the day a health care provider indicates that "something has to be done for mom and/or dad" is too late.

Another initial consideration is the type of interaction that has existed previously within the family. A willingness to allow independence for both the parents and children while maintaining open communication between them forms the basis for the anticipated transition. Inherent in mutual independence and open communication is the concept of trust, the framework that surrounds and supports the relationship. The absence of this environment may exacerbate potential barriers that prohibit the successful integration of parents into their new home.

The anxiety of anticipated change might be the first barrier to be overcome. As is often the case when teenagers experience the distress of expected separation from their parents, they mask their feelings by demonstrating hostility and anger. They would rather deal with the resulting issues those feelings create than the underlying anxiety of change that means life will never be the same again. So elderly parents may experience similar pain in dealing with moving from the home they have worked a lifetime to develop to what may appear to be bondage associated with a new lifestyle. Antagonism and animosity may mask this emotional and psychological trauma.

Parents may feel that mastery over their environment is lost when they move in with their children. As indicated previously, from early childhood we begin a process of individualizing situations in our lives—how to be successful, how to be our own person, how

to love the person we choose. Parents work hard to be self-sustaining and this quality becomes more and more ingrained as the years go by. Loss of independence and autonomy may be equated with a sense of losing control; therefore, leaving their own home and their own way of doing things, becoming accountable to someone else heightens their level of anxiety.

A part of the burden of the elderly is adjusting to decreasing physical strength and health as well as recognizing the inevitability of death. Parents struggle with questions regarding whether the move into their children's home will lighten or increase these burdens. Is the physical arrangement as well as the environmental structure of the children's home conducive to caring for them? What adjustments will be required of them for their integration to be smooth and successful? Children, too, must realize that the addition of others into the circle of the home will necessitate major changes in the present family way of doing of things. And children, too, must cope with the approaching reality of their parents' death, the ultimate change in family structure.

Often as age progresses, a personal sense of safety is tied to financial security. Elderly parents may have extreme sensitivity to monetary issues. The kind of arrangement made to cover the cost of additional family members in the household is a concern for both parties. Fostering a feeling of trust, which comes from open discussion of finances, will go far to alleviate potential problems.

Change demands patience! Parents must exhibit patience in dealing with new schedules, in sharing space that has been previously unshared, in dealing with a change in atmosphere where peace and quiet may be gone. Children must be patient in working out details, patient with parental tendencies toward repetition, loss of memory, rigidity and other aging difficulties. Change demands patience and patience is unconditional love in action, the element that will overcome these and any other barriers.

Parents have given birth to their children as a result of love. They have cared for them in love. Without their loving intervention, they could not have survived. They lovingly infused them with their own inclinations of autonomy and self-hood, and the children grew up, established their own home, having gone through similar processes with their children. As any and all barriers to family unity have been overcome in the past through the exercise of patience and unconditional love, so will these be overcome as patience and unconditional love become a reality in the new family configuration. ♦

A solid academic background, 25 years of pastoral experience, and nearly 20 years in counseling — not to mention the raising of six sons — have produced wisdom and understanding in Dr. Dale Howard, a 1996 retiree of Houghton College Counseling Services.

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life, you will have been all of these.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

This saying was posted on my refrigerator four years ago when my grandmother came to live with us. It has been a reminder for my family to be compassionate when we struggle with my grandmother, who suffers from dementia that has left her absent-minded and confused all of the time.

Our struggles over the years have been numerous, but conquerable. We "potty-trained" Grandmother after her long stay in the hospital and "childproofed" the house after she mistook Efferdent Denture Tablets for aspirin. Since she has trouble swallowing, we grind all of her food or feed her baby food. Also, my parents work different shifts so that she is rarely alone, and my other grandparents stay at our house to watch her when we are away for the day or on vacation.

Though she is not the same grandmother I loved while growing up, I still catch glimpses of her. Her commitment to Christ is still evident as she prays and reads her Bible and Guidepost magazine everyday. By spending hours a day on the only crochet stitch she can still remember, she generously gives blankets to friends, family, and an adoption agency.

I have also seen my parents give of themselves. They unconditionally love by choosing to provide Grandmother with the best living atmosphere they can to ensure the highest quality of life possible. While it has not been easy, they always demonstrate patience and care. They've shown me what it really means to love.

Kristen Leach '00



HOUGHTON ALUMNI:

By Cynthia Machamer '85



I've got to be honest with you. The prospect of growing old has not been a picture I like to look at very long. As a young person in my middle thirties, I still feel about 25. Writing this article has given me a glimpse at some of the beautiful portraits of Houghton's "senior" alumni, who have, and are, living life to its fullest. They taught me a few things about what it means to age gracefully and what makes life meaningful.

Arthur Lynip '38

Immediately I knew that I was talking to a man suffused with grace. I learned of the full life he's led—as a teacher on the secondary level, a principal, a Houghton College administrator, a college professor, a



husband, a father—and the life he's still leading. He's 85 (although he admitted how old he feels depends on the day, but "The Lord has enabled me to be active all the time") and is caretaker for the house owned by son Stephen '65, who's director of the southern region of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Dr. Lynip also volunteers his time to teach a weekly class for volunteers (most of whom are at least 50 years old) at JAARS, the aviation center for Wycliffe, near Charlotte, N.C. Monthly he leads a reading group there, mostly discussing Christian fiction-writers' novels. He cited various times in his life when he's had to adjust to change—job moves, the recent death of his spouse, Lora (Foster '38)—and believes Houghton deserves some of the credit for his ability to adjust. "Houghton's liberal education is the big thing. One is not bound to one particular profession.

Houghton nurtured my desire for learning and my affection for people." His advice to young whipper-snappers like me? "By all means, prepare for retirement. Associate with a group to which you can make a contribution. Donate time to it. This marvelous matter of being able to stay alive comes down to volunteering; it's the answer."

Wesley Thomas '37

Wesley's book number 29 is to be published soon. It's about an obscure, ancient German poet who wrote short stories on religious topics. Wesley Thomas, who lives in Wilmore, Kentucky, still writes poetry and reviews about medieval German literature and American literature. Although he's only 82, he said he feels like he's 100. This former college professor, who retired in 1984, is grateful for his experiences such as being a visiting professor in Germany, a senior research scholar in Belgium, and helping his three children get an education. Although his ill health prevents him from getting out much these days, he does contribute to "things I approve of." From his Houghton days he credits the late German professor LeRoy Fancher with instilling a love of the language in him, and recalls musician Dr. Wilfred Bain with fondness. His advice? "Don't retire until you know what you're going to do afterwards. There's no point in living if you're not going to do something."

Winifred (Rhebergen '48) Lewellen

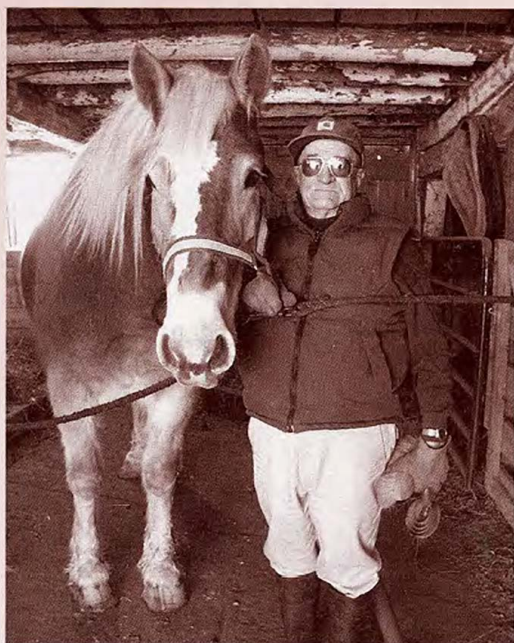
Think 71 is old? When it comes to someone like Winifred Lewellen, 71 is young! She is the official summer hostess of the old Victorian guesthouse at the beautiful Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, N.Y. (where she's fluffed the pillows for such guests as President Clinton) and is a part-time adjunct faculty member of English at a nearby community college throughout the year. Winifred is retired from 26 years of teaching English and Latin in the public schools. In 1990 she was one of 150 educators chosen to teach English to Chinese teachers in their country. What keeps her going? She's applied her own advice to her life: "Make sure you do something you've always wanted to do. Don't retire to rocking!"





