

The background is a complex artistic collage. It features various anatomical models, including a long bone at the top, a hand model at the bottom left, and a head model on the right. Surgical instruments like forceps and scissors are scattered throughout. A portrait of a bearded man is visible in the lower right. A grid of thin black lines is superimposed over the entire image. The title 'HOUGHTON' is in large, bold, serif capital letters at the top, and 'M I L L I E U' is in smaller, spaced-out serif capital letters below it.

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## Carpe Diem: Realize a Deferred Dream



*Opening in '99: Houghton's proposed Fine Arts Center*

Individuals and institutions are constantly confronted with options and opportunities. The question is seldom "What can we do?" or even "What good can we do?" Rather, we ask: "Which of these good things do we have the resources to do?"

For more than 30 years, that dilemma confronted Houghton College as it considered what facilities it needed most to attract and serve students. For all those years, the need for a music building has been evident. When the choice was between building a new home for science majors or music majors, science prevailed. Later a campus center took priority and subsequently, a physical education center, an academic building, and an art studio were built. Music remained a bridesmaid.

At its meeting on February 27, the Houghton College Board of Trustees changed that number-two status by taking dramatic action that will enable us to begin construction this spring and occupy the new music facility in the fall of 1999.

Just as the decision was a long time in the making, so too were the factors that made that decision pos-

sible. In recent years, Houghton has aggressively reduced its debt. Last December, the bonds on the campus center were retired nearly four years ahead of schedule, leaving the college with a debt of merely \$3.5 million compared to assets of about \$90 million.

Shakespeare observed in *Julius Caesar*—*There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; . . . on such a full sea we are now afloat, and we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures.*

In agreeing to "take the current," the Houghton College Board of Trustees authorized issuing bonds for more than \$13 million. Low interest rates, a small debt, and modest inflation combined to make this the ideal time to construct a quality facility to house our quality music program. (Paying off these bonds will cost less than is now annually budgeted for debt service.)

The good news goes beyond a beautiful and functional music building. When the music library moves from the Willard J. Houghton Library to the new music building, the library will be remodeled

to be more attractive and accessible. By rearranging its interior space we can also make it accommodate a growing collection for the coming decade.

We will also address the need for campus parking by creating attractive parking on part of the Alumni Field. That change will, in turn, lead us to improve dramatically our playing fields for soccer and field hockey, install an all-weather track, and replace our tennis courts.

*Carpe Diem* can appropriately be translated "Seize Today's Opportunities." Our trustees have done so. In addition to providing for facilities, they authorized a feasibility study to determine our constituent support for building our endowment. In the coming months and years, all of us can join the trustees by seizing this opportunity to make Houghton even more effective in preparing Christian scholar/servants.

*Daniel R. Pamberlin*

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## College Receives \$138,000 Language Lab Grant

Foreign language department head Dr. Henry Biggs announced that after two years of development, a \$138,000 grant proposal for language laboratory revamping has been funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation. The grant will enable the department to place its entire foreign language video and tape files on-line so that students can access them on their laptops or from other campus computer locations.

Dr. Biggs expects this to facilitate study of the materials and free conventional language laboratory time and space for developing other aspects of study. Additionally, the grant will fund creation of French language software for individual tutorials that not only check answer correctness, but offer feedback and allow the user to select among different teaching style options. Revamping of the lab will be completed over the summer.

## PACE in Arcade

Houghton is adding another venue for its Program for Accelerating College Education, adult degree completion option. This spring classes will begin in cooperation with Pioneer Central School in nearby Arcade. It will be the same program already offered in Olean and West Seneca, with Houghton professors providing the instruction.

Up to 20 students may be admitted to the program when classes begin in April.

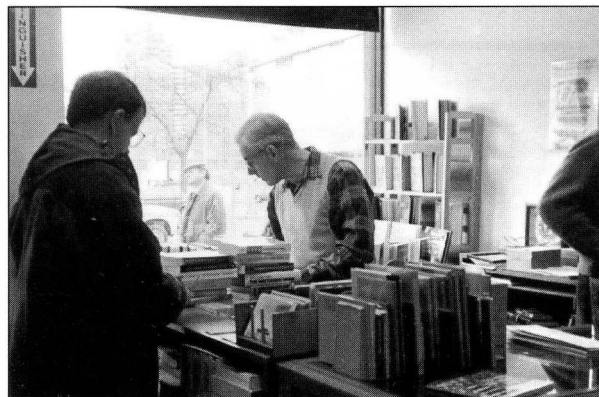
## Houghton Book Shop in Rochester

In February the college acquired a business at 147 State Street in Rochester, N.Y., from alumni of Bryn Mawr College. For the last 23 years, they have been using the profits from sales of donated, quality used books to provide scholarships to Rochester-area students attending that Philadelphia college.

The shop's mission will continue, but will now benefit Houghton students. Proceeds of book sales will go to the Willard J. Houghton Foundation and then be directed to the annual fund for student scholarships. The foundation provided money to purchase the business and pay the first few months' rent.

The shop has always been staffed by volunteers and, according to annual fund director Barbara Bates, volunteers will be needed to keep it running. She anticipates involvement of Houghton alumni in the Rochester area. "Houghton College has a history of alumni participation," says Bates. "We hope this provides a way for them to give back and help the students of today and tomorrow."

Persons wishing to donate books or volunteer to staff the shop should call Mrs. Bates at (800) 777-2556, ext. 336. A grand opening is planned later in the spring.



Lone volunteer Art Downing tallies another book sale. With enough volunteers, the store can resume 10-3 daily operation.

## Mee, Wilson Accept New Positions

After nine years in admission work at Houghton, David Mee '86 leaves April 1 to assume duties as admission director at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., a Baptist university of 4,600 undergraduate and graduate students. (For sports fans, Houghton's former SID notes that Samford plays at the NCAA Division I level). Mee, who began here as an admission counselor, became director in 1996. He sees emergence of electronic search and registry tools as the main operating change he's witnessed and carries with him desire to meld concern for individuals and professionalism for the longterm health of the college. Dave calls it "not recruiting frosh, but future alumni."

Early in February Dr. Norman Wilson, since 1995 director of Houghton's adult degree completion program, began a new assignment as director of international ministries at Wesleyan World Missions, Indianapolis, Ind. A former missionary to Peru and Puerto Rico, with experience in missions administration, Wilson returned to an arena of service he considers only marginally different from building PACE. He explained, "In different ways, both jobs work with people reaching turning points in their lives." During his Buffalo tenure Wilson worked to consolidate PACE strengths, participating in curriculum revision, expanding the computer component, and laying groundwork for program expansion this fall.

A search is in progress to secure successors for both men.

## Faculty News

Foreign language department chair Dr. **Henry Biggs** presented a paper, "Language Changes in French Poetry," to the development of language change division of the Modern Language Association's international conference in Toronto last fall. Biggs serves on the five-member MLA steering committee on computer approaches to literature division and will be its chair in 2000.

School of Music head Dr. **George Boespflug** and members of *Sound Doctrine*, a college contemporary pop music ensemble, have made a CD recording of songs Boespflug composed. Three current students and six recent graduates participated in the recording session, which was made possible by a faculty grant. *Sound Doctrine*, begun five years ago, gives students an expressive outlet—most of the songs it performs are original—and a chance to be involved in pop music. The group performs in occasional chapels and presents a spring concert.

English professor Dr. **Sue Crider** is to be married to Mr. Peter Atkins of Auckland, N.Z., the afternoon of July 11 at Houghton Wesleyan Church. The genesis for what Crider calls "this somewhat surprising turn of events" occurred 10 years ago when she met the Atkinses when she participated in a lay-witness ministry in New Zealand. The now widower pharmacist visited Houghton last summer, and Crider visited New Zealand over Christmas. She has received a two-year leave of absence during which the couple "will consider the next stage of our lives."

Last August, Old Testament professor Dr. **Carl Schultz** traveled to the campus of Somerville College of Oxford University in England for the 10th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies. As a member of the Biblical Group, he presented a paper—"God's Role in the World: The Informing, But Disturbing Depiction of Job." This was Schultz's third appearance at the Institute. Having listened to speakers from around the world, he commented: "Where you come from affects how you read scripture."

From May 10-June 9 Christian ministries professor/ministerial education director/preacher in residence Dr. **J. Michael Walters** will travel to Australia to conduct four pastoral enrichment seminars for Kingsley College Center for Pastoral Studies, beginning in Melbourne and ranging to Rockhampton in North Queensland. He'll also preach in various Wesleyan churches on Sundays. In 1993 Dr. Walters and his family spent two summer months in Australia while he taught at Kingsley Bible College.

Last September Dr. **Paul Young**, department of psychology and sociology chair, spent three weeks in Liberia as part of a team sent by World Hope, the relief arm of the Wesleyan Church. Young taught educational practice and trained peer counselors for post-trauma counseling. His largest audience was 300 at a shelter for women victims of the war.

Named Fellows for a Leadership Development Institute to be held in June at Cedar Spring Christian Retreat Center near Bellingham, Wash., are Drs. **Karen Cianci**, **Jayne Maugans**, and **Rhea Reed**. The institute, sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, provides training and development for early to mid-career personnel in Christian higher education. Participants are teamed with a college president or senior vice president mentor and later gain a week's experience shadowing that person on the home campus. The Bennett Foundation of Vancouver funds the institute.

## Sabbaticals for Seven

Seven Houghton College professors have been researching, writing, and teaching on sabbatical leaves in 1997-98.

On one-year leaves are Dr. **Bernard Piersma** (*chemistry*), teaching at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Boulder, Colo., and **Paula Maxwell** (*physical education*) pursuing Ph.D. work at the University of Buffalo on the effect of dehydration on exercise-induced asthma.

**Scot Bennett** (*art*) spent the fall semester working in his home studio, studying in art galleries and cathedrals in Canada and London. This resulted in new works, and a printmaking manual for courses here at Houghton.

Dr. **Connie Finney** (*psychology and education*) taught seventh grade math at the Grand Island Middle School of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and traveled the southwestern United States visiting the Grand Canyon.

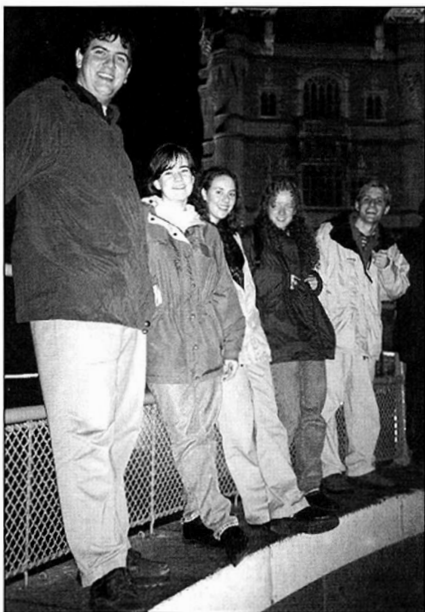
Dr. **James Wardwell** (*English*) traveled throughout England and Wales, researching and writing a play on the life of cleric-poet George Herbert, and teaching a course on modern British theatre for the Houghton in London program.

On spring semester sabbaticals are: Dr. **Thomas Kettelkamp** (*recreation and physical education*), at the University of Honduras teaching research methods, supervising five master's degree theses, and doing seminars on ecotourism in Honduras and Costa Rica.

Dr. **Rich Stegen** (*psychology*) is auditing classes in the Theology School of Drew Divinity of Madison, N.J., and two others here. Stegen is also completing research and writing for an article on "the mode of meaning," to be published in a Christian psychology journal.



Since 1923, the sound of Big Ben has become known worldwide, thanks to BBC shortwave radio. Shown here on a rare sunny day, the national landmark bell, clock and tower date to 1859.



Students Dan Bates, Kim Sauder, diarist Michelle Wingfield, Alicia Millspaw, and Tim Ritchey pose above the Thames River on Tower Bridge.

Twenty-five juniors and seniors inaugurated the Houghton in London program for upperclassmen last fall. Along with the students, program director Dr. Cameron Airhart and his wife lived in flats spread across six floors of Park West Apartment in central London. Excerpts from junior Michelle Wingfield's diary offer vignettes of "exploded preconceptions, opportunities for adventure and independence in the 'world's capital.'"

## London Journal Excerpts, fall semester 1997

**Oct. 5 (Sunday):** At 6 p.m., we again make the 25-minute walk to ancient All Souls' [church], beside the BBC. Tonight, we crowd into the columned balcony joining 1,000 people from 25 countries in worship led by a full orchestra. After the service, almost 100 students pack into the creche (downstairs nursery area) for a weekly coffee house. By 9:30 p.m., we're at The George, All Souls' classy unofficial pub, discussing Dr. John Stott's insights into Rev. 4.

**Oct. 6:** We hurry back to the flat after class for our weekly trip to Safeway, and by 2 p.m., Alicia and I are jogging through Hyde Park, past Kensington Palace, and on to Portobella Market—fresh bread and three bags of vegetables as raw and tawny as the country folk hawking their wares, "Just three pounds, love." Back at the flat, we cram in an hour of reading before supper and Bible Study at 7 p.m. with our All Souls' student group. I am continually surprised and refreshed by the perceptions of non-Americans and non-evangelicals! Later Emma and Ginny come to the flat for "American brownies."

**Oct 14:** This afternoon, the sun came out (must have been my yellow raincoat). Alissa, Alicia and I walked 20 minutes through Hyde Park to study in the Kensington Palace gardens. McDonald's ice-cream is cheaper here than home—only 35 pence. So we brave the walk down our heavily Indian/Arab male-dominated street. (Yesterday I couldn't even find a newspaper in English!) Between the Bank of Kuwait and our convenience store, Al Mustafa, we get several looks—even in our baggy pants and heavy coats! Inside McDonalds' the comments begin: "pretty face," "sexy," "spice girls." We feign ignorance and weigh the relative worth of our vanilla cones.

**Oct 22:** Today was my "free day," but laundry, 200 pages of heavy reading, my near-daily jog through Hyde Park, and sunsets by 4 p.m., make these hazy days seem short. Tonight, we went upstairs for a pumpkin carving party with classmates of flat 38, and to plan a trip to Dublin [Ireland] next week—train/ferry tickets and B&Bs.

**Nov. 13:** Visual Arts class met in the National Museum of Art today. My flatmates and Tim opted to walk an hour to Trafalgar Square. With the savings of our bus fare we have tea in a Regents St. cafe, watching passing cabs, red double-decker buses and business people hurrying past in black suits. All evening, Alissa and I wrote and edited European History papers. By 1 a.m., I took my disk downstairs to flat 22 where six guys share our only printer, one computer, and almost identical deadlines. Erich was kind to let me print during his "shift" and I was glad to avoid the morning "rush hour." (Alissa is still typing.)

**Nov. 21:** Class meets in the long left room of the Institute for Contemporary Christianity. Today's topic: *The Holocaust*, a compilation detailing individual Jewish victims. Like the book, our conversation is emotional



and provocative. I'd never considered the double horror of such atrocities occurring in a longtime "Christian" nation. This afternoon, Kim and I went to Clubhouse, All Souls' ministry to inner city children and families. I was so excited when Kyah "from Jam-a-a-ica," and little blonde Rosie ran to hug me! T.J. (an English intern) and I took a group to Regent's Park where we tried to maintain a decent game of "football"—the kids seem intent on rugby.

**Dec. 6:** Lovely, lovely day in the country! Helen, our soft spoken ginger-haired Bible Study leader, met us at Wimbledon by 10 a.m. We drove an hour into the bright green countryside, stopping at the thatch-roofed village houses along hedge-lined lanes. Helen's mum made a traditional English meal—parsnip soup, plain toast, pork and quince jelly, trifle, and more. We spent the afternoon in Winchester (home of King Arthur and his round table).

**Feb:** Back in Houghton—The four of us are together for the evening, though this townhouse living room isn't quite like flat 23. We're surrounded by stacks of photographs, brochures, napkins, and coasters and three months of memories as intense and formative as any college student could hope for. How long will we be marveling as we marvel now? We studied in London. We *lived* in London!

## Building Church Relations

The position of director of church relations is open for a high-energy, creative individual who will enhance the relationship between the College and its church constituents.

Familiarity with the function and needs of the local church, as well as a clear sense of how academe and the church intersect, are fundamental to this full-time position. Public speaking and excellent writing skills are necessary to success in responsibilities such as cooperative ventures with church and para-church organizations, ministry teams, visitation, events and publications.

Due to the broad nature of the position, experience and/or education in communication or related field and ordination are advantageous credentials for the successful candidate.

For a complete job description and information, contact Sybil Strain in Human Resources at (716) 567-9321, e-mail [sstrain@houghton.edu](mailto:sstrain@houghton.edu).

## Colorful Coverage

At various times over its 89-year history *The Houghton Star* has been a literary magazine with news, a tabloid-style newspaper, and a news magazine. It's been issued weekly, bi-monthly, and monthly, usually in black and white, recently in two-colors.

Color is this year's innovation. Editor Dale Schuurman and business manager Scott Taylor wanted to increase readership and make *The Star* more noticeable. To those ends they've sought to improve the writing and change the look.

The color is confined to front and back pages of the bi-monthly paper, which usually runs 12-16 pages. The increased cost is only \$30 per issue since *The Star* already shot its photos in color to avoid darkroom time. The photos are scanned into component separations in-house via PageMaker software. Printing is done at the *Olean Times Herald* from a computer disk.

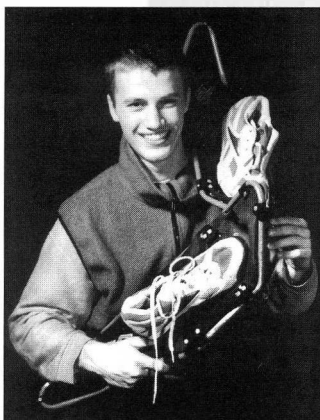


## Top 10 "Must Reads?"

English professor William Greenway has compiled a list of the 10 books Houghton faculty and staff believe that most students ought to read in the course of their college education. Since Bible courses are mandatory, the Bible itself was not to be listed.

The list was drawn from 272 different works cited in 47 replies. Selected in descending order were: *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis; *The Republic*, Plato; *The Brothers Karamazov*, Dostoyevsky; *Moby Dick*, Melville; *Hamlet*, Shakespeare; *Confessions*, Augustine; *Don Quixote*, Cervantes; *Paradise Lost*, Milton; *Anna Karenina*, Tolstoy, and *Origin of the Species*, Darwin.

Greenway was unsurprised by any of the entries, but noted that after decades of emphasis on diversity and political correctness, the "top ten" books were still of exclusively white male authorship. At the University of Buffalo where a top-ten book course has been taught, the department chair who prompted the survey says the same exclusivity prevails.



## Champion Snowshoe Racer

Since winning his first snowshoe race as an eighth-grader, frosh Matt Dougherty has been virtually unbeatable, competing at

more than 30 events a year over the last five years, winning five Empire State Games titles and five North American 8K Championship titles.

He hasn't lost a race longer than 2K since his first season. As a high school sophomore, in 1995, Dougherty set a world record in the 8K (32:24) at the North American Snowshoe Championships.

Matt's home, Saranac Lake in northeastern New York, is the perfect place for outdoor recreation. "You can do everything I love within five minutes of my house," says the 19-year-old. "Everything I do keeps me in shape for the next season." Besides being a world-class snowshoe racer Matt competes in cross country, track and field, and cross country skiing.

Last summer Matt began competitive mountain biking before coming to Houghton to begin his collegiate athletic career as a member of the cross country and track teams. Head coach Bob Smalley says: "He ran the best overall of any freshman we've had through the years. He's going to be a solid guy to build a team around, a total team person . . ."

Dougherty passed on interest by major universities because "Christian education was really important to me." He's an outdoor recreation and art major.

## Highlander Hall of Fame Inducts Three

Three former varsity athletes were inducted into the Highlander Sports Associates Hall of Honor on February 14. Kenneth J. Heck '79, Darlene Wells, '75, and Margaret (Roorbach '78) Schrum received plaques from student life vice president Robert Danner, and their pictures joined the foyer display in the Nielsen Physical Education Center.

**Ken Heck's** citation labelled him as "one of the last true team players in a sport that has [since] moved into specialization. . . It was not unusual for Ken to enter five to seven events in a meet and win most of them... His specialty was 110 meter high hurdles." His 14.9 Houghton record yet stands, and he was ranked among the top collegiate hurdlers in the northeast. In college Heck exemplified liberal arts education as a classroom leader and friend to many. One summer he was part of a Houghton team which ran across the United States, speaking in churches and representing the college in the evenings.

Upon completing his degree, Ken continued here as an instructor and athletic trainer, a program that he essentially built from the ground up, serving from 1979-1991. He was track and field coach from 1984-1988. Since 1991 he has worked in the clinical and classroom settings of Messiah College's athletic training program.

**Darlene Wells** graduated from Houghton *cum laude* with senior honors in physical education—a four-year winner of letters in basketball and volleyball, and most valuable player in her senior year. She was named to the Private College Athletic Conference All-Conference Team as a senior, also earning senate excellence in athletics and the athletic department's sportsmanship awards.


During her 22 years as a high school coach at North Florida Christian (Pensacola), her softball teams posted a 337-118 win-loss record, winning eight district titles, six regional titles, four sectional titles, and six final four appearances. Darlene's volleyball teams compiled a 324-174 win-loss record including five district and four regional titles. She's twice been named NFC Teacher of the Year, been listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, was eight-time Coach of the Year recipient. Darlene now coaches at Loudonville (N.Y.) Christian School.

**Margaret Roorbach Schrum** graduated with honors, an all-around standout in athletics. She earned eight varsity letters—basketball for four years, two each in volleyball and field hockey. She is remembered as a team leader and as a spiritual leader who set the tone for the priorities given to using athletics as a platform for ministry. Upon graduating she shared what she had learned with others in teaching/coaching positions at the Christian high school level and then at two different Christian colleges. Today, she and her husband are SIL missionaries in Mozambique, South Africa. William Greenway, her former Houghton coach, accepted the award on her behalf.

*Darlene Wells, Ken Heck. Not present was Margaret Schrum. Each of these athletes epitomizes lessons Margaret says she learned at Houghton and in life: "Play for God's glory, not your own. Whatever you do matters to God and reflects upon Him. Strive for excellence."*





 Fertility **drugs** help infertile couples conceive. They may also give rise to high-multiple pregnancies. Some suggest that "selective embryo reduction" be employed to increase the odds of survival for the others, or to enhance future family life quality by reducing the emotional and economic stresses of a large family.

## A **surrogate mother** carries

to ten the artificially inseminated eggs of a deceased woman so that the deceased's family will "have something to remember her by."

## Consider **organ transplantation:** Who gets

what? The young? The wealthy or well-connected? Persons who have abused their own bodies to the point that transplantation is the only life option?

### Help from the trenches:

## Finding Our Way in the "Brave New World"

Skimming the headlines doesn't equate with knowing the news, much less understanding it, but skimming headlines will convey to any discerning reader that behind the bold type and hype are issues and choices, the handling of which will shape societal and personal life in ways we've just begun to imagine. Specifically, consider some recent medical stories that have flitted across TV screens or filled news magazine pages.

Should or how can we prevent organ donations—a kidney or an eye for example—by destitute persons seeking to finance a better life for their children or themselves?

We also see recurring stories of Kevorkian-style active euthanasia, about the prospects of human cloning, about the dilemmas of "managed care." These are just a smattering of ethically charged medical situations making news. How do we prepare-empower ourselves as medical consumers? How do we educate the rising generation of physicians and other medical professionals to cope in moral fashion with existing, new and potential situations when "traditional" values are challenged, when even Christians disagree on answers?

In this *Milieu* series one alumni physician-ethicist examines the evolution of his own thinking over four decades. Next, the distilled thoughts of several other alumni physicians and medical academicians offer views which may help in fashioning a framework for responsible living. Finally, the head of Houghton's biology department describes how he and his colleagues have, over time, sought to help pre-medical students, environmental scientists, and others build awareness and a reasoned ethical foundation for their work and living.