Eleanor (Hacking '56) Watts

She hasn't been able to sit still since first grade, but it's obvious her busyness has been productive. Eleanor Watts holds two master's degrees from Boston University and gave 34 years to public school systems, finishing as a reading coordinator. When she retired in 1990, she and her husband moved to Florida. A year later she was volunteering at Seven Rivers Christian School in Crystal River. She's structured two programs for special needs and gifted children, put a testing program in place, and reorganized the school's library media center, as well as automating the library. Beyond the school, Mrs. Watts served one year as president of Houghton's West Central alumni chapter and founded its scholarship program for a Houghton student from Florida. Its first recipient will graduate this May. The Wattses also like to travel, and Eleanor reads and does oil painting. She recalls her mentor Aimee Ortlip, former art instructor, at Houghton, and the "spiritual experience" she had as a student. Eleanor would encourage young people to look for the gifts God has given them. "Nurture them now and perhaps in retirement you will be able to use them."

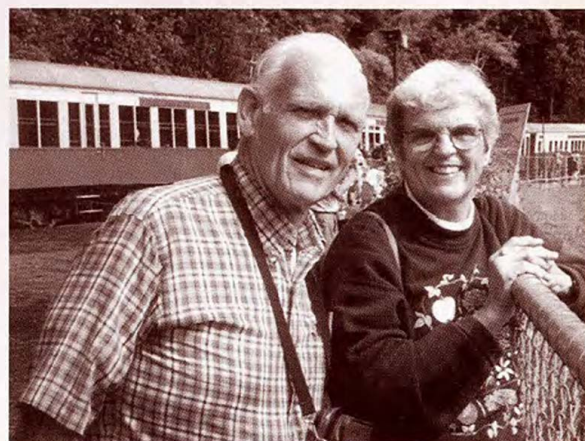


Olsen Clark '41

If maintaining a 65-acre farm isn't enough for an 80-year-old, Olsen Clark also likes to tap some 200 maple trees each spring, write about local history, and be involved in church, senior citizen, and college activities, and he is now consulting with the stone masons on the construction of the college's new fine arts center. For 43 years Olsen was a Wesleyan pastor and just recently gave up pastoring a United Methodist congregation part-time. The Clarks were able to purchase their retirement home with cash. "God has been good and blessed us above measure; we give Him daily thanks. . . ." Want to be happy in retirement? Olsen says, "Make a total commitment to Christ, live within your means, find a good mate, and take time to enjoy the roses. Living in retirement can be good, but you set the stage for it along the way."

Bob and Ruth (Kupka '52) Merz '52

Ruth Merz believes in Houghton's mission to produce scholar-servants. "I'd hope that is what we alumni are," she adds. "I am truly grateful to God for my years at Houghton and feel that it left me with a challenge to serve my generation, in obedience to God." Serving is exactly what the Merzes have dedicated themselves to in retirement. They're with Wycliffe in Papua New Guinea: Ruth is a music teacher at Ukarumpa International School and directs the choir; Bob is teaching a course for school supervisors and helping out in the literacy office. Both retired as public school teachers, she in music, he in Latin. As alumni who practice true scholar-servanthood, they encourage young people to "never consider that there is an age limit to your service for the Lord. Senior citizens are a great untapped source of recruits not only for missionary service but for all Christian service, because we are living longer and healthier, and most have resources that can support us while [serving]." ♦





A "Place in the Sun?"

By Kim (Weaver '96) Maxwell

Arriving early for a Bible class with favorite professor Dr. Bill O'Byrne, Breta Edmunds sits in the back of the room, thinking excitedly about the Madrigal Dinner that evening. After class, she drives other students up to the College Park Nursing Home for a visit with residents. Then, she heads home to fit in some studying before dressing for the holiday festivities.

Remember the fullness of your own college days? Just as a schedule of mind-stretching coursework, interaction with friends, outreach to others, and just plain fun lends the college years an almost mythic richness, Breta has found these qualities sweeten life's later cycles. Why did she decide to hit the books?

Brown eyes sparkling, this 83-year-old native of nearby Belfast, N.Y., announces, "I decided that since I couldn't go on and work on my master's degree, I might as well take a few classes." *A few classes?* Since 1978, Breta has taken 26 courses in such diverse subjects as literature, psychology, education, religion and philosophy. She has also accompanied Houghton students and professors to England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Israel, and a number of U.S. locations.

While this passion for life-long learning may seem startling, it's not as unusual as you might think.

ABCNews.com (12/8/98) observes: "For more older Americans, their 'place in the sun' is on campus. In the past few years, some 30 retirement communities have cropped up in college towns." And *Business Week* declares: "As people challenge the conventional notion of retirement, they're rethinking the types of places where they want to spend their later years. For an increasing number of Americans, that means choosing an area where they can have access to culture, education, entertainment, history, and a shot at a rewarding full- or part-time job . . . the ideal place for you

may not be that condo on the fifth floor. Instead it may be a house near a university . . ." ("When a Home Near the Fifth Floor Isn't Enough" Baig, Reis).

While Houghton has not become a "retirement community" per se, according to Kay Lindley, retired



Houghton professor of history, "A sizeable percentage of the population (other than students) is comprised of members of our 'depression-World War II' generation, some of whom retired from the college, some of whom moved here to retire." Why Houghton? These retirees sought a place where they could continue to grow—a location offering interaction between generations, financial stability, spiritual enrichment, cultural and outreach opportunities. And they realized that Houghton would be just the right place.

From their house overlooking the campus, Herschel ('44) and Sammie (Samuels '43) Ries find their pot of gold in the rainbow of relationships Houghton has to offer: "We're sort of the neighborhood grandparents—we're just involved with people!" The Rieses operated a radio station in Liberia for 30 years before retiring from the mission field in 1972. Now the couple focus on friends—connections spanning decades

(Herschel's father and the father of retired religion professor Warren Woolsey roomed together at Houghton) and forged moment by moment (like the student they met when he asked to borrow an electric mixer). Sammie explains: "In our mission work, we were always involved with young people. Now, we are benefiting from our location—students see activity here, people coming and going and if they need something they feel they can come and ask." The Rieses also host a Bible study for students in their home, complete with home-made goodies and grandparently advice. Sammie shares: "It has been delightful! We've gotten to know the students in a personal way, so that we can have concern for them and their needs."

Relationships within the college community are also important to the Rieses' neighbors Al and Esther Fulton Smith ('43). Al describes himself as "Herschel's helper" in their weekly volunteer maintenance work for Houghton Wesleyan Church. The Smiths organize the Houghton Senior Citizens Group, 50 seniors who gather monthly for a potluck lunch, program, and good visit. The Smiths nurture both friendships and physical stamina through the weekly seniors exercise program, led by retired professor Doug Burke in Houghton's gymnasium. Keeping in touch with the younger generation, they host students for lunch for Hospitality Sunday (organized through Houghton Wesleyan Church), attend student plays and musical events, and attend soccer games as avid

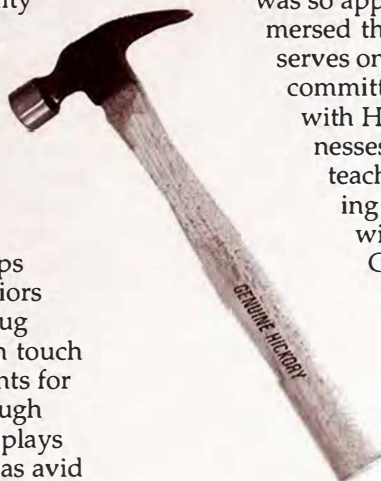
fans of the Houghton Highlanders.

"There's really more good things to go to than we want to—we don't know how we had time to work!" says Esther.

For some seniors living on a fixed income, financial stability can be a major concern. Eileen (Griffen '52) Spear recalls, "When my husband Jim ('53) died in 1989, I needed a place to live since we'd been in parsonages all our married life. I thought I would be able to work on campus and rent rooms to students to help with the expense of owning a house." So Eileen retired to Houghton, starting second careers in the library and development office. Thanks to hard work, boarding students, and Houghton's low cost of living, she will really retire this May (well sort of): "I plan to audit some courses, work on the house, lawn and rock gardens, participate in a writers' group, join a Bible study and seniors' exercise group—I plan to sleep in once in awhile, too, so don't call before nine!"