# An Unplanned Pilgrimage

Robert D. Orr, '62 M.D.

I had no intention of becoming a clinical ethicist. To be perfectly honest, when I was contemplating my future during high school, clinical ethics had not been invented yet. But I did have a clear goal—to become a small-town country doctor.

When I arrived at Houghton in 1958, I was a narrowly focused, slide-rule wielding, double major in chemistry and zoology. This tunnel vision was encouraged by—even financed by—Sputnik paranoia and the New York state legislature's knee-jerk response.

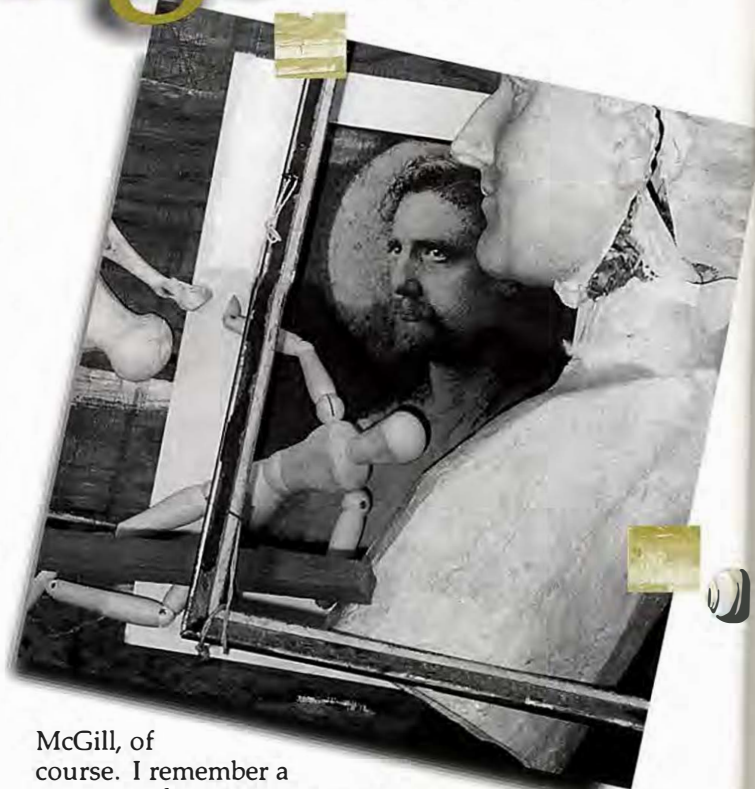
And I didn't waver from this narrow path while at Houghton. I studied science under the direction of Christian professors (including Drs. Moreland, Shannon, Paine, and others). I ignored the recent grads who came back and encouraged pre-meds to take electives in history, literature and philosophy because "you'll never have another opportunity and you really don't need all those extra science courses; just the med school requirements." *Rrrriiiiight*—next you'll tell me the MCATs are a breeze!

But Houghton was and is a liberal arts college. We were required to take many non-science courses in order to graduate. I took them, of course, but I looked upon them as intrusions into my lab and study time. I took Ethics from Professor Ronald Nash. The few pre-meds in the class sat together in the back of the room. I recall that he joked with us at the beginning of the semester that we were wasting our time studying medicine.

"What will you do for work when you get to Heaven (or did he say 'if?') since there will be no illness or death?" He assured us he would be fully employed, sitting at the feet of Jesus sorting out the eternal questions which had occupied him and other philosophers for centuries. I don't remember a lot more about the class.

I probably was able to distinguish between deontology and teleology for the final exam, but I would not have been able to discuss either intelligently three weeks later. Course finished, sell the textbook, back to the lab.

We did learn some ethics at



McGill, of course. I remember a single one-hour lecture entitled "Medical Ethics" (on a Saturday morning; attended by only a few of us OCs), but it dealt only with

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professional etiquette. In spite of this apparent lack, medical ethics was learned in the 1960s because it was part of the process of being acculturated into medicine.

I specifically recall being taught about the importance and worth of prenatal life. I remember the intimidating Dutch professor of embryology describing the early development of the heart and declaring in a stage whisper "She doesn't even know she is pregnant yet and the baby's heart is already beating."

And the chairman of obstetrics saying in the very first OB lecture "Doctor, when a pregnant woman is in your office, never, never, never forget that you have two patients to take care of." And the railing against "the butchers," "the scum of the medical profession"





who performed illegal abortions and sent young women to the hospital desperately ill with infections.

For a few years after residency and military service, I was too busy establishing a new family practice in rural Vermont to pay serious attention to the public debate and court challenges to existing abortion laws. I was, therefore, absolutely floored when the president of the hospital medical staff stopped me in the hallway on January 23, 1973, and asked me if I would be doing abortions since it was now legal and I had OR privileges to do D&Cs. I said, "Of course not. Abortion is immoral." It didn't require any thought; it was part of my moral being as a physician.

That historic event jolted me awake. I began to write letters to the editor and was soon asked to speak at PTA meetings, Rotary meetings, Catholic churches, etc.; not, however, in conservative Protestant churches because such focus on social issues would divert attention from evangelism. I put together a slide presentation. And my focus? You guessed it—the facts of embryology; no mention of morality.

A few people were swayed by scientific facts and recognized that prenatal life was in fact human life. But most of the public discussion focused on the woman's right to self-determination. I recall one woman named Judy who became my nemesis. She showed up wherever I was speaking and would sit in the front row knitting. She was always the first to stand during the Q&A. She would raise her huge knitting needles high in the air and shout "This is the alternative! If we don't allow legal abortion, girls will be forced back to butchers who use non-sterile knitting needles in dirty back rooms." Clearly, scientific argumentation was not sufficient.

My moral awakening occurred at 4 a.m. one sleepless night following a very troubling medical staff

meeting at our hospital. There had been in the previous month two mid-pregnancy abortions (about 20 weeks gestation) that had resulted in live births.

One baby lived only five minutes, the other just over an hour. They clearly could not survive, but there was acrimonious discussion, prompted by the nurses, about how to prevent future live births and/or how to handle the situation if it should recur.

The nurses (and I) argued for taking the breathing infant to the nursery; keep it warm, cuddle it, give it comfort while it dies. Most physicians, however, argued for placing it in a stainless steel basin and covering it with a towel so no one would have to look at it. My sleep was prevented by the final comment of one obstetrician who said "What difference does it make? The end result is a dead baby no matter what you do."

My inner moral fiber told me something was wrong

here. And at 4 a.m. it came to me. I could see Professor Nash standing in the classroom upstairs in Fancher Hall and I could hear him saying "The utilitarian philosophy which maintains that 'the end justifies the means' is not consistent with biblical Christian teaching."

This recognition that I was fighting a moral battle, not a scientific battle, changed my life. I changed my argumentation about abortion to include the issue of right and wrong. (Interestingly, Judy called me a few years later to report that she recognized this change in my stance; she had subsequently become a Christian.) At about the same time, the Schaeffer-Koop film series "Whatever Happened to the Human Race?" expanded my focus to other issues such as euthanasia and infanticide.

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And I was convicted to speak not only in negative terms of "thou shalt not . . .", but to become involved in positive alternatives such as a Crisis Pregnancy Center and a local Hospice.

After several years of a growing interest in moral issues in medicine, I applied for postdoctoral training in clinical ethics. This resulted in a mid-career transition to clinical ethics in an effort to help physicians, nurses, patients, and families make the best possible decisions among the many difficult questions of today.

That required ethics class taught me that Scripture, while not always giving clear pronouncements on all issues of medical ethics, demonstrates important principles such as the *Imago Dei*, the sanctity of life, the sovereignty of God, the compassion of Jesus, justice, dominion, stewardship, grace, and the comfort which comes from the Holy Spirit.

These and other principles are pertinent as we struggle with the many ethical questions faced in medicine today; such issues as limitation of treatment, cloning, assisted reproductive technology, and allocation of scarce resources, and the list goes on.

I did not plan this pilgrimage, but I should not imply that it was not planned. God's teaching through dedicated Christian professors laid the firm foundation which would be recognized at a critical juncture 20 years later. ♦

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# Living ISSUES ISSUES in Living

**M**ost of the ethical issues or dilemmas making headlines arise out of new technology, and, as several alumni physicians pointed out in responses to a *Milieu* questionnaire, they arise in situations many physicians don't face in a lifetime of practice.

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Christians always lash out against the evil they think might come rather than noticing first the suffering that could be alleviated. One example is the so-called 'abortion' pill RU486.

"Overlooked by militant pro-lifers is that there are other medical indications for the drug. By forcing Roussel to drop the drug, the pro-life community has blocked the access of cancer patients to it as well. I have a patient, a Christian, who has a type of brain tumor that has recurred four times. This tumor has receptors for progesterone, and patients treated with RU486 have had shrinking of their tumors. It took five months for me to get any supply of drug for this girl, and then the supply ran out when the pro-lifers man-

Dr. Wilbur Zike '53, retired professor of surgery at the University of Iowa medical school, observed, "So much of this [ethics interest] is media driven. There are people with more inquiring minds than mine." His oblique reference to tabloid journalism and the public curiosity it feeds upon—or feeds—should not be discounted in deciding what issues are worth thinking through. Some alumni physicians feel that the issues getting the notoriety obscure equally valid ones.

## Unintended Consequences

Pediatric oncologist Dr. Diane Komp '61 observes:

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aged to bully Roussel into dropping its manufacture.

"Within three months of going off the drug, unavailable now, her tumor came back . . . I see that not as pro-life, but as utilitarian. My patient sees it as very, very sad. We're mighty selective in whose life we value."

## Fertility Drugs

No physician surveyed expressed a view that using fertility drugs is improper *per se*, though most saw their use as problematic. Dr.

Komp observed: "This is a touchy subject for Christians. The church is not a very friendly place for the infertile. The human yearning for parenthood is no less now than in biblical days; neither is the judgment of the 'haves' less on the 'have nots.' The Bible is full of stories about childless women being judged out of favor with God. The end-of-the-millennium variation on that theme is to judge the methods a couple may use to become parents."

Other physicians agreed that in cases where fertility drugs have led to a high multiple pregnancy, "selective embryo reduction" (to the rest of us that's politically correctese for abortion) isn't an option, whether its intention is increased viability for remaining embryos or future family stability. Would-be users should consider and accept the risks before the procedures are initiated.

Dr. Gerald Lloyd '59 observed: "I read with interest and concern the dilemma of



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Concerning the issue of surrogacy, most of the doctors echoed ethicist Dr. Bob Orr's opinion—"Not a good idea. While there may not be anything inherently morally wrong with one woman carrying the baby of another, the psychological, social, legal and other ramifications make it problematic." One physician noted: "I believe this cheapens life to mere 'products of conception,' and gives mankind a false sense of ultimate control over creating life."

## Transplantation

In discussing ethics in transplantation, the physicians seemed to agree that in America, present priority systems and safeguards are adequate to deal with issues of who gets what. Most were opposed to any system that would pay for donor organs or that would allow potential donors to sell one of their own organs, no matter how noble might be their purpose. (For example, there have been reports of persons in third-world countries willing to sell an organ in order to finance opportunities for their children).

One physician wondered aloud about using transplanted fetal tissue to alleviate Parkinson's disease, what he called "a good outcome from a controversial cause." His question: "Does it matter where the fetal tissue comes from [in determining] whether it's right or wrong?"

## Euthanasia

The physicians universally disapproved Kevorkian-style assisted suicide, or active euthanasia.

the McCaughey family and their septuplets. I concur with their decision once multiple fetuses were identified [carry all to term] . . . But I can't see how a family or a community will be able to raise these babies in any semblance of 'normalcy' considering the quote I read that it takes [all of the] 168 hours a week to raise triplets.

Lloyd wondered if, in cases of infertility, "having your own genetically-related family" was worth the risks against the possibility of "adopting and raising children 'in the fear of the Lord,' who might not otherwise have such an opportunity." He admitted, "It is certainly difficult as a father of three to counsel a childless Christian couple on either of these being the better way to [meet] their own needs."

On the other hand, no respondent supported the notion that because technology makes it possible to keep some terminally ill people alive, it's the only moral course. Dr. Orr noted: "There is a clear, deep, wide line in the sand between withholding or withdrawing treatment and hospice care on the one hand, and physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia on the other."

Dr. David Brubaker '90 noted that alleviating pain should be a priority, but even when that is not successful, "in suffering, God's grace can abound, and we can be drawn to Him in ways not possible if trials are not part of life."

Fifty-year physician M. Dudley Phillips '43, felt high tech intervention for dying elderly is rarely ap-

## Another Issue: Serving the Have-nots

Most of the issues cited here involve medicine for the "haves." Consider some thoughts from a practitioner serving the "have-nots."

"The challenge is enormous! Every day I see people with tremendous need—much mental illness, substance abuse and illness related to chronic poverty and unemployment. Every day I see examples of the two-tiered system of health care delivery in this country—insured patients versus the uninsured working poor, or those on Medicaid. Our private insured patients can access needed care easily and appropriately, whereas uninsured or Medicaid patients wait a long time and sometimes never get appropriate care.

"I also constantly struggle with what it means to be a 'Christian physician.' How can I exemplify Christ's love to a community of great need? I need to create a system or practice that cares for people in spite of their financial limitations. I need to model Christ's love in my relations with patients. Sometimes that means just listening. Sometimes it means sharing the gospel. Other times it means just treating patients with a respect and dignity previously denied them."

*Dr. Myron Glick '88 is in private practice in inner-city Buffalo, N.Y. He works closely with his home church and other churches and community organization, in relationships he calls "exciting and constantly involving."*

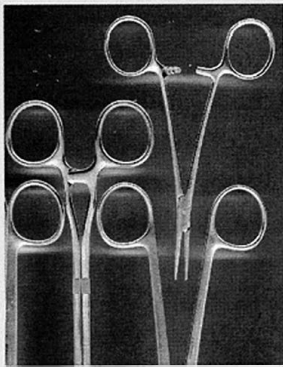


appropriate. "Don't start or stop anything. You shouldn't intervene either way," he opined.

He has refused to withdraw oxygen to shorten the death process or to install a stomach tube to lengthen it. Dr. Brubaker observed: "I am a proponent of dignity in death, and I feel that unnecessarily prolonging suffering in the face of inevitable death is equally bad service to patients and morally questionable."

## Managed Care

Of managed care former public health administrator Dr. Kenneth Wright '34 wrote: "Perhaps no other single governmental or societal movement has greater potential for revolutionizing medical practice--in terms of decision making, raising the specter of medical rationing, determining eligibility and payment."



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"I won't work with managed care organizations," said Dr. Phillips. "I refer those patients for hospitalization. I've seen too many people put out of hospitals who shouldn't be... I won't be a party to it." At the other end was this comment: "[Managed care] encourages responsible decision-making involving the best use of often scarce resources." Other physicians have found HMO regulations cumbersome, but generally workable, though at the expense of time and argument.

Dr. Lloyd described his hospital's careful evaluation of options and outcomes, then quoted a recent HMO speaker's comment that "moral and ethical issues are yet unsolved by government, society, consumers and purchasers of health care... But who pays for it and how it is to be delivered seems to be following a marketplace influence towards managed care." Lloyd added: "Such statements make it clear that Christians in medicine need to be vigilant and speak out effectively with our unique world-view perspective."

Dr. Komp said, "The good news is that everyone has noticed that there's a conflict and most doctors I know are talking openly about it. Doctors I know are show-

ing their patients how to fight back when their care choices are limited by their insurer."

## Black, White and Gray

A young physician described two issues he faces where public policy and his own inclinations may conflict. The first was Medicaid coverage of an over-the-counter medication when it is doctor-prescribed. "I run into difficulty with patients who ask me to write prescriptions for Tylenol or cough syrup because they 'can't afford it,' when I know they spend money freely for cigarettes and alcohol. I usually go ahead if it's for children because I know they will not otherwise receive the medicine, but I'm not sure it's right for taxpayers to pay for these needs."

Again he cited requests for contraception from unmarried women who are sexually active. In making a prescription he wonders: "Am I condoning a way of life that I feel is wrong? Am I right to hold non-Christians to Biblical standards? Is it better to prescribe the meds and prevent what almost surely will be a unwanted pregnancy?"

Clearly, charting a course in medicine's "brave new world" calls for a firm ethical foundation and the courage and wisdom to interpret it in specific situations. Dr. Zike observed that for physicians trained through the '60s, there were few college or medical school courses on ethics because there were fewer issues and greater consensus on appropriate behavior. He added: "There's long been a presumption of high character [among medical professionals], but today their standards may be more representative of the general population."

Academic medicine representatives Zike and Komp say the best ethical training may come when medical students work with patients and hold discourse with attending physicians. Recent medical school graduates who have had ethics training at Houghton, in graduate school, or in residency programs value it, but also agree that experience is the most effective teacher. ♦

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# Seeking a Right Response

by Dr. Kenneth Boon '62

**M**any years ago, this writer, then a teenager, and an orderly in my hometown hospital, had an experience that could hardly be imagined in medical care today. After a couple hours of assisting with the care of a young, suicidal mother whose life was supported with intra-venous fluids, external cardiac pacing, and an "iron lung," I was told by the attending physician, "Ken, she won't make it. Shut everything off and I will go tell the family." He did, and with some puzzlement in my mind, I did.

Did I do right? I assured myself that, as poignant as those moments were for me, I was not doing wrong. I followed the orders of the one who was ultimately in charge. Simplicity! The family, though devastated by the result of our action, nevertheless accepted the wisdom and ruling of the physician and that was that. Today, however, technology affords better opportunities to salvage lives that are close to death. Now we tend to keep trying and, in the end, such a decision is seldom made by one person.

**T**hirty-two students are gathered around Dr. Ming Zheng and me discussing historical events in the awakening of the life sciences, issues in biomedical ethics, and still other issues in environmental ethics. This is Senior Seminar in Biology, and we're amid the second largest group of biology seniors ever to graduate from Houghton College. (Last year's group was slightly larger.)

It's a fine mix of potential physical therapists, physicians and educators, *and* foresters and environmental scientists, to name some of their career goals. Fired by anticipation and idealism, they are eager to gain the knowledge and tools to help make a difference in the world. Learning—and beginning to use their tools of technological service—is exciting and perhaps distracts them from the opportunity to become more broadly prepared. In this, they are little different from classes before them, as Dr. Bob Orr illustrated in his article.

So what's the big difference? Today's students must deal with dilemmas of human making that citizens, students and professionals did not face decades ago. While no attention was paid to such issues in earlier courses for zoologists and botanists, these Senior Seminar students will be developing or using new technologies that will continue to challenge our understanding of, and resolution to uphold, solid ethical principles.

Today we deal with questions beyond what is right and wrong about gene manipulation, of when, if ever, it is right to take a life, or to share gametes or embryos with someone who is not our life's partner. As we become aware of how dependent all forms of life are upon the environment, and how easily, even unwittingly, we can destroy parts of it, the ethical subject matter broadens.

What value has a tree, or an owl? What value have the unknown species of plants or animals in the tropical forest? Are they primarily valuable for their recognized benefits to man, or could their value supercede that? How responsible are we for the resources left for generations to come? How vigorously should these resources be defended? All of us must grapple with these questions, but understanding relationships



and searching out guidelines (if not answers) is vital for medical practitioners and life scientists. Such are the "whys" of Senior Seminar in Biology.

In 1980 former Houghton biology professor Dr. Don Munro, who had developed a special interest in biomedical ethical issues, initiated a course called Biology and Ethics. Bioethics. Appropriately, for a liberal arts college, it was designed not for pre-medical students or biology majors, but especially for pre-ministerial students. Dr. Munro educated himself in the requisite topics through short courses and workshops. Under his direction, Senior Seminar in Biology eventually became the vehicle for ethical discussions by all majors in biology.

Presently, out of 14 class sessions in this course during the semester, five are devoted to biomedical issues and five to environmental issues. The bases for these discussions have been readings from two books, *Taking Sides: Clashing Views On Controversial Biomedical Issues* and *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Environmental Issues*. In these volumes each side of an issue is presented by a propo-

nent in some detail from a secular perspective. Students are expected to discuss each issue in class, bringing a biblical perspective to the discussion and writing a brief response to pertinent questions on the week's subject(s).

The Christian Medical and Dental Society has recently published its views on the ethics of current medical questions in *New Issues In Medical Ethics: Integrating Medical Advances and Biblical Truth*, and we have adopted it for our discussions these past two years.

By exposing Senior Seminar in Biology students to some of the controversial issues of our day we purpose to inaugurate the practice of careful evaluation and application of God's word to complicated ethical problems in the lives of our biology graduates. ♦



Kenneth Boon '62 chairs Houghton's biology department and has taught here for 26 years. He holds an M.S. in biology and a Ph.D. in physiology from Kansas State University, where he also taught in the College of Veterinary Medicine. He and his wife Ruth (Schober '62) have three children. Dr. Boon is also long-time chief of Houghton's Volunteer Fire Department.

## Ethics Applied in Life's Cauldron

A college course in Ethics may have provided my wife and me some basis for ethical decision making. Although there had yet been little application to many of the issues of today when our first son was born in 1975, some sensibility was in place.

Whether to preserve this tiny one whose life would be disadvantaged by Down Syndrome and whose immediate survival required surgery within the first five days or to let him succumb to the natural order of things was a decision we had to make on very short notice. For some, this would have been an automatic "no brainer" decision that affirms life, but it wasn't for me. It was difficult and agonizing. His surviving the surgery was strongly in doubt because of an almost non-existent blood platelet count.

My inclination was to let this little one die before he became so precious to me that a later death from other causes would have been intolerable. Imagining his lack of privileges and

the indignities he would endure in life preyed upon my emotions. What convinced us to give medical personnel the go-ahead for Kyle's surgery at the expense of my personal wish that he be relieved of a burdensome life was our respect for life, my recognition that *many* of my fears were probably unfounded (some fears have been painfully realized), the confidence that Almighty God would be our partner through whatever was to come, and especially the knowledge that He sees the road ahead when I cannot.

To my surprise, the medical community applied no pressure on our decision except to enforce a deadline for decision. The confidence to trust and to accept responsibility had been imparted to Ruthie and me by family, godly professors, pastors and other partners-in-life.

—Ken Boon





## What's Special About Houghton's Class of 2001?

by Dale Schuurman

Thirteen years ago a kindergarten class began a journey through education "destined" to make them the first college graduates of a new millennium. Last fall, three hundred of these found their way to Houghton. They seem to have no particular sense of "specialness," as do the much-studied baby boomers, but we may follow this class with extra attention as time passes.

Sixty-four percent of Houghton's class of 2001 is female, 36 percent is male. This marks the first time in recent Houghton history that the male total has climbed above 33 percent.

**Though the change seems insignificant, if you know Houghton well, it truly is meaningful.**

The class draws members from 25 states: half from New York, with heavy representation from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Additionally, the class includes 14 students from Canada as well as eight internationals. Six are children of missionaries from seven foreign countries.

The average SAT score among these first-year students is 1,174—597 for the verbal score and 577 for math. (The national average is

1,016—505 for verbal, 511 for math). Three-fourths of the entering students graduated from public high schools, 22 percent attended private or Christian schools. Home-schooled students equal last year's three percent.

The class has significant interest in biology, education, and music with these three majors accounting for 43 percent of the class (see chart). Included among the 300 frosh are 50 children of alumni, more than two points above our 16 percent goal. Twenty-nine of the new class were selected for Houghton's First-year Honors Program. And thereby hangs part two of this tale, the something special.

**What are the odds for two third-generation students to end up in the same class, in the same dorm room, both now participating in the honors program in London?**

Ben Rudd's grandparents, Floyd and Araxie Ruth (Krikorian) Rudd graduated in 1952. His parents, David and Cynthia (Thompson) Rudd graduated in 1977.