For many, the transition out of the work place triggers a need to redefine purpose in life. Bill Dewires, director at Kendall, a retirement community associated with Ithaca College (Ithaca, N.Y.), explains: "People, as they are more vigorous when they get older, seek to keep a purpose in life. That purpose is sometimes hard to find on a beach or golf course" (*ABCNEWS.com*). Dick and Lillian Fuller would agree. Moving to Houghton to be near son Tim ('79, Houghton's VP for enrollment management), the couple find their purpose in personal development, relationships and community service. Dick recalls: "Since I was still practicing optometry in Syracuse, I commuted back and forth for over a year. The contrast

between the apartment in Syracuse and Houghton's unique, close-knit community was so apparent." The Fullers have immersed themselves in outreach—Dick serves on the Office for the Aging advisory committee, the Caneadea town board, and with Habitat for Humanity. Lillian witnesses through her quilting group and teaches a Bible study for women ranging in age from 50-80+. This summer will be the couple's fifth year as Grandma and Grandpa at Royal Family Kid's Camp, a camp sponsored by the Houghton College community which seeks to provide abused and neglected children with a week of good memories. Dick sums it up: "Living in Houghton has



been a very happy experience for us. Senior citizens can audit courses at the college, interact with retired faculty, attend the Artist Series—we find a great deal of mental stimulation to keep us thinking.” Lillian chimes in: “Here, when a person has a need, the need is met.”

Many college towns are actively promoting themselves as prime retirement havens. One such location invites retirees to “a lifestyle as stimulating as a bestseller, as comforting as coming home” (www.ci.oxford.ms.us); another offers “big city culture with small town friendliness” (www.boonebank.com). And according to Jeff Spear, VP for finance, plans are being laid to make Houghton more attractive to seniors in the future: “For a small community, Houghton has many opportunities for seniors, and a number of people have expressed the desire to retire here. We will begin by offering one of the four-unit Houghton Heights townhouses this fall for apartments and/or senior citizen housing. We plan to convert the other the following year.” As retirees require more care, Houghton’s College Park Nursing Home offers immaculately clean



rooms with big, wide windows, friendly staff and a multitude of activities. Since 1988, college staff have enjoyed purchasing Christmas gifts for residents. Activity director Kathy Bower comments: “For those who don’t have family, it may be the only gift they receive. It affirms that they haven’t been forgotten.” Far

from forgotten, residents receive visits from both students and community members.

What about the drawbacks? “Some people say, ‘We’re so far from shopping,’ but that’s the least of our worries; we’re not shoppers,” says Al Smith. Lillian Fuller enthuses: “The community is in a beautiful location—we go to the city when we need to, but rejoice when we’re back here!” Kay Lindley sums it up: “I quickly admit I would like to have an airport closer than 60 miles. For others, all would be well if only Tops grocery store and Wal-Mart would set up business just beyond the nursing home. Yes, we are retired in Houghton.” ♦

For something as unavoidable as death we often find ourselves avoiding it. Planning for it in a spiritual, emotional or practical sense is something we think we’ll get to tomorrow.

At the sudden death of her husband Dick due to complications from hepatitis C, Janice (Meahl ’64) Popp faced a decision-filled grieving process.

View from the Widow’s Walk

By Janice (Meahl ’64) Popp

Will the grieving ever end?

Dick had been on a farm tour in the northwestern states when he was stricken, and I shared his final days in a hospital in Salt Lake City 2,000 miles from home.

Even though I knew my husband’s illness was very serious, we were optimistic that a liver transplant would greatly extend his life and were waiting for a liver to become available. So I was not prepared for the suddenness of his leaving or the flood of decisions that needed to be made.

I read in a book on widowhood that it is hard work and cannot be avoided. At first I tried to run away from it but found that it cannot be pushed aside or put off. After 33 years of marriage, when death takes a spouse, it feels like someone has taken all your insides and left you as an empty shell. And in that new and painful state you must suddenly make many decisions, at a time when you are least able to make them.

The person that I always went to when making a decision was no longer available to me. And even



though Dick had given me much independence in our marriage, I could not seem to think clearly or to make even the simplest decisions on my own.

For me, the immediate decisions that had to be made included:

1. How many copies of the death certificate?
 2. Memorial service or funeral, and what did I want included?
 3. Cremation or embalming?
 4. What to put in the obituary, and what papers to put it in?
 5. Who to call; who to notify, such as the Social Security Administration?
 6. Memorials, and if so, what? Flowers?
 7. What were his favorite hymns, scriptures, etc.?
- The average age of widows in the United States is 54. Yes, 54 — the exact age I was when Dick died.

One of the most loving thing couples can do for each other is to make definite written plans that will be easily located later. Included should be details about what the deceased partner would like concerning a funeral or memorial service, cemetery plot, memorials, insurance policies, keys to safety deposit boxes, etc. Wills need to be kept current, and decisions about health proxies, living wills, and organ donation cataloged. If Dick had not slipped quickly into a coma, I'm sure he would have expressed his wishes. He didn't have time. And perhaps your spouse won't, either. Planning and communicating ahead of time is crucial.

What have I learned? First, that my faith in Jesus Christ has remained my fortress and the rock to which

I cling. I know Dick is completely healthy for the first time in his life and he's having a super time in heaven. That brings me great comfort.

Second, my family provided a tremendous support system for me. My children have been caring, concerned, and cooperative in all areas. We've laughed together over great memories, cried together in missing Dick, and tried to carry on Dick's legacy. My extended family has continually reached out to me in many ways. They've helped fill holidays and made phone calls each week to keep me aware of their love and concern.

I've learned to appreciate the wonderful friends that Dick and I have. Their outpouring of love and concern never ceases to amaze me. So many of them do not mind an uneven number of people at their dinner table or in their cars. I need to be with both men and women, not just the singles, and they have met this need.

Making plans for the future and for weekends is important, too. Reaching out to needy people is crucial, even at times when you can become selfish and self-centered. Since weekends were date times for Dick and me, I try to fill those lonely weekend hours with activities geared to encourage others.

With whatever earthly time I have left, I want to be a good steward of all my resources. When I face my Savior, my heart's desire is that he will find me faithful. So I look ahead to what the Lord will do in me and through me to help me reach the lost for Him, not backward at what could have been. ♦

Class Notes

34 Harold Elliott retired last July from the church-based Phoebe Taylor Memorial Family Practice Clinic on Johns Island, S.C., as lack of funds and staff forced the facility to close. Formerly a missionary physician in Nigeria through the Red Bird Mission (in Kentucky), Harold notes that he is enjoying good health.

41 At 82, Herman Dam remains active in ministry. He has served as temporary pastor to four rural Presbyterian churches near his Murfreesboro, Tenn., home and been part-time chaplain at a VA medical center.

43 Retired Houghton faculty Arnold and Betty '62 Cook report that they enjoyed a month-long visit to New Zealand last fall. They delighted in renewing friendships established during two sabbaticals spent there.

48 A former physical education teacher and coach in Bemus Point, N.Y., Mel Lewellen has been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of western New York. During his 28-year career, Mel expanded scholastic athletic offerings for boys and girls, directed summer recreation programs, and coached baseball, cross country and basketball. He was especially noted for his success in the latter. Mel now lives in Venice, Fla., where he is quite active in senior softball.

49 Dancing Moon Press of Newport, Ore., has published *Children of the Dawn* by Andrew Berger. The book reviews 500 years of turbulence in Latin America and has been described as "a psalm of poverty, a hymn of the oppressed." Classmates may e-mail Andrew at bergerkiss@att.net.

Gordon Larson and his wife, Peggy, are retired Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries to Irian Jaya. They report that the *Western Dani Pentateuch*, a project to which they devoted many years, is now complete and saw its first printing last fall. Their e-mail address: gordpeglarson@uky.campus.mci.net.

54 An expert on India and Far Eastern religions, Robert Baird is a professor in, and director of, the school of religion at the University of Iowa. He also holds ordination in the East Iowa Presbytery and does frequent pulpit supply. Robert can be reached at robert-baird@uiowa.edu.

Helen Johns-Richardson lives in Bradford, Pa., where she helps to care for her elderly mother and is learning her way around her new computer. She encourages friends to e-mail her at hljunbro@penn.com.

56 Willa (Brown) Kaye and her husband, Bob, have been enjoying travel in their Layton fifth-wheel. They continue their involvement with Jewish evangelism.