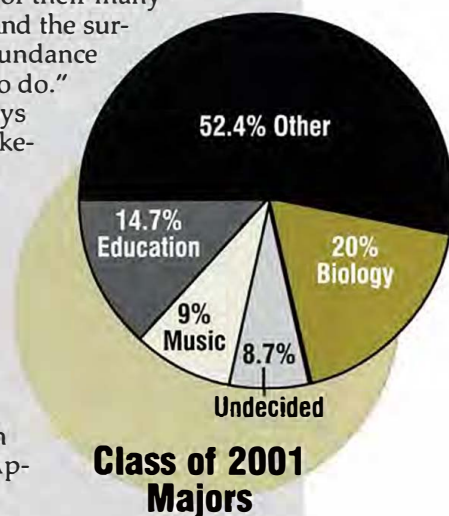
Jeremy Wakeman's grandparents Richard and Ruth (Pickering '53) Wakeman '52 also knew the senior Rudds, while his parents, Rollin and Laurie (Hess) Wakeman gradu-

ated in 1977 with the David Rudds.

Ben and Jeremy first met last August while on campus for their parents' 1977 class reunion. They struck up a friendship and entered Houghton last fall as roommates. Neither feels singled out because he happens to be in the 2001 class, but they are enjoying Houghton for its Christian commitment, for their many friends, "and the surprising abundance of things to do."

Rudd enjoys music, Wakeman likes playing sports and video games.

Yes, they are rooming together in London. Apparently Wakeman overcame his one reservation about that arrangement: "Learning to deal with [Ben's] late-night maniacal ravings!"



## The Pantry Saga

by Beverly Barnett '49

### '40s style snacks and campus sociology

*For more than a decade, second and third generations of the family that later produced Houghton's initial fifth generation student operated a campus eatery that was among the forerunners of Big Al's today. The Pantry stood where the Paine Science Center now is. Third generation son Beverly evokes WWII era Houghton history.*

In the fall of 1964, I arrived unexpectedly on campus and dashed into the kitchen of old "Gao" [torn down in 1987] where my mother worked. It had been many months since I had been here. She had just left for home. Back outside, I saw her passing the new library. I caught up with her in front of the Pantry, took her arm and said, "Mother, let me treat you to a hot fudge sundae."

Of course, we didn't enter; the Pantry had been closed for a dozen years. But we paused in reverie and glanced at the little white building with green shutters held in the embrace of an old apple tree. Flashbacks of the years when the Pantry was a hub of campus activities unfolded—memories interlaced with the romance and flurry of a host of alum-patrons and activities.

The Rev. Clarence H. '17 and Lucy (Miller '21) Barnett, living in Iowa with eight children to educate, decided in 1940 to move to Houghton and open a tea room to be called "The Pantry."





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"You Are My Sunshine" reminded us of the later years with the Barnett family back in charge. Helen Birchall and Virgil Hale '50 served new students: Pat Douglas '50 and Don Strong '50; and numerous returning vets such as Bill Barker '48, Dave Paine '43, Bob Dingman '50, Les Beach '49, Ed Sakowski '49 and Tony LaSorte '48.

Date nights were still "rush" affairs. Margie Miller '49, my "date" and later, my wife, waited on tables as assiduously as on her Sadie Hawkins Day chase, taking orders and bringing order out of chaos! After the men took their ladies to the dorms, many returned and reordered. A get-together quartet serenaded late customers—and the clean-up team.

About 1950, the college bought and ran the Pantry briefly. As students gravitated to the larger Twin Spruce Inn (now site of a car wash on Rt. 19), the Pantry was used to store overflow library books. Within the little shuttered tearoom, the music stopped... no more ice cream... no more romantic trysts. In 1969 a new science center would occupy that beloved spot. ♦

*Beverly and his siblings have already contacted more than 100 alumni of the Pantry era seeking anecdotal material for a book he is planning that will detail Pantry contributions to campus life 1940-51. If you have material for his consideration contact him at 18884 Dove Loop, Penn Valley, CA 95946, e-mail [bever@telis.org](mailto:bever@telis.org).*





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"You Are My Sunshine" reminded us of the later years with the Barnett family back in charge. Helen Birchall and Virgil Hale '50 served new students: Pat Douglas '50 and Don Strong '50; and numerous returning vets such as Bill Barker '48, Dave Paine '43, Bob Dingman '50, Les Beach '49, Ed Sakowski '49 and Tony LaSorte '48.

Date nights were still "rush" affairs. Margie Miller '49, my "date" and later, my wife, waited on tables as assiduously as on her Sadie Hawkins Day chase, taking orders and bringing order out of chaos! After the men took their ladies to the dorms, many returned and reordered. A get-together quartet serenaded late customers—and the clean-up team.

About 1950, the college bought and ran the Pantry briefly. As students gravitated to the larger Twin Spruce Inn (now site of a car wash on Rt. 19), the Pantry was used to store overflow library books. Within the little shuttered tearoom, the music stopped... no more ice cream... no more romantic trysts. In 1969 a new science center would occupy that beloved spot. ♦

*Beverly and his siblings have already contacted more than 100 alumni of the Pantry era seeking anecdotal material for a book he is planning that will detail Pantry contributions to campus life 1940-51. If you have material for his consideration contact him at 18884 Dove Loop, Penn Valley, CA 95946, e-mail [bever@telis.org](mailto:bever@telis.org).*



Church of Wheaton, where she just marked her 25th year as a Pioneer Girls leader.

**75** St. Martin's Press has published *Online! A Reference Guide to Using Internet Sources*, authored by Eugene Kleppinger and his Eastern Kentucky University colleague Andrew Harnack. *Online!* provides help in accessing and evaluating Internet sources, models for citing and documenting Internet sources in various styles, tips on Internet publishing, and a directory of Internet sources in all major disciplines. Though *Online!* was pub-

lished just a year ago, a second edition is already in process and slated for an early 1998 release. Eugene is an administrator in ECU's Academic Computing and Telecommunications department and can be reached via [acklepp@acs.eku.edu](mailto:acklepp@acs.eku.edu). Web page address is [www.snpcollege.com/online-4styles-help](http://www.snpcollege.com/online-4styles-help)

**78** Laura (Brown) Hernandez and her family live in Chesapeake, Va. She is an attorney for the American Center for Law and Justice and attends Kempsville Presbyterian Church. Laura is online at [mikelaura@exis.net](mailto:mikelaura@exis.net).

## Priscilla Ries '50 Honored for Volunteerism

Premier volunteer, unabashed advocate for Houghton College, and world traveler, Priscilla Ries '50 received a Distinguished Alumna Award plaque from external affairs VP Tim Fuller during the Ft. Myers, Fla., alumni meeting on March 7.

Fuller told the assembly that Priscilla had grown up in Houghton as a faculty child, the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Claude A. Ries. During and after her college time she worked as secretary to Houghton Academy principals. In 1951, when she visited her brother and his wife in Chicago, a former Houghton teacher offered her a job which she accepted.

Priscilla began at the Cook County Tuberculosis District in Forest Park, Illinois, as a mailing machine operator, and within three weeks she was promoted. She moved from survey work to personnel and office management posts. Then, for two decades leading up to her 1987 retirement, Priscilla was medical surveys and records coordinator.

Fuller continued: "As her fellow Chicagoan Paul Harvey might say, 'And now, the rest of the story.'" He noted that during her years in Chicago Priscilla was a prime mover in the local Houghton alumni chapter. That pattern has continued in her retirement to Ft. Myers. Her brother Herschel says she's never missed a Homecoming.

From 1980-82 she was college alumni association president. During the college centennial she was named to The Houghton One Hundred, recognition given to select alumni who modeled Houghton ideals personally and professionally. In 1983 she became Houghton's second woman trustee, representing alumni successively on the student affairs and external affairs committees. Her award cited her for thorough advance preparation,

faithful attendance, and persistently seeking out and representing alumni interests and opinions.

Since she retired Priscilla has donated her summers to working as a volunteer at Houghton, leaving indelible marks. Whether it's making beds, staffing a registration desk, acting as a residence hall director, or planning and organizing activities, Priscilla's attention to detail, cheerful optimism and contagious enthusiasm are inspirational. Daniel Dowd, Elderhostel's regional director for New York and Pennsylvania, calls her "a selfless person, committed to the institution's ideals, a knowledgeable guide, thoroughly caring." At Houghton he adds, "She makes the difference between a wonderful Elderhostel and an outstanding one."

Priscilla's enthusiasms also embrace the larger world. Five times she traveled to Africa to visit missionary Herschel and family. Other trips have included Europe and England, Hong Kong and other points in the Far East. She's visited Mexico and recently returned from Costa Rica. But Priscilla's many travels and her heart always lead back to Houghton.

Fuller concluded: "Through your on-going life of faith and integrity, you have reflected well upon Houghton College, and through the generous sharing of your talents, energy, and resources, you have served her exceptionally well."



**Paul and Linda (Hughey '79)** Mathewson and their family live in Richboro, Pa. An elder at Davisville Bible Church, Paul notes that they are very involved in the Annapolis, Md.-based Mariner's Church, a new ministry reaching out to the city's unchurched and to Naval Academy students. In just a few months, weekly attendance has topped 100 and over 50 decisions for Christ have been seen. Paul works as chief operating officer of Princeton Insurance Company and may be reached at [pmath@prodigy.net](mailto:pmath@prodigy.net).

**Anita (Hill) Placido** and her family have relocated to the Chicago area. She is a certified legal assistant and holds additional credentials in civil litigation, one of only 2,000 paralegals in the U.S. with this specialty. Anita currently works for the Chicago firm of Winston & Strawn. Her husband, Nick '76, is pursuing his doctorate in clinical psychology through the graduate school of Wheaton College. Her e-mail: [aplacido@winston.com](mailto:aplacido@winston.com).

**79** Peter Cardinal lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., and volunteers with Straight Ahead, an Exodus International-affiliated ministry which reaches out to those seeking freedom through Christ from homosexuality. His activities for the ministry include leadership and speaking to churches.

La Puente, Calif., resident **Carolyn (Grimm) Morrow** has 16 years experience in the travel industry. Currently, she serves as international rate specialist for Maritz Travel's Sun Microsystems account. Sadly, Carolyn reports that Malcolm, her husband of 15 years, passed away in December, moments after his 55th birthday.

**80** Steve Burke's Judson College men's soccer team capped a 23-5 season with its fourth National Christian College Athletic Association championship.

**Barbara Schmitz** has moved to Saginaw, Mich., and is now administrator of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan, a region which includes 55 churches. Barb manages the diocesan office, consults, and works with churches in conflict management.

**81** After several years in Pennsylvania, **B. Eric and Sue (Stirsmann '83) Nelson** have relocated to the Atlanta area. Eric now serves as director of choral activities at Emory University; he had held a similar position at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

**82** Terri (Allen) Gaier has completed her Ph.D. in school, community and clinical child psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Haddonfield, N.J., with her husband, Michael, and daughter, Kelsey.

**Kevin Willies** has founded GVA Wealth Management, a financial planning agency in Geneseo, N.Y. Kevin has exten-



sive experience in the insurance and financial planning industry and was recently elected, for the second time, president of the 47-year-old Batavia Association of Life Underwriters. Kevin lives in York with his wife, Maureen, and their two children. They attend York United Presbyterian Church.

**83** Dorothy (Hostetter) Ardill and her husband, Bill, a surgeon, serve as SIM missionaries in Jos, Nigeria. Dorothy has started a ministry to the city's street kids and destitute, an effort which has provided opportunity for Muslim evangelism. Their homepage address is [www.camp-of-the-woods.org/ardill/homepage.htm](http://www.camp-of-the-woods.org/ardill/homepage.htm). Their e-mail address: [BillArdill@MAF.org](mailto:BillArdill@MAF.org).

Alan Cappella lives with his family in Forest Park, Ill. He has completed a master's degree in library science through Rosary College and now works for Forest Park Public Library. He recently produced the library's web site. Alan may be reached via [ANWCapp@juno.com](mailto:ANWCapp@juno.com).

Colorado Springs, Colo., resident Dave Koch is president and owner of Westar Media Group, a full-service advertising agency. Westar publishes *Wireless Age*, a magazine which is distributed to business leaders and Christian radio stations, and handles radio production and placement for clients including Promise Keepers, Athletes In Action, and Zondervan. The agency was recognized with two Angel awards and two SBC Covenant awards last year. Westar has recently launched AudioPlanet, an Internet audio stream service for radio programs and churches nationwide. Prior to starting Westar in 1995, Dave served as director of broadcast production for Focus on the Family.

Ann Major-Stevenson lives in East Dulwich, London, England and works as a production manager for British Broadcasting Corporation's (BBC) Pebble Mill Studios in Birmingham.

**86** Navy Lieutenant Ron Kerr participated in the 22nd annual Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., last fall. With 19,000 runners, the "Marathon of Monuments" is the fourth largest marathon in the United States. Ron has been in the Navy since March of 1987.

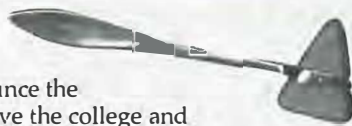
Deborah (Waite) Polakowski and her husband, Henry, live in Dunbarton, N.H. After working for several corporations, Deb has started her own computer consulting firm, Design Right Software. She is in the process of copyrighting a couple of systems she's created and is committed to developing a system for New Hampshire's police community. She holds a special concern for smaller departments, for which many products on the market are too costly. Deb's e-mail address is [DsgnRight@aol.com](mailto:DsgnRight@aol.com).

**87** Fort Worth, Texas, is now home to Ardith Murray. She is employed as a writer and editor with Student Discipleship Ministries.

## Physician Search

Houghton College is pleased to announce the arrival of David Brubaker '90 (M.D.) to serve the college and greater community as a member of University Primary Care. The college is also participating in a search for another physician to join in this practice.

For details interested physicians should contact Dr. Robert F. Danner, vice president for student life at Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y., phone (716) 567-9220, or send e-mail to [rdanner@houghton.edu](mailto:rdanner@houghton.edu), or Ms. Michelle Oliva, physician relations coordinator for Olean General Hospital, Olean, N.Y. 14760, phone 1-800-822-7474, fax (716) 375-6380, or e-mail [gabbybyot@aol.com](mailto:gabbybyot@aol.com).



Timothy Sidebotham has completed his Ph.D. in liturgical studies through Drew University and continues in his service to Lancaster (Pa.) Bible College, where he is associate professor of music and college organist. Tim lives in Ephrata, Pa., and is minister of music at the Ephrata First United Methodist Church.

**88** After several years in the music industry, Ruthann (Lutzweiler) Bowen has relocated to St. Louis, Mo., and established The Bowen Agency, a public relations firm. The agency serves the Christian music and publishing industries and includes Myrrh Records, Zondervan, Broadman & Holman, Warner Brothers Records, and New Life Clinics among its clients. Ruthann has volunteered for senator Kit Bond and attends Heritage Presbyterian Church, where her husband, Kevin, is a pastoral intern. Ruth Ann's e-mail address is [TheBowenAg@aol.com](mailto:TheBowenAg@aol.com).

Jacki (Corey) Hise directs Birthright of Lexington's crisis pregnancy center. As this is the organization's 25th anniversary, Jacki has participated in a number of interviews with local media. She is pursuing a degree in pastoral counseling through Asbury Theological Seminary and, with her husband, Peter '89, has started a Saturday seeker service at First Alliance Church of Lexington; Peter is outreach and preaching pastor of this congregation.

James Logan is employed as credit manager for Diamond Dairy of Ossining, N.Y. He's also involved with The

Bannerman Castle Trust, an organization dedicated to restoring and preserving Bannerman Castle, an island-based structure of historical significance and considerable local interest in New York's Hudson Valley region.

Kelly and Lisa (MacVean '89) Negus are living in Danvers, Mass., and will both complete master of divinity degrees from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary this May. They are currently sharing internships at a Presbyterian Church and at Westborough State Hospital.

Takako (Suzuki) Terino lives in New York City with her daughter and husband, Tim '88. Takako is assistant treasurer and communication coordinator of The Tokai Bank, Ltd. Last July, the Japanese-language newspaper *The Yomiuri America* featured a story of her successful career as a translator/interpreter. She previously was profiled in *OGGI*, a magazine for global career women. Takako attends and volunteers at The Brick Presbyterian Church.

**89** Barbara Jo McClure and her husband, Graham Reside, live in the Atlanta suburb of Avondale Estates. A psychotherapist, Barbara has completed her divinity degree through Princeton Theological Seminary and is pursuing her doctorate at Emory University. In 1997 she received the Sherman Michael Anderson Trust Award for Excellence in Pastoral Psychotherapy.

## Alumni Author



*They Walked in the Spirit—Personal Faith and Social Action in America.* Douglas M. Strong '78. Westminster John Knox Press, 1997, 128 pages. In writing this compact book, Strong seeks to bridge a chasm between those who view Christian faith as primarily a matter of personal and individual issues and choices, and those who see faith as primarily to be worked out in social justice and betterment. Taking the position that rightly understood both are aspects of the same faith, Strong profiles the lives of eight diverse men and women (from the 1800s to the present) who model this synthesis. He also includes examples of their writings. He ends with a chapter delineating the "common marks of the Spirit-filled life," "Christianity and the public sphere" and "devotion and action." Strong is professor of the history of Christianity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.



# Class Notes



## Future Alumni

Greg & Kathy (Konz '83) Bailey  
 Brian & Kimberly (Brigham '91) Bellan  
 Bob & Elisabeth (Hitchcock '88) Breen  
 David & LuAnne (Miller '90) Brubaker '90  
 Dale & Claudine (Austin '94) Campbell '91  
 Tim & Karen (deVitry '83) Carr '81  
 Bob & Lynette Chiapperino '83  
 Richard & Yvonne (Everetts '93) Chinnici  
 Scott & Laura (Miller '91) Crocker

Tim & Linda (Lewis '85) Deeks '85  
 Duane & Melissa (Knox '88) Dumm  
 Ron & Sylvia (Sprowl '83) Duttweiler '85  
 Steven & Kimberly (Lynch '88) Giordany  
 Abraham & Amel Sweis ('88) - Haddad  
 Nathan & Eileen (McQuoid '93) Hall '94  
 David & Tamys Hoffman '86  
 Steve & Jill (DeFrancis '90) Ibarra '88  
 Rob & Wendy (Todd '85) Jacobson '80  
 Jeffrey & Barbara LaDine '83  
 Stephen & Debbie Trail '83  
 David & Katerina (Bravos '90) MacGregor  
 Paul & Yolanda Manney '88  
 Oliver & Jennifer (Anno '90) Meidl  
 Michael & Wendy (Wager '93) Moran  
 Daniel & Stephanie O'Bryon '88  
 Johann & Stephanie (Emmett '90) Paschalis  
 Kevin & Julie (Sentz '93) Shoemaker '93  
 Donal & Cheryl (Hecht '90) Stiner  
 Jim & Pam (Schulz '90) Trowbridge  
 Samuel & Karen (Bush '88) Walker  
 Matthew & Melody (Duttweiler '94) Weaver  
 John & Kathy (Strawser '77) Worgul  
 Philemon & Linda (Nelson '76) Yong

Joanna Frances 6-21-97  
 Briana Gabrielle 4-19-97  
 Cameron 7-24-97  
 Alana Joy 2-22-98  
 Breanna Mae 12-30-97  
 Steven 4-1-97  
 Kyle 1-6-97  
 David Richard 8-17-97  
 Sarah Joy 9-13-95  
 Victoria Anne 10-8-97  
 Matthew Wm Lewis 7-4-97  
 Christopher James 12-16-97  
 Brooklyn Bey 12-19-97  
 Kaitlin 10-26-97  
 James 6-25-97  
 Erika Shannon 12-17-97  
 Victoria Grace 1-8-98  
 Rebekah Jordan 8-5-97  
 Joel Olen 12-11-97  
 Anna Kerper 11-6-97  
 Jonathan Lee 1-6-97  
 Lauren Alexandra 6-3-97  
 Joshua David 9-28-97  
 Martin Oliver 9-20-97  
 Michael Joseph III 11-5-97  
 Benjamin Daniel 6-1-97  
 Timothy Emmett 7-30-97  
 Jenae Brooke 10-25-96  
 Mikaela Mae 8-13-97  
 Aaron James 10-29-96  
 Stephanie Lynn 6-28-97  
 Levi Marcus 12-17-97  
 Jeremy Augustine 6-15-96  
 Anna Nseimbu Lea 6-27-97\*  
 \*adopted



## Down the Aisle

Dale & Claudine (Austin '94) Campbell '91 7-29-95  
 Terry & Jennifer (Cox '97) Fralic 8-9-97  
 Michael & Claire (Thayer '97) Freace '97 12-21-97  
 Richard & Betsy (Swartz '97) Groff 9-13-97  
 Craig & Debra (VanNostrand '90) Halbert 11-22-97  
 Gidcon & Kristin (Hinde '97) Hodulick 7-19-97  
 Anthony & Carol (Nye '80) Huesman 8-2-97  
 Dennis & Debra (Patrick '85) Hyde 1-30-98  
 Kyle & Karen (Reichenbach '97) Johnson 6-22-96  
 Paul Johnson (emeritus) & Margaret Walker 1-3-98  
 Nathan & Stacie (On '95) Lee 12-27-97  
 Paul PC & Tina (Snyder '95) Ling, Jr 11-25-95  
 David & Jennifer McMillan '92 11-29-97  
 Brian & Paula (Jones '94) Pimm 5-24-97  
 Rod & Stephanie (Higgins '92) Porter 4-24-96  
 Allen & Kerry (Cote '89) Shantie 9-27-97

**90** Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is home to **Katerina (Bravos) MacGregor** and her family (see *Future Alumni*). Katerina is a second-year student at Cleveland Marshall School of Law. Her husband, David, manages an investment firm.

**92** Triune Music is publishing *I'll Give Thanks*, a Thanksgiving piece for church choirs by **Bob VanderVliet**. An April release is anticipated. Bob and his wife, **Julie (Patrick '93)**, live in Hixon, Tenn. He is on the staff of Hickory Valley Christian Church; Julie teaches music and chorus at Tyner High School. They can be reached at [Bobbyswld@aol.com](mailto:Bobbyswld@aol.com).

**93** An accounting graduate, **Sheri Doerksen** has passed her CPA exams and works as director of financial aid for Southwestern Bible College in Phoenix, Ariz. She hopes to complete her MBA at Arizona State University this year. Sheri teaches fifth grade Sunday school at Scottsdale Bible Church. Friends may reach her at [Sheriswc@aol.com](mailto:Sheriswc@aol.com).

**95** **Tina (Snyder) Ling** and her husband, Paul (see *Down the Aisle*), serve with Food for the Hungry. They are living in rural Nueva Guinea, Nicaragua, where Tina works in an orphanage, handles secretarial duties, and teaches soybean processing in a school for rural pastors. **Donald Lawrence** is working in the admissions office at Roberts Wesleyan College and plans to begin seminary studies this fall.

**Stacie (On) Lee** lives with her husband, Nathan (see *Down the Aisle*), in Tyler, Texas, where she teaches seventh grade math at Gilmer Junior High School.

**Victoria Petito** has been appointed to the underwriting staff of Delta Funding Corporation of Woodbury, N.Y. She lives in the New York City area.

**97** In addition to solo work, violinist **Nathan Lawrence** plays for four orchestras and teaches at Schenectady (NY) County Community College. He has also established a recording business. Nathan plans to enter graduate school in the near future and is in preparation for the required auditions. He can be reached at [nathan\\_lawrence@bigfoot.com](mailto:nathan_lawrence@bigfoot.com).

Lancaster County, Pa., is now home to **Christopher and Jennifer (Lytle) McNiven**. Chris is minister of youth and Christian education at Refton Brethren in Christ Church while Jennifer works as benefits coordinator for Four Seasons Produce. Their e-mail address is [mcniven@redrose.net](mailto:mcniven@redrose.net).