58 A professor at Hillsdale College, John Reist serves as pastor of Litchfield (Mich.) Congregational Church. In 1997, he was appointed executive director of the Michigan Association of Scholars and consultant on bias to the Michigan Board of Education.

59 A missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Dick Gardner travels widely as the organization's international coordinator for member care. His hobbies include radio-controlled vehicles and hiking; he has trekked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon five times. Friends may e-mail him at Dick_Gardner@sil.org.

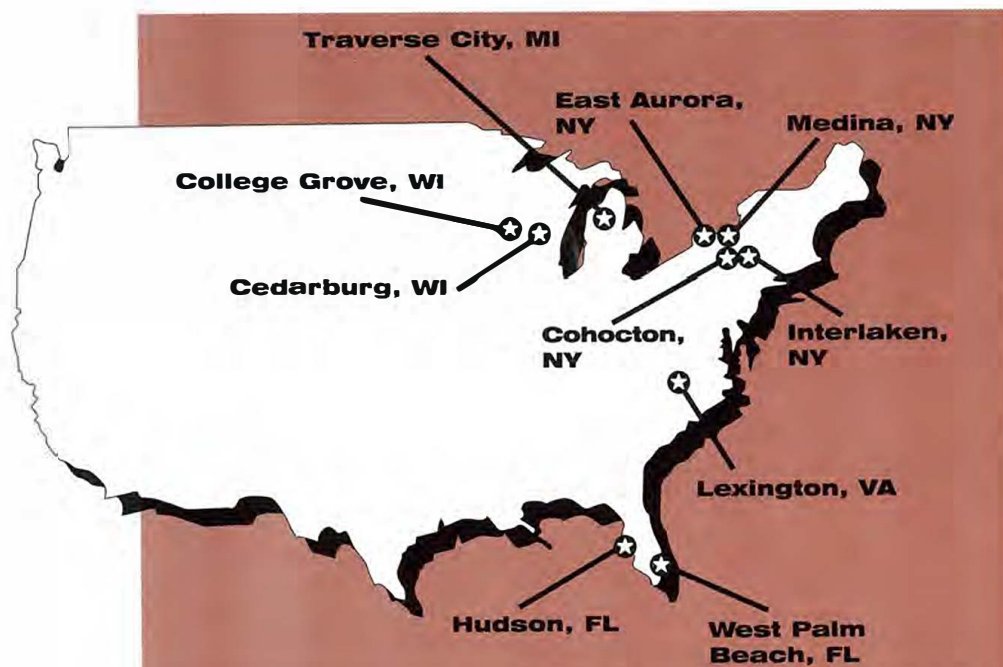
Physician Marilyn Hunter recently relocated to Marion, Ind., and joined the staff of Marion Pediatrics.

Laguna Hills, Calif., resident Jim Knowlton and his wife, Bertie, recently retired from their second careers. Former schoolteachers, they joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in 1984 and spent eight years in Papua New Guinea, teaching at international schools and helping with the center store and literacy projects. Returning to the U.S. in 1992, they volunteered for Wycliffe's California office; Jim was involved with donated vehicle and food bank programs.

63 Glenna (Stephens) Fleming notes that she is now retired and "demothering" after 27 years of active duty parenthood. She enjoys Bible study, writing, music, art, sports, and times at her beach house in Ocean City, Md.

64 Retired from a 34-year teaching and coaching career, Roger Ashworth has been elected to concurrent terms as Bainbridge, N.Y., town and village justice. He is active in the work of Afton Baptist Church and enjoys hiking and visiting missionaries supported by his church. His e-mail: enderm@mkl.com.

Last fall, Ronald Dieck began a one-year term as president of ISA, the international society for measurement and control. He'll be responsible for leading the society's efforts to advance the profession's technology as well as enhancing the skills and ca-



It's been circulating for 60 years and comes around about once a year. No, it's not a rare strain of a deadly virus. It's a round-robin letter that began with two Houghton alumnae a few years after they left Houghton in the '30s. The letters cover the miles from such warm places as Florida and Virginia to cooler climes like New Jersey and New York. The participants, who are all octogenarians now, enjoy seeing pictures of classmates' grandchildren, travel tales, and Houghton reunion highlights. The letter originated with Magdalene (Murphy '35) Dempsey and Janet (Bedford '35) Hess, and circulates to Florence (Lytle '35) Bence, Ethel (Zuber '35) Cox, Betty (Coe '34) Fancher, Grace Cox '38, Grace (Smith '37) Hiltbrand, Marion (Burns '36) Mann, Purla (Bates '35) Owen, Vera (Hall '35) Staples, and Betty (Sellman '37) VanOrnum.

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1. Wills: In addition to being one of the simplest ways to distribute your estate, your will can also be a creative vehicle for making thoughtful gifts. After providing for the needs of your loved ones, you may choose to benefit causes you have enjoyed supporting during your lifetime. By having your attorney revise your will or add a simple amendment, you can make a charitable bequest of a dollar amount, specific property, a percentage of your estate, or what is left after others have been taken care of.

2. Life Insurance: Many people do not realize how convenient a gift of life insurance can be. As children become self-sufficient, and investments provide unexpected income and security, some life insurance coverage may no longer be needed for the reason it was originally purchased. One of the simplest ways to make a significant gift in the future is to name a charitable beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of a policy no longer needed for family protection.

3. Charitable Trusts and Annuities: These are gifts that return income to you. Trust and annuity funds are invested to earn income and provide

regular payments to you, a welcome supplement to a retirement plan. At your death (or at the death of your surviving spouse or other loved one, if you designate), whatever remains is distributed to charitable beneficiaries you have specified. There can be substantial tax benefits with charitable trusts and annuities as well.

4. Gifts of Real Estate: You can make a gift of a house or certain other real estate, while retaining the use of the property for as long as you live. The satisfaction of giving, as well as a tax deduction, is enjoyed now rather than later. You continue to care for the property, pay the taxes, and even receive any income it generates. But, because you have made a gift of the property by deed, it does not pass through your probate estate at death, possibly saving unnecessary expenses and delays.

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reers of practitioners. An instrumentation laboratory manager for Pratt and Whitney, Ronald has authored 30 technical papers and one book, and has a regular column, "Dr. Gooddata," in an ISA newsletter.

A Spanish teacher at Binghamton, N.Y., High School, Sheryl (Woodruff) Kucherov has been cited in Who's Who in American Teachers (1998) and serves as faculty for the International Baccalaureate program. Friends may e-mail her at mizkuch@aol.com.

James Molyneaux is an elementary teacher at Portville, N.Y., Central School. In 1969, he founded a five-day sixth-grade ecology camping trip, a program which he continues to lead. James has been a scout-

master and has taught third-grade Sunday school for the past 21 years. Friends may contact him at molyneau@eznet.net.

A physics teacher at Springville, N.Y., Central School, Robert Sorensen is vice president/president elect of the New York State Science Education Leadership Association. He is active in Springville Players theatre and serves First Presbyterian Church as ruling elder. Friends may reach Robert at rgsor@aol.com.

65 Ginny (Cedren) Witte lives in Ypsilanti, Mich. She works in management support for Acute Services House, a facility for mentally ill adults in

crisis. Ginny serves on her church's peace and justice commission.

66 Gates-Chili High School, Rochester, N.Y., recently inducted Bud Bence into its hall of fame. Bud, who served as academic dean at Houghton from 1987 to 1992, is a professor and chair of the division of religion and philosophy at Indiana Wesleyan University.

68 Martha Sue (Woodward) Forsbrey completed her EdD in 1995. She is director of the University of Charleston's BSN program and an accreditation evaluator for the National League for

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Nursing. Her e-mail address is mforsbrey@uchaswv.edu.

70 Chaplain **Paul Vicalvi** has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Army. He has served 21 years on active duty and is presently command chaplain at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

73 **Linda (Tropf) Wood** tutors children with severe medical difficulties, for Aurora, Colo., Public Schools.

75 **Wes and Patti (Adels '76) McCallum** live in Shokan, N.Y.,

where Wes pastors the Shokan Wesleyan Church. Patti serves as national director of the denomination's Teens & Talent program. The McCallums can be e-mailed at McCallum@ulster.net.

Roger Peterson, Jr., is associate pastor of Grace Church of Indiana, Pa. Friends may e-mail him at revrap@yourinter.net.