## New Alumni Directory Coming!

The next edition of the Houghton College Alumni Directory is planned for next spring. As information must be formatted and printed well ahead of the release date, please contact the alumni office as soon as possible with recent or expected address changes.

The 1999 directory will provide alphabetical, class year, seasonal and geographical listings, along with historical and general college information.





## The great ice storm of '98

### Shopping in the Dark

by Bruce Campbell '81

For Don and Peg (Metzler '77) Maurer '74, of Piercefield, N.Y., the reality of what has been called the most severe ice storm ever visited upon the northeast and Canada's worst-ever natural disaster began with silence, the realization that their usual morning radio station was off the air.

For John and Madli (Prints '64) Vogan '62 of Candiac, Quebec, awareness came with an awakening crack, a sound that would become depressingly familiar in the days ahead. Hundreds of alumni experienced the storm whose "ice line" began 15 miles south of Watertown, N.Y., and stretched north and east through the Adirondack and St. Lawrence regions into New England and southern Quebec. Over several days, the region was blanketed with 3-5 inches of ice, taking down power lines, limiting travel and closing schools and businesses.

It's tempting to blame this phenomenon on El Nino, but Doug Gillham '94, a graduate student in meteorology at Mississippi State University, says the real culprit was a "north-east flow of cold air at the surface, combined with an unusually strong south-westerly flow of very warm and moist air aloft." This denser, cold air remained trapped, keeping temperatures down, while a series of storms coming from the south brought significant amounts of rain.

El Nino induced or not, the ice storm damaged thousands of utility poles and high tensions transmission towers and 3,000 miles of line and was, feedback suggests, experienced in a multisensory way—the chill of a home at 45 degrees, the sound of snapping limbs and the sight of trees and power lines strewn about, including, Peg

Mauer notes, the line near her home which went out when it was pulled down into the Raquette River by its icy burden.

The loss of power—for up to two weeks in some areas—proved the biggest challenge. Sadly, some merchants took full advantage; one senior N.Y. alumnus was compelled to pay \$2,300 for a generator which normally sells for \$700; the state is looking into such activities. More often, storm survival triggered ingenuity and the generous sharing of resources by those with power or alternate sources of heat. Physician Stephen Paulding '63 of Cumberland, Maine, reports that a local resident with power agreed to take calls for his office; messages were then relayed via donated cell phones.

Warmed by space heaters connected by extension cord to his home nearby, and dressed in full winter gear, Dr. Paulding and his staff saw patients. On the coldest day of the power outage, he recalls "a friend unbidden brought some kerosene heaters and a generator that kept us from freezing up until the power could be restored."

In particularly hard hit Quebec, John and Madli (Prints '64) Vogan '62 found a less likely source of shelter at Bristol-Myers Squibb, John's workplace. "Many other BMS employees and families joined our 'refugee camp' over the days as more people lost power or got tired of toughing it out in freezing homes" they recall. With a gracious plant manager and a working generator, BMS provided TV, a cafeteria and showers. They were, Vogans note, better off than folks in public shelters.

Bill '65, Ruth and Janelle '96 Chapin of Watertown heated their home by building a wood fire in their old coal furnace. With warmth, their household expanded to include another daughter's family and Ruth's parents. For Ruth and Janelle, stoking the fire, storing food outdoors, and cooking on charcoal grills, left little time for anything else. "My entire existence was taken up with survival," Ruth notes. "However" she adds, "this did result in my moment of fame. I was on TV nationwide on Tuesday evening, January 13.

"The FOX TV news crew came to my door that morning and spent 45 minutes here interviewing me about how we were surviving." The "Houghton Mom" sweatshirt she chose for the interview did appear, but her testi-

mony was edited out. Ruth adds, "We have heard from people in Texas and Florida who saw it."

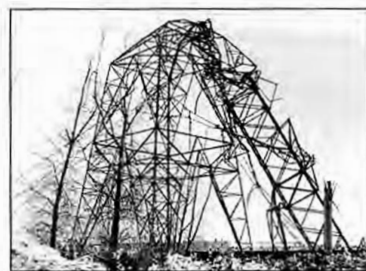
While Ruth was managing the family home, Bill was looking after the family business, Chapin Watermatics, which is located on the banks of the Black River. As heavy rains and ice sent the river two feet above its previous high water mark, Bill became trapped in the building. He manned the pumps solo for 34 hours before running out of fuel.

Exhausted, he remained alone for 12 more hours, the current running around and through the facility too strong to permit escape. Finally, with the assistance of national guardsman and a large vehicle, Bill's father brought help and fuel.

The strongest feelings alumni expressed involved the sounds of the storm. "On the third night of the storm," Wendy Sheffield '77 of Ogdensburg, N.Y., recalls "I stepped out on the deck to see how our big maples were doing. There was a soft clicking noise that grew to a loud clacking when the wind blew." As the icing increased, she adds, "There was a booming sound like thunder and then a clashing, sustained clattering as a branch with its ice knocked against other limbs and crashed to the ground. The noise was repeated again and again." Stephen Paulding echoed these sentiments. "It was disquieting to hear branches of large beautiful trees, one after another, give way under the relentless weight of ice. And it went on for two days."

Beyond inconvenience, trouble and danger, enduring memories of the storm include a strong sense of God's provision, the goodwill of neighbors, and the dedication of national guardsmen and power crews—including those sent from afar. There is greater appreciation for the basic comforts of modern life.

Several alumni noted interesting perspectives the storm induced: such as eating meals of defrosted leftovers lent a touch of class by candlelight, or shopping in stores committed to remaining open, but with insufficient power to keep the lights on.





## In Memoriam

Retired minister **Rev. Erford W. Daniels '38** passed away on February 8, 1998, in Leesburg, Fla. Born December 17, 1916, in Bath, N.Y., Erford came to Houghton from nearby Fillmore High School. Called to Christian service, he pursued Greek and ministerial studies at the college, and later continued his schooling at Boston University School of Theology. He served the United Methodist Church in West Dennis, Mass., Westfield and Cowanesque, Pa., and, through the Western New York Conference, the villages of Hartland, Depew, Springwater, Canadice, Honeoye Falls, Ionia, Attica, Darien, Cattaraugus, Wesley, Scio, Friendship, Covington and Wyoming; the latter named him pastor emeritus. In addition to pastoral duties, Erford served the WNY Conference via the Board of Pensions, treasurer's staff and as a treasurer, counselor and director of various denominational camps. He was a member of the Houghton

College Heritage Fellowship and with Doris, his wife of 49 years, a regular at the college's annual Golden Ages Fellowship seniors' gathering. In addition to Doris, Erford is survived by an adopted son, David, and two granddaughters.

**'17 Dorothy (Jennings) Fall** died November 9, 1997, in Annandale, Va. She was 102 years old. A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Dorothy moved with her parents to Houghton; her father, Rev. Arthur T. Jennings, was editor of *The Wesleyan Methodist* for many years. She graduated from Houghton Seminary (now Houghton Academy) in 1913. After two years at the college she transferred to Oberlin College, as did many Houghton students of that era. She later transferred to Hiram College, from which she graduated in 1922. Her husband, **Paul '14**, served as president of Hiram from 1940-1957. Dorothy is survived by two sons, nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

**'32 Bernice Davie Galusha** passed

away on January 21, 1998, in Rochester, N.Y. She was 87 years old. Originally from Oneonta, N.Y., Bernice was for many years a teacher in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School District. Among her activities was the PEO sorority. Bernice was predeceased by her husband and is survived by sons **Merle** and **David '63** (and his wife **Edith Teetsel '63**), one brother, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to Houghton College.

**'50 Armour J. Keller** died November 30, 1997, at Halifax Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Fla. A United States Navy veteran of World War II, Armour entered pastoral ministry and served for 36 years in the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, **Dorothy (Rough '48)**, their four daughters and seven grandchildren.

**'35 George Koch** died January 11, 1998, following a long illness. He was 92. Born in Schenectady, N.Y., George graduated from Draper High School. He enrolled at

## Houghton Health Care Symposium July 30-August 1, 1998

Developed in cooperation with medical alumni, Houghton's second symposium for medical professionals will examine key aspects of physical and emotional health and take a holistic look at how the spiritual relates to these.

Attendees should gain enhanced understanding of how "mind, body and spirit" work together in patient well being and how a patient's religious and cultural background affect treatment. They will consider physical ailments which may manifest themselves as depression-like symptoms and disorders.

Additionally, participants will benefit from new perspectives and current information on such clinical and ethical topics as: employing a treatment "team," depression, being truthful with patients, and a scientific look at popular natural remedies, and the latest news from Centers for Disease Control.

This spring, alumni medical professionals will receive brochures detailing the program and its costs, together with a reservation form. Spouses' and kids' programs will be offered.

This program has been approved for 10 credit-hours in category 1 toward the AMA's physician Recognition Award through the sponsorship of St. James Mercy Hospital of Hornell, N.Y. The program has been reviewed and is acceptable for 10 prescribed hours by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

### Symposium faculty include:

**H. James Brownlee, Jr ('72) M.D.**  
Chairman and Professor  
Department of Family Medicine  
University of South Florida  
College of Medicine

**Diane M. Komp ('61) M.D.**  
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Houghton but, after attending for one year, returned home to help his family through the great depression. George entered the apprentice program at General Electric, starting what would become a 43-year GE career as a tool maker. George was a Gideon and life-long member of First Wesleyan Church in Watervliet, N.Y., where he served in several capacities, including Sunday school teacher, lay leader, financial secretary and board member. His son Richard '66 notes "He had led a full and fulfilled life. His funeral was a real celebration." In addition to Richard, he is survived by two other children, eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and Helen, his wife of 60 years. Services were held in Schenectady; memorials gifts may be made to First Wesleyan Church of Watervliet, N.Y.

'38 Lora (Foster) Lynip died in her Waxhaw, N.C., home on January 23, 1998, following a long illness. Born in 1915 in Buffalo, N.Y., she majored in public school music at Houghton and participated in the forensic union, student newspaper, and various musical organizations. Here Lora met Arthur Lynip whom she married in 1939. Over the next 11 years she taught music and gave piano lessons. While they were living on Long Island she headed the local League of Women Voters and accompanied a women's choral group for live radio broadcasts in New York City. When Arthur became Houghton's academic dean in 1950, Lora worked part-time in the public relations office, then became the college's first placement director. She taught music at Bethany Children's Home in the Philippines during his 1960 sabbatical. Leaving Houghton in 1966 they lived in North Carolina, then moved to Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he taught and she was secretary at the public school system headquarters, retiring in 1977. Subsequently they did short-term missions with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Philippines and spent semesters at Houghton, Bethel and George Fox Colleges. In 1988 they moved to Waxhaw. That fall Lora received a Distinguished Alumna Award for her services to the college. Survivors include her widower, Arthur '38, daughter Judith Shadford '61, son Stephen '65, five grandchildren, including Keith '92, and Kathryn '98, two great-grandchildren, and a sister. Services were held in Waxhaw and Houghton with interment at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to Houghton College.

'29 Stanton Miller died February 23, 1996, in Dade City, Fla., at the age of 88. A native of Hague, N.Y., Stanton graduated from Houghton in 1929 and later took

graduate studies at Columbia University. He enjoyed a long teaching career in New York State public schools. Stanton also served in the United States Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Vera, a daughter, a sister, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

'51 William M. Miller died January 2, 1998, at his home in Rancho Murieta, Calif., at the age of 68. Born in Huntingdon, Pa., Bill graduated in 1947 from Central High School in Scranton, Pa., and received his Houghton degree in 1951 with a major in chemistry. He went on to earn his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and completed his residency at the University of Oklahoma. After six years as an army medical officer, (he was a major and chief of OB/

GYN at Fort Hood, Texas), he settled in Sacramento, Calif. Over 31 years of practice there he delivered an estimated 14,000 babies and established a reputation as a skilled and compassionate physician. Dr. Miller's professional activities included the American College of Obstetrics/Gynecology (of which he was a Fellow) and the Sacramento-El Dorado Medical Society. He was also a charter member of the Point West Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife, Peggie, five children, four grandchildren and two brothers. Memorials may be made to Capital Christian

Center or the Sacramento Cancer League.