77 A dentist, **Roger Houk** recently relocated to Maine. He directs the Naval Branch Dental Clinic for the naval air station in Brunswick.

Attorney **Daniel Persing** recently left a partnership to establish his own law practice. He specializes in medical malpractice

and personal injury. Daniel is active in his church, Gideons, and the local Youth for Christ organization. E-mail him at dpersing@juno.com.

78 Manager of employment services for Rochester Rehabilitation Center, **Nyla (Schroth) Gaylord** recently presented a workshop, "Making Welfare-to-Work Programs Work for People with Undiagnosed Disabilities" at a gathering of the New York State Association of Rehabilitation Professionals. Nyla's e-mail address is nylasg@eznet.net.

Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries to Thailand, **Boyd and Donna (Ebner '79) Hannold** are on furlough through June 1999. They are involved in deputation work from their home base near Princeton, N.J. Donna is also substitute teaching.

In May, Ashburn, Va., resident **Charles Thompson** will travel to San Diego to run in Rock-N-Roll 99, a marathon benefiting the Leukemia Society of America. He notes that he is doing so on behalf of family and friends claimed by the disease. Charles works as a senior human resource generalist for a Silver Spring, Md., government consulting firm. His e-mail address is Thompson.Charles@jeassociates.com.

80 **Priscilla Chamberlain** is a staff pathologist and director of cytology at the Ann Arbor, Mich., VA hospital. She can be e-mailed at DanCil@sprintmail.com.

Ben and Mary (Morley '82) Colter are now full-time missionaries with FamilyLife, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ. They live in Little Rock, Ark., and can be e-mailed via colter-gang@juno.com.

82 After several years in the midwest, **Alan Cappella** has relocated to Schroon Lake, N.Y., with his wife, Wendy, and their three daughters. Alan has been appointed librarian for Word of Life Bible Institute. He may be e-mailed at ANWcapp@juno.com.

83 **Jeffrey Ladine** and his family live in England where Jeff is a dentist for the United States Air Force.

84 **David Hursh** has joined the faculty of East Carolina University as a music librarian.

85 Fillmore, N.Y., Central School has named second grade teacher **Kathy Reitnour** its Educator of the Year for 1999. Kathy was cited for her love for children, teaching ability, preparation, and the high regard in which she is held by colleagues.

Shelburne Museum has published *Ticonderoga: Lake Champlain Steamboat* by Rich Strum. The book covers the history of this steamboat, which plied the waters of

Future Alumni



Stephen & Kara Horst ('91) Alderman '91
Harry & Kara Bidelsbach '94
Jonathan & Rachel Bradley '84

Mark & Susan (Lamb '86) Bristo
Matt & Nicole (Stetson '94) Buffum
Eric & Alice (Putney '89) Carpenter '93

Edward & Amy (Lawrence '89) Clement

Dennis & Michelle (Taylor '90) De Simone

Kevin & Victoria (Jude '92) Derby
David & Joyce (Lambert '94) Dlugose '94
Glenn & Heather (Siganowich '94) Freeman
Michael & Tamara (Marshall '93) Gaffney, Jr. '94

Bill & Heather (Morris '94) Garrett '96

Jeffrey & Tracy (Jamroga '89) Gleason

Jeffrey & Sarah (Eldred '89) Hadley

Howard & Jennifer (Smith '93) Haines III
Scott & Zoe Hansen '93
Brian & Tara (Butler '94) Hobson
Dwight & Donna Hornibrook (staff)
Shawn & Karen (McKnight '92) Hotchkiss '89
Jeff & Laurel (Trexler '89) Kennell '90
Kevin & Laura (Newell '91) Kifer '92
Mark & Denise (Servello '81) Knox '84
Mitch & Karen (Weaver '91) Liddick (staff)
Michael & Sonya (Carrier '88) Lightner '88
Steven & Kim (Colby '89) Luber
Rodney & Daphne (Smeenk '87) Mays

David & Laura (Mercandante '95) Mee '86
Eric & Jennifer (Kipp '91) Nusbickel
Mark & Kristina LaCelle ('82) - Peterson
Mitch & Dedra (Allston '86) Poe
Michael & Christal Shelly '89
Richard & Martha Strum '85
Karl & Rebecca (Andrews '89) Weichenthal
Brian & Lori (Sears '94) Winters
Brian & Deborah (Perry '89) Zimmerman '91

*adopted

Mackenzie Leigh 10-20-98
Cristie Joy 1-26-99
Nathan Paul 3-14-97
Jacob Daniel 9-2-98
Jacob Robert Emmet 7-3-98
Kayla Renee 6-27-98
Mary Charlotte 5-15-97
Robert James 12-1-98
Avery Wayne 7-30-97*
John Wesley 9-21-98*
Taylor Anne 2-22-97
Jessica Kathryn 10-30-98
Alayna Grace 12-14-98
Paige Loren 1-29-99
Brienna Christine 6-25-98
Darah Michelle 11-13-98
Mikayla Daniele 11-13-98
Marissa Elizabeth 11-9-96
Makayla Joy 9-23-98
Samuel Schaff 4-19-95
Benjamin Crosby 12-11-96
Jakob Andrew 9-11-98
Carl Austin 3-6-97
Emma Rose 12-31-98
Howard A. IV 12-26-98
Jakob Finn 10-28-98
Jared Butler 2-25-98
Emily Grace 2-18-99
Julia Elizabeth 2-20-99
Emily Faith 8-30-98
Catherine Elisabeth 11-5-98
Benjamin David 10-13-98
Justin Owen 2-11-99
Lauren Elizabeth 4-17-98
Bailey Ann 9-29-98
Andrei James 6-24-92*
Oksana Johanna 11-3-93*
Sergei Timothy 10-26-94*
Jillian Elizabeth 2-24-99
Matthew Carl 11-13-98
Linnea Katherine 5-28-98
Madison Ashley 11-27-98
Nicholas Andrew 7-20-98
Mackenzie Alexandra 11-10-97
Dylan Michael 4-14-98
Alexander Andrew 6-25-98
Rachel Elizabeth 2-20-96
Jared Eugene 9-30-98

Lake Champlain from 1906-1953. Preserved at Shelburne, the Ticonderoga is the last vertical walking-beam steamer in America. Rich works in the museum's adult education program.

87 Rodney and Daphne (Smeenk) Mays traveled to Angarsk, Siberia, Russia, last May where they finalized the adoption of three children (see *Future Alumni*). Daphne encourages friends to e-mail her at dksmays@juno.com.

88 Jennifer (Deal) Becker is a project manager for Rochester Healthcare Information Group. She coordinates the Regional Perinatal Data System for the nine-county Finger Lakes region, a comparative database designed to help hospitals improve the quality of care for mothers and infants. Jennifer can be e-mailed at jenniferbecker@rhigroup.com.

Kerri (Crowley) Clark and her husband, Dan, live in a 42-acre farm in Danville, Ohio. In addition to caring for her daughter, Kerri coaches cheerleading for a local school and helps lead her church youth group.

89 Air Force physician Tim Paulding is now stationed at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D.C., where he is a faculty member in the USAF family practice residency program. Tim recently received a medal for meritorious service, presented to him for his good work at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. Tim's e-mail address is TimP42@aol.com.

90 Yvonne Lowne is in her last year of family practice residency at North Shore University Hospital in Glen Cove, N.Y. Friends may e-mail Yvonne at vonjay@juno.com.

Physician Search

The college is engaged in a search for a physician to join the practice of David Brubaker '90 (M.D.) in serving the college and the greater community as a member of University Primary Care. For details, interested physicians should contact Dr. Robert F. Danner, vice president for student life at Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744, phone (716) 567-9220, or send e-mail to rdanner@houghton.edu, or Ms. Nikol Brushingham, physician relations coordinator for Olean General Hospital, Olean, NY 14760, phone 800-822-7474, ext. 6106, or fax (716) 375-6380.



Houghton friends made up the wedding party of Allison (Darling '95) Foster (center in photo)(see Down the Aisle). From left they are Michael Evans '95, Nathan Lawrence '97, Rebecca (Long '95) Ulrich, Melanie (Rath '95) Moen, Allison, Rebecca (Hosmer '95) Prouty, Daniel Prouty '95, Tara Kenyon, '95, Julie Foster '97, and Gregory Rohrs

Pianist Sheila Schmitt anticipates the completion of her doctorate at the University of Kansas this summer. In the fall, she will begin a short-term teaching position at Ottawa University (Kan.). Friends may e-mail Sheila at sschmitt@eagle.cc.ukans.edu.