'37 Ellen Laura Mills, 82, passed away on January 27, 1998, in Harrisonville, Mo. Born in Wyoming County, N.Y., Ellen came to Houghton College from Arcade High School. She majored in social science and went on to teach for 30 years, much of that devoted to Delevan-Machias (N.Y.) schools. She was one of the first teachers at Pioneer Central School in Yorkshire, N.Y., and finished up her career at Houghton Academy, retiring in 1974. Along the way she earned a master's degree from St. Bonaventure University and took additional courses at several western New York colleges. Ellen was a longtime member of state and local teacher associations and served a term as president of the Delevan School Faculty Association. She also advised the Delevan-Machias yearbook club for 15 years. Upon retirement, Ellen moved to Florida and then, more recently, to Harrisonville, Mo., to be near family. She is survived by two brothers. Services were held in Arcade, N.Y.

'53 David I. Naglee died Tuesday, January 20, at West Georgia Medical Center following an extended illness. Born September 15, 1930, he was 67 at the time of his death. A ministerial student, David served

in the U. S. Naval Reserve throughout his college years. After graduation, he pastored United Methodist churches in western New York and southern New Jersey and pursued additional study, eventually earning master's and doctoral degrees from Temple University. After completing the latter in 1966, he joined the faculty of LaGrange College (Ga.) where he taught religion, philosophy and music through his retirement in 1995. For many of these years he served concurrently as professor of Bible and ethics for United Methodist lay pastors, through Emory University, and trained clergy for the United Congregational Christian Church (UCCC). He led Bible studies throughout the southeast and spoke on 72 programs of the United Methodist Church's television network; many of these are still in use. In addition to his teaching, Dr. Naglee wrote extensively, penning a novel and eight books on religion and philosophy. He was considered an expert on the life and teachings of John Wesley. During his career, he was honored with 32 honorary degrees and several "Who's Who" designations. Dr. Naglee maintained pastoral credentials with the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church and served for 10 years as Chaplain of Preaching at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute in Warm Springs, Ga. He pastored the UCC church in LaGrange and was very involved in that city's First Methodist Church. Dr. Naglee's community involvement included the Masons and a tutorial program for LaGrange's indigent children. A talented musician, Dr. Naglee composed hymns, played the cello and "musical saw," and helped to found and manage the LaGrange Symphony. A LaGrange Daily News editorial memorialized Dr. Naglee as "A beloved citizen and true renaissance man." He is survived by his wife, Elfriede, one son and four daughters, a brother, and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

'39 Harold Edgar Skinner passed away on August 16, 1997 in Jamestown, N.Y. He was 81. Born July 7, 1916, in Ashville, N.Y., Harold graduated from Chautauqua High School in 1934 and received his degree in music education from Houghton in 1939. A flutist, he played with the Seventh Army Band during World War II, serving in Africa, Sicily, Morocco, Italy, and Germany. After the war, he earned a master's degree from the University of Rochester and later pursued post-graduate study at Syracuse and Temple Universities. Harold's teaching career included stints in both secondary and college level instruction. He served New York public schools in Canisteo, Rushford, Bemus Point and Jamestown and was on the faculties of Glassboro State College (N.J.) and Bowling Green State University (Ohio). His professional affiliations included Chautauqua County Music Teachers Association, New England Music Camp, and New York State School Music Association. The flute solo and ensemble list he compiled



'38 Lora (Foster) Lynip



for the latter in 1957 is still in use. Harold played in several orchestras and ensembles, gave recitals in New York City's Judson Hall, taught privately, and was an active church musician. He was a participating, lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and also was a member of Peacock Lodge 696, Free & Accepted Masons. He is survived by his wife, Irene, their two daughters and four grandsons. Memorials may be made to the Blockville United Methodist Church.



'45 William Smalley

'45 William Smalley died last December in a Hartford, Conn., hospital following a heart attack. Linguist, translator, educator, author, editor, Smalley was born in Jerusalem to missionary parents. After graduating from Houghton, where he first developed a lifelong interest in anthropology, he taught English at Nyack Missionary Training Institute, studied and later taught linguistics for the SIL at the University of Oklahoma, and earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University. For some 28

years he was a missionary linguist for the C&MA, then for the American and United Bible Societies. While working in Thailand during the 1950s he helped reduce the Hmong language to a 26-letter alphabet, used by Hmong world-wide. He taught linguistics at Bethel College (Minn.) from 1978-87, then moved to Connecticut. Most recently he was a research fellow at Yale Divinity School and resident in the Overseas

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Ministries Study Center. During his career he penned more than 120 titles, edited for three periodicals and received numerous fellowships and grants. Houghton College named him *Alumnus of the Year* in 1995. Survivors include his widow, Jane (Adams '46), three children and four grandchildren.

'28 Celia (Williams) Quinton died Sunday, August 3, 1997, at the age of 90. Born July 4, 1907, Celia graduated from Fillmore High School and studied history at Houghton. She later pursued library science at Geneseo State College and became certified to teach both English and Latin. Celia

enjoyed a 24-year teaching career at Belfast (NY) Central School. She attended the Belfast United Methodist Church, serving for many years as teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school. Her community involvements were many and included the Belfast Hawthorne Club and Belfast Public Library; she was a library board member for 20 years. Celia is survived by a son and daughter, three grandchildren, a niece and a nephew. Burial was in Belfast's Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Belfast Free Library or Belfast United Methodist Church building fund.

## In Memory Gifts as of February 23, 1998



Alfred Benson by Mr. and Mrs. James K. Buck;  
Dora Burnell by Mrs. Beatrice Merzig;  
Raymond S. Carpenter by Mr. and Mrs. Cy Young;  
Ray Chamberlain by Miss Priscilla R. Ries; Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Alderman;  
Bess Fancher by Miss Mary A. Boomhower;  
Gordon Fern by Rev. and Mrs. Bruce H. Schlenke;  
James Francis, Jr. by Mr. Scott T. Hansen;  
Bernice Galusha by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kowalski, Jr.; Farmington Savings Bank; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Groueten;  
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Holly Gillette by Mr. Harold I. Smith; Mr. Tod H. Baker;  
Frieda Gillette by Dr. and Mrs. Richard A. Wire;  
Helen Grimshaw by Mr. and Mrs. Laurence F. Denham; Mrs. Frederick Denham;

C. Nolan Huizenga by Dr. and Mrs. John C. Hocking, Jr.; Mrs. Gloria Huizenga;  
William L. Hunt by Miss Priscilla R. Ries;  
James Hurd by Mary Lou H. Harrington;  
Alton and Ruth Liddick by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Finney;  
Lora Lynip by Miss Priscilla R. Ries; Ms. Helen Terwilliger;  
Paul Maxwell by Mr. Scott T. Hansen;  
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Katherine Murch Morrison by Mr. David Morrison;  
S. Hugh and Wilfreda Paine by Rev. and Mrs. Carl M. Vander Burg;  
Stephen W. Paine by Dr. and Mrs. Richard A. Wire;  
Carlton Patterson by Miss Priscilla R. Ries;  
Grace Phelps by Mrs. Mary Torrey;  
Elmer W. Roth, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. David J. Roth;  
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Evelyn Waterman by Mrs. Mary Torrey;  
Blaine and Viola Wight by Mrs. Mary Torrey;  
Lloyd Wilt by Mrs. Lois Wilt.





APRIL

- 3-13 Easter Break
- 15 Young Performers Series, 8:15 p.m. .... Wesley Chapel
- 15-22 All-Student Juried Art Exhibition ..... Wesley Chapel Gallery
- 16 Faculty Lecture—James Sims, 7 p.m. .... Houghton College
- 18 All-Student Juried Art Exhibition, Reception/Awards, 6:30 p.m.  
Wesley Chapel Gallery
- Philharmonia/Symphonic Winds Concert ..... Wesley Chapel.
- 19 College Choir Home Concert, 6:30 p.m. .... Wesley Chapel.
- 22 Women's Choir Concert, 8:15 p.m. .... Wesley Chapel
- 23-25 Opera Workshop Production—*The Marriage of Figaro*  
Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium at Houghton Academy
- 28 Last Day of Classes

MAY

- 5 Final day of exams, semester ends
- 9 Parents' Concert ..... Wesley Chapel.
- 10 Baccalaureate--Dr. Charles Bressler, 10:30 a.m. .... Wesley Chapel
- 11 Commencement--Dr. David Topazian '52, 10 a.m. .... Wesley Chapel
- 12 Mayterm Classes begin
- 22-23 Welcome Weekend
- 29 Three-week Classes end
- 29-30 Welcome Weekend



Parents' Concert, May 9

JUNE

- 1 Summer Sessions Begin
- 5 Four-week Classes End

*Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at 8:00 p.m.*

JULY



## Summer Alumni Weekends Highlights

### Golden Agers—July 9-10

*A gathering for all alumni of 1947 and earlier • Reunions for Classes of 1933, 1938 and 1943*

**SAW I July 10-12**—Medically related seminars: featuring Dr. Karen (Ortlip '69) Daugherty, Dr. Carlton Fisher, and Kevin Knowlton '79 • Campus Tour • Reception, social for alumni of 1940-50 Hymn Sing • Ice Cream Social • Organ Recital • Devotional • Reunions for the Classes of 1948, 1953, 1958 and 1963 • Alumni Reception and Banquet • Alumnus of the Year Presentation • MasterWorks Festival Concert—Mendelssohn's "Elijah" • Communion

**SAW II August 8-10**—Seminars on student spiritual formation, the young athlete, tips on college admission and financial aid: featuring Dr. David Lewis, Harold "Skip" Lord '80 and Tim Fuller '79 • Campus Tour • Class Activities • Full-scale Kids' Program • Ice Cream Social Organ Interlude Devotional • Picnic Lunch with Current and Emeriti Faculty and Reunions for the Classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988 and 1993 • Celebration Sunday Worship

*Both weekends feature free time and use of college athletic facilities. Detailed programs and registration will be sent to alumni in April.*





## Douglas Kingma

From pre-med collegian to tenured clinical staff pathologist in the hematopathology section of the National Cancer Institute at NIH in Washington, D.C., from newly-wed to father of an American-Russian family of eight, Douglas Kingma '83 has had a whirlwind 15 years since college. After graduating from Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, Douglas briefly worked at the bush station where his parents served with Africa Inland Mission. Medical missions were his vision.

Back in the States, Douglas studied at two colleges before transferring to Houghton where he met Janeen (Stern '83), another MK with Africa experience. With hearts for missions and each other, they married and spent their senior year living with and caring for her grandparents (the late Dr. and Mrs. S.I. McMillen).

Douglas briefly worked at AIM headquarters, then enrolled at Thomas Jefferson Medical College. While completing a pathology residency at Oklahoma University he struggled to choose between medical practice and academic medicine. His mother-in-law's bout with cancer influenced him toward research. In 1991 he began an NIH fellowship, while asking the Lord to guide his next steps.



Douglas and Janeen Kingma, encircled by family, clockwise from bottom left: Sasha, Anya, Alexi, Joseph, Caleb, Nickolay, Drew, and Van.

By 1993 the Kingmas had four children. Douglas had scores of publications and research grant awards to his credit, but personal finances were tight. Again it was decision time—advance at NIH or find better paying work. Douglas presented his dilemma to his superior, who supported a request for promotion *and* tenure. Both were approved. Douglas embarked on his current research in HIV and lymphoma. Kingmas bought a house and had another child.

Then AIM invited them to medical service. Having made new commitments the Kingmas reasoned: "If we can't go to the mission field, let's bring the mission field to us." Both love children. Independently they prayed for guidance and reached the same conclusion. They should try to adopt. After being approved they committed to adopting three children. In 1997 they visited Russian orphanages and adopted two brothers and the sibling of another adoptee back in Maryland. The newly extended family—aged 2 to 13—is doing

well, with professions of faith in Christ by two of the adopted children.

As they build family bonds and themselves better understand the meaning of being adopted into God's family, the Kingmas find life "busy, confusing and exhausting... but always extremely rewarding."

Houghton College commends him and its many alumni making a difference world-wide.

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