91 Carol Dannenberg is a missionary with EPPIC Ministries International, an organization which travels worldwide doing evangelism through mime. Carol resides in Bloomington, Minn. Deb (Pease) Kalivoda and her husband, Jim, recently purchased a home in the Syracuse, N.Y., area. Deb is a curriculum consultant for an elementary school in the Central Square School District.

Charissa (Westerlund) Lyons and her husband, Mark (see *Down the Aisle*), live in Lexington, Mass., and attend Waltham Evangelical Free Church. Charissa has resigned an editorial staff position to begin a freelance career. Her e-mail address is thelyons@erols.com.

Cheektowaga, N.Y., is home to Doug and Dawn (Gurley '92) Van Dine. Doug teaches math to at-risk junior high school students and is pursuing his master's degree in math education. Dawn is office manager at their church, Eastern Hills Wesleyan. The Van Dines can be reached via e-mail at douglav@pcom.net.

First Lieutenant Brian Zimmerman and his wife, Deborah (Perry '89), are stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. Brian is a field artillery officer; Deborah cares for their two children and is active in the Protestant Women of the Chapel outreach program. They have been in the army for five years. The Zimmermans can be reached via zimmer@bragg.army.mil.

93 Theresa Davis completed her master's degree in special education through Mercyhurst College and now teaches exceptional children at B.T.

Bullock Elementary School in Sanford, N.C. Theresa's e-mail address is tisa271@juno.com.

A community development planner for the city of Auburn, N.Y., Jennifer (Smith) Haines manages loan and mortgage assistance programs. She completed her MBA from Syracuse University last summer and in December celebrated the birth of her son (see *Future Alumni*). Friends may e-mail Jennifer at hahiii@baldcom.net.

Scott Hansen, his wife, Zoe, and their infant son (see *Down the Aisle* and *Future Alumni*) live in Charlottesville, Va. Scott is a third-year law student at the University of Virginia.

Carmen (Sampson) Wright lives in Franklinville, N.Y., with her husband, Ricky. She works at a Quality Farm & Fleet store and counts among her involvements Farmersville Center Community Church and the local Farm Bureau. She serves the latter as co-chair of its Young Farmer/Rancher program.

94 Robin (Shea) McGee and her husband, Kevin, a seminary student, live in Springfield, Mo. Robin is teaching French part-time at Southwest Baptist University. They anticipate missionary service. Friends may e-mail Robin at knr@worldnet.att.net.

Dan and Amy (Chamberlain '96) Schilke live in Jackson, N.J. Dan is teaching and coaching at Calvary Academy; Amy cares for their two young sons.

95 Harrisburg, Pa., is now home to Timothy Deckert. Tim is an attorney in the business group of the law firm McNees, Wallace & Nurick.

Ralph Pomponio is teaching K-12 general and vocal music in the Florida, N.Y., Union Free School District. He resides in Bloomingburg, N.Y.

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96 Charis Gibson completed a master's degree in reading through Brooklyn College and works as admission coordinator for the Norwegian Christian Nursing Home in Brooklyn, N.Y. She lives in Staten Island, N.Y. Charis may be e-mailed at charis@juno.com.

Lake City, Colo., is home to Andrew Jackson. He works as resident program director of Camp Redcloud. His e-mail: ajackson7@hotmail.com.

Ben and Mandy (Hobbs '97) Pehrson live in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Ben is a graduate student at Wheaton College while Mandy works in the college's financial aid office. Together they serve as houseparents for single mothers. Ben and Mandy anticipate eventual missionary service in Bible translation and literacy work. The Pehrsons can be e-mailed at BenjaminJ.Pehrson@Wheaton.edu.

97 Kwong-Pik "Kim" Tsui is in her second year of a master's degree program in social work. She lives in Syosset, N.Y., and can be reached via masr96@juno.com.

98 Krista Alderfer lives in Telford, Pa., and is teaching instrumental music at Penn View Christian School.

Allison Aldred lives in Fairport, N.Y., and is studying for her degree in art education.

Cari Hutchison lives in Beacon, N.Y. She is substitute teaching for two local school districts while seeking a full-time position. Friends can e-mail her at cari_hutchison@hotmail.com.

Bethany McIntyre is pursuing a master's degree in counseling at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Her e-mail address is bmcintyr@gcts.edu.

P.A.C.E.

(Program for Accelerated College Education)

B1 Marsha Young was recently promoted to the position of Training and Development Manager at Outokumpu American Brass in Buffalo, NY.

N1 Denise Paszkiewicz was selected as one of three representatives from the United States to participate in the first Advanced Policy Governance Academy in Atlanta. Policy Governance is an innovative model of non-profit board operations. Denise lives in Blasdell, N.Y., and is an executive grants administrator for People Inc.

P1 Cindy Bradfield of Yorkshire, N.Y., has been appointed by Governor Pataki to serve on a five-member board charged with designing training for school board members. She is a member of the Pioneer School's Board of Education. She is also pursuing a master's degree in Adult Education at Buffalo State College.

D2 Paula Ring of Cheektowaga, N.Y., was awarded the Athena of Western New York Scholarship which is given to women who are returning to school for re-entry into the workforce or who are changing career directions.

S2 Joost Vles of Lancaster, N.Y., is pursuing an executive master's in business administration at the University of Buffalo.

Call for Entries

"... To See Ourselves ..."



Individuals interested in exhibiting self-portraits, in any medium, during the months of July, August and September 1999 in the Houghton College Art Gallery, should contact Roselyn Danner, gallery director, Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y. 14744 or send e-mail to rdanner@houghton.edu.

In Memoriam

'33 Retired educator Wesley G. Moon, 87, passed away on December 19, 1998. Originally from Rushford, N.Y., Wesley graduated from Houghton Seminary (now academy) in 1929 then continued his studies at Houghton College, earning a degree in general science. He began a teaching career which took him from a one-room schoolhouse to leadership of Houghton Seminary. Along the way, Wesley completed a master's degree at the University of Rochester and a doctorate at the University of Buffalo. He taught at the latter until moving to Oklahoma City, Okla., to serve as Southern Nazarene University's education department head for 25 years. Retiring from the university, he worked for 12 years at Integris Baptist Hospital. At 80, he retired again, volunteering his time repairing bicycles for impoverished children. Wesley was active in the Nazarene Church; he served as an usher for 40 years. Wesley is survived by his wife of 66 years, Blanche (Gage '33), two children, a brother and several nieces and nephews.

'37 Gerald B. Smith 83, passed away on April 8, 1998, in Brookeville, Md. A native New Yorker, Gerald came to Houghton to prepare for a teaching career majoring in math, science and education and involving himself in sports, Der Rheinverein and the Boulder as art editor. His teaching career began in Great Valley, N.Y. when, in 1942, the U.S. Army called Gerald to the Army Signal Corps in Italy. After serving three years, he completed a master's degree at Cornell University and resumed public school teaching, spending three years in Bemus Point, N.Y., and 22 in Pavilion, N.Y. In 1971, at age 66, he joined The Christian School of York (Pa.), where he taught and served as principal through 1977. He then joined Operation Mo-

Down the Aisle

Jason & Kirsten (Conklin '96) Davis	7-11-98
Eric & Tricia (Prange '96) Dowd	6-13-98
Eric & Tammy (Burns '98) Engert '97	1-9-99
Richard & Christine (Fitzgerald '97) Falke '98	8-22-98
Eric & Allison (Darling '95) Foster	8-29-98
Scott & Zoe Hansen '93	6-29-96
William & Wendy (Stratton '94) Kieser	8-9-97
Mike & Carrie (Derr '98) Killian	5-30-98
Charles & Laurel (Hebbard '91) Kane '91	6-27-98
Mark & Charissa (Westerlund '91) Lyons	8-15-98
Scott & Bethany (Beedon '95) McLaughlin	12-27-98
Mark & April (Stone '97) Norton '98	8-1-98
Andrew & Amanda (Hodges '97) Reding '98	8-2-98
Craig & Jennifer (Scammell '94) Rohatyn	11-28-98
David & Christy (Galvin '98) Sadecki '98	5-30-98
Matthew & Karen (Murphy '93) Slezak	6-6-98
David & Terri (Hare '83) Svarczkopf	9-12-98
Paul & Jennifer (Miller '98) Watson '98	7-5-98



bilization for a five-year missionary stint in London, England. Gerald was an elder in his church. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth, and is survived by three children, including David '69 and Nancy S. Vicalvi '71.

'41 Retired Wesleyan pastor **Gerald F. Wright**, 81, passed away on December 24, 1998, in Elmira, N.Y. The son of long-time Houghton professor and dean of men Frank Wright, "Ger," graduated from Houghton Seminary and enrolled at the college with the class of 1939. His education was interrupted by illness causing the loss of a lung. Ger recovered and eventually completed a degree in religious education. His involvements included athletics, music, outreach and pastoring a church in Black Creek, N.Y. He married his childhood sweetheart/seminary classmate, Reba Fuller. Together they served Wesleyan churches in central and western New York communities and filled many district posts. Ger retired in 1979 due to failing health but, enjoying a measure of healing, later returned to pastor Cayuta Free Church for three years. His ministry was characterized by personal warmth, encouragement, and strong youth programs, with a special gift for welcoming and guiding new, young pastors. He was predeceased by Reba, in 1990, and a foster-daughter. He is survived by three daughters, a son, Gerald Jr. '58, 14 grandchildren, including Denise W. Campbell '82 and Dale '84, 15 great-grandchildren and sister Ruth W. Elmer '41.

Reita Wright Clark, 77, passed away on December 21, 1998, in Gainesville, Fla. Born in Canton, Pa., Reita was the daughter of a 1908 Houghton Seminary graduate and long-time Houghton professor and dean, Rev. Stanley and Edna Bedford Wright. Her maternal grandfather, Sylvester Bedford, owned the plateau farmland on which the Houghton campus now rests. In 1939, Reita began at the college transferring to Meyer Memorial Hospital in Buffalo for nurses' training. After marriage in 1945 to **Russell Clark** '47, they pastored Christian and Missionary Alliance churches in Andover and Salamanca, N.Y., and prepared for foreign missionary service. As health problems kept them in the states, they served C&MA churches in the mid-atlantic region. Reita enjoyed being a help-mate and was active in women's ministries. In 1981, the Clarks fulfilled their missionary calling, devoting two years to the International Protestant Church in Beirut, Lebanon. They served during uprisings and Israeli bombing raids until evacuating the country via an Italian freighter sailing to Cyprus. The Wrights spent their last several years at the Alliance retirement community in Deland, Fla., where Reita served as director of activities, a position she held at the time of her passing. She is survived by her brother, **Kenneth** '33, and sister, **Alice W. Herbert** '48, five children, including **Stephen** '73 and **Paul** '78. Three grandchildren, **Christine Williams Guest** '91, **Stephen Clark II** '97, and **Alyson Clark Wells** '98 attended the college, and

one grandchild, **Karen Clark** '02, is a current student. Reita was honored to bring the invocation at Christine's senior baccalaureate service in May 1991.

'44 **Helen Foster Kroll**, 76, passed away on August 30, 1998, in Topeka, Kan. Born in Vermont, Helen came to Houghton and completed a major in French while being active in French, Latin and art clubs and the college oratorio. She later completed a master's degree in religious education from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She taught French and English at New England for several years and devoted 22 years to directing Christian education for churches in Massachusetts and Kansas. Helen married **Harry Kroll**, who predeceased her, in 1995. She is survived by a step-son and two siblings.

'49 Houghton native and alumnus **Max Fancher**, 73, passed away on December 29, 1998, in Glenallen, Alaska. Born to former Houghton College academic dean **LaVay Fancher** and his wife, **Zola**, an instructor at the college and academy, Max resided in the

village until 1944, then served the military for two years during World War II. Upon returning to Houghton, he completed his degree in social science and married schoolmate **Gladys Totten** '51. The Fanchers moved to Alaska in 1951 where Max worked as the state operator of schools and then for the Copper River School District. He also was executive director of the Copper River Native Association. Max's desire to serve the Lord was reflected in his involvement with Cross Roads Medical Center, Glenallen Community Chapel and the English Language Institute of China; he and Gladys enjoyed ten teaching assignments in China through ELIC. In addition to Gladys, Max's survivors include three children and nine grandchildren.

'52 **Janice Meade Dingman**, 68, died October 28, 1998. Jan's early connections to Houghton College came through her sister, **Ruthe Meade Kouwe** '46. Visiting Ruthe at Houghton, Jan met **Robert Dingman** '50, a young World War II veteran. The relation-

Memorial Gifts

Chet and Ruth Barker by Mr. Brian S. Brenneman

Alfred Benson by Mrs. Harriet S. Norton

Hazel Benson by Rev. and Mrs. Ralph C. Young

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Reita Wright Clark by Miss Priscilla R. Ries

Clint Clifford by Dr. Joyce C. Wunderlich

Daniel Cutter by Mr. and Mrs. Albin

Winckler

Erford W. Daniels by Mrs. Doris Daniels

Janice Meade Dingman by Miss Priscilla R. Ries

Sam and Louise Dominguez by Mrs.

Judith Dominguez

Bess Fancher by Miss Mary Boomhower

Max Fancher by Miss Priscilla R. Ries

Charles Finney by Dr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Lloyd

Lake and Amanda Harner by Mr. and

Mrs. Timothy R. Harner

Cheryl Holzwarth by Mr. Roy E. Holzwarth

Morten Homme by Miss Priscilla R. Ries

C. Nolan Huizenga by Mrs. Gloria

Huizenga

Howard Iyler by Mr. and Mrs. Nils

Anderson

Frank D. Marsh by Mr. David Morrison;

Mrs. Marion R. Koenig; Mr. and Mrs.

Richard E. Artusy, Jr.

Paul V. Miller by Dr. and Mrs. Donald H.

Gent

Katherine Murch Morrison by Mr. David

Morrison

H. Willard and Aimee E. Ortlip by Dr.

Marjorie O. Stockin; Mr. William

Jersey

Mabel Overton by Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Wolf

S. Hugh and Wilfreda Paine by Rev. and

Mrs. Carl M. Vander Burg

Stephen W. Paine by Mrs. Helen Paine; Mr.

and Mrs. John Miller

Norman Pusey by Mrs. Grace Pusey

Josephine Rickard by Mr. and Mrs.

Lawrence K. Stanley; Mr. and Mrs.

Albin Winckler

Claude Ries by Miss Priscilla R. Ries

Elmer W. Roth, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. David

J. Roth

Rufus Schmidt by Dr. and Mrs. William

Umland

Dr. and Mrs. J. Whitney Shea by Mr. and

Mrs. James Fleming

Lela Smith by Mr. Harold I. Smith

John H. Smith by Dr. William V. Olcott

Lillian M. Spear by Peter Spear; Jeff Spear;

Penny (Spear) Williams; Christine

(Spear) Lee

James Stanford by Mr. and Mrs. James

Fleming

Donald C. Stetson by Mr. and Mrs. William

G. Dixon; Edith E. Wilber; Richard and

Betsey Wilber; Robyn Wilber; Joan F.

Welch

F. Gordon Stockin by Dr. Marjorie O.

Stockin; Mr. and Mrs. Albin Winckler

Jeff Telego by Stephen H. Bariteau; Mr.

Donald J. Samsel

Carol L. Vidaurri by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk G.

Sabine

Blaine and Viola Wight by Mrs. Mary Torrey

Lloyd Wilt by Mr. David Morrison

Pierce Woolsey by Mr. and Mrs. Albin

Winckler

Gerald F. Wright, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs.

Richard J. Alderman



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ship sparked by this initial meeting grew into a 47-year marriage. Jan studied music at Houghton for three years, moving to Washington, D.C., with Robert following their 1951 marriage. She completed her education at American University. The Dingmans moved to California in 1961. In addition to raising three children, Jan taught at Pasadena Christian School and volunteered with a local hospital, Hospice of the Conejo, and Westlake Women's Club. She enjoyed quilting and also was very involved in the ministries of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. In 1989, Jan's health was damaged by a contaminated health food product, l-tryptophan; she was one of thousands so affected and the 41st fatality caused by this tragedy. Her last nine years were marked by her characteristic grace, faith, and courage. Family and faith were central to her daily life. In addition to Robert and Ruthe, Jan's survivors are her three children and three grandchildren.

'53 **Roland Given**, 73, died July 18, 1998. A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, Roland completed a Bible major at Houghton and for three years following pastored the Christian & Missionary Alliance church in Franklinville, N.Y. He then moved to California, where he continued pastoral ministry while earning master's degrees in divinity and psychology through Fuller Theological Seminary and California State College, respectively. He joined the faculty of Simpson Bible College and later earned a doctorate in psychology from Fuller and became a licensed psychologist. In 1976, he suffered a stroke from which he never fully recovered. Roland is survived by his wife, Sally, and four sons.

'60 **Theoren Smith**, 68, passed away on Father's Day, June 21, 1998, following complications from open-heart surgery. Together Theoren and his wife Kitty served as houseparents at McKinley House, while Theoren completed a degree in history and pastored nearby Hunt Baptist Church. He

continued for some 40 years of pastoral ministry, at two other New York churches and at charges in Arizona, Minnesota, Iowa and California, where he served concurrently as administrator of a Christian school. Theoren took his family to visit missionaries around the world, and he delivered Bibles behind the Iron Curtain on two other occasions. He and Kitty enjoyed keeping up with the activities of their McKinley House boys through the *Milieu*. In addition to Kitty, Theoren's survivors include four children, 12 grandchildren, and two siblings.

Free Methodist minister **Lawrence W. Umfleet**, 62, passed away January 13, 1999, at his Bradley, Mich., home. Coming to Houghton from Grand Rapids, Mich., Larry completed a ministerial major and was active in intramural athletics. Upon graduation, he entered the ministry of the Free Methodist Church, to which he devoted the next 38 years. He also pastored Wesleyan churches for a time and helped in church plant efforts in Hawaii. Larry maintained his interest in sports and also enjoyed archeology. At the time of his death, he was serving the Wayland (Mich.) Free Methodist Church. He is survived by his widow, Yvonne (Larry's first wife, Judith, passed away in 1986), three sons, and three siblings.

'65 Rochester, N.Y., school teacher **Mary Jean (Brock) Laga** passed away on January 5, 1999, of cancer. Originally from Sandy Lake, Pa., Mary majored in sociology. She enjoyed over 30 years of teaching, the last several devoted to Franklin High School, where she taught remedial reading. Her battle with breast cancer lasted several years, eventually forcing her 1996 retirement. As over one hundred persons attended a retirement party for her, colleagues attested to her courage and love for her students. Among Mary's survivors is her husband, Tony.

'72 **Paul Marcoionni**, 51, died on December 5, 1998, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A resident of Landis-

ville, N.J., and Houghton religion major, Paul went on to complete master's degrees in divinity and social work. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Millville, N.J., and a non-stationed minister of The Wesleyan Church; he provided temporary service to several congregations near his home. Artistically gifted, Paul worked as a professional artist at an FAA Technical Center. He is survived by his wife, Tammy, four sons, one daughter, a brother, and his mother.

'73 **Paul John Stiansen**, 47, died suddenly on November 27, 1998, in Cortland, N.Y. Raised in Brooklyn and Long Island, Paul completed a Bible major at Houghton College while participating in intramural sports, music, and outreach activities. He met his future wife, classmate **Sandy Hartman** '73. The Stiansens joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ, with whom they served the past 25 years. For the past 11 years, they had been involved with the Christian Embassy in New York, with Paul directing this work. In the weeks prior to his death, Paul had been working closely with Houghton, arranging a visit of the college's chamber singers for a Christian Embassy event. Sandy is continuing her work with the Christian Embassy. Paul enjoyed academic work and completed master's and doctoral degrees at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He was an elder at Faith Lutheran Brethren Church, a congregation he formerly

served as pastor. Paul is survived by his parents, two sisters, his wife, and daughters **Jodie** '99, **Jill** '01 and **Kari** '02. A college fund for his daughters is being coordinated by Syosset Gospel Church, 266 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, NY 11791.

Former staff member **Kenneth L. Harris**, 78, passed away on January 4, 1999, in Kennesaw, Ga. Kenneth served the Free Methodist, Wesleyan and Immanuel Missionary churches as a pastor and evangelist. A skilled tradesman, he was often involved in building churches, parsonages, campgrounds and Christian schools. For several years, he served Houghton College as assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds. Kenneth is survived by two siblings, his wife, Betty, and five children, including **Rebecca (Ross)** '70, **Mary Lou (Forster)** '74, and **Steve** '77.



april

9	Faculty Recital — Donna Lorenzo, viola	Wesley Chapel
9-10	National Conference on Leadership: Impact '99	
10	College Choir Concert	Wesley Chapel
16-17	Opera Workshop: Scenes Recital	Houghton Academy
16-17	Welcome Weekend	
23	Faculty Recital — Mark Hartman, violin	Wesley Chapel
24	Philharmonia Concert	Wesley Chapel
28	Women's Choir and Chapel Choir Concert	Wesley Chapel

may

1	Sound Doctrine Concert	Wesley Chapel
8	Parents' Concert	Wesley Chapel
9	Baccalaureate — Dr. Richard Allen Farmer	Wesley Chapel
10	Commencement — Dr. Nancy Nason-Clark '77	Wesley Chapel
11	Mayterm classes begin	
21-22	Welcome Weekend	
28-29	Welcome Weekend	

july

8-9	GOLDEN AGERS A gathering for all alumni of 1948 and earlier * Reunions for Classes of 1934, 1939 and 1944	
10-11	SUMMER ALUMNI WEEKEND I Houghton College: Past and present, featuring seminars by Dr. Timothy Nichols '81, Dr. Richard Wing, Dr. Douglas Strong '78 and Dr. Daniel Chamberlain * Campus Tour * Reception, social for mid-century alumni * Hymn Sing * Ice Cream Social * Organ Recital * Devotional * Reunions for Classes of 1949, 1954, 1959 and 1964 * Alumni Reception and Banquet * Alumnus of the Year Presentation * MasterWorks Festival Concert * Com- munion * Worship	

august

6-8	SUMMER ALUMNI WEEKEND II Ministerial Preparation, The Young Athlete, College Admission, and Film as Art, featuring seminars by Dr. J. Michael Walters, Skip Lord '80, Tim Fuller '79 and Professor Ted Murphy * Campus Tour * Class Activities * Full-scale Kids' Program * Ice Cream Social * Devotional * Picnic Lunch with Current and Emeriti Faculty * Reunions for Classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1994 * Celebration * Worship	
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Both alumni weekends feature free time and use of college athletic facilities.

Frank & Vaughn Estep



Meeting other Christians is one of the perks for Vaughn Estep (right) of being involved with SOWERS.



Handyman Frank Estep helps lighten the load of overworked ministry staff.

Some would say Frank and Vaughn (Dunham '58) Estep '58 have it made. For about six months a year they travel across the country in their RV and meet interesting people, most recently an illiterate truck driver who came to Christ and a surgeon. Ah, retirement.

Yes and no. The Esteps are retired (since 1992) but are not, according to worldly standards, living it up, although they might say they are living the good life. These retired educators are involved in SOWERS, Servants on Wheels Ever Ready. They are two of about a thousand retirees or wannabe retirees who choose to use their own resources to volunteer at missions, children's homes, churches, and Christian schools. They've been to New Mexico and Alaska. At this writing, they are serving in Homestead, Fla., at a church and school where Frank has been building soccer goals, putting down ceramic tile in a bathroom, and building a closet. Vaughn has been helping out in the kitchen, cleaning sanctuary carpets, and hoeing out closets.

If this work seems menial, the Esteps' attitude elevates their service. "The staff at ministries are so overworked. It's a privilege for us to lighten their load. It's not a burden. We get the blessing," Vaughn concurs, adding, "Our motivation is to serve the Lord who has done so much for us." The Esteps credit Houghton professors with instilling in them a desire to help others. "Dr. Bill Allen exemplified a servant heart and Dr. Gordon Stockin had a sweet, godly spirit," Frank said.

When the Esteps are home (Elizabethtown, Pa.), they enjoy spending time with their children, Robyn Burlew '85 and Mark '89, and their three granddaughters. They also attend Hope Community Church, and are helping construct the new building.

Frank and Vaughn Estep. Retired educators. Scholar-servants extraordinaire. Houghton College commends them and all its alumni making a difference around the world.

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