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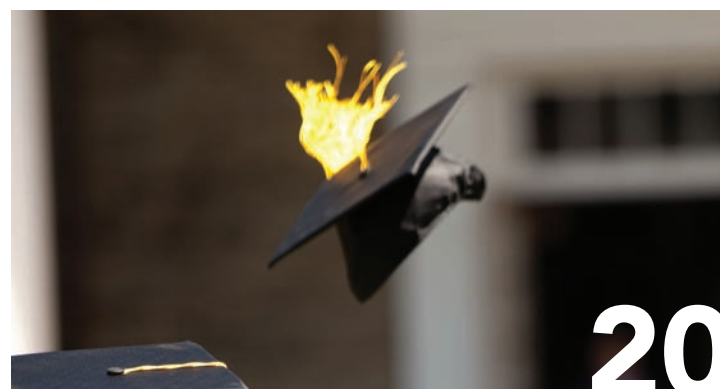
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CORRECTIONS

We make every effort to ensure that information presented within this publication is accurate and timely.

[John Buckwalter '73](#) spent three months on his Fulbright assignment in Astrakhan, Russia, not two years, as was incorrectly stated on page 33 of the fall/winter 2011 issue.

In the 2010 fall/winter issue of *Houghton* magazine we ran an obituary for [Frederick Bedford '50](#). We neglected to mention that he was an associate professor of French at Houghton from 1960 to 1965. Thanks to [Rosemarie \(Virtue '63\) Manney](#) for bringing this to our attention.

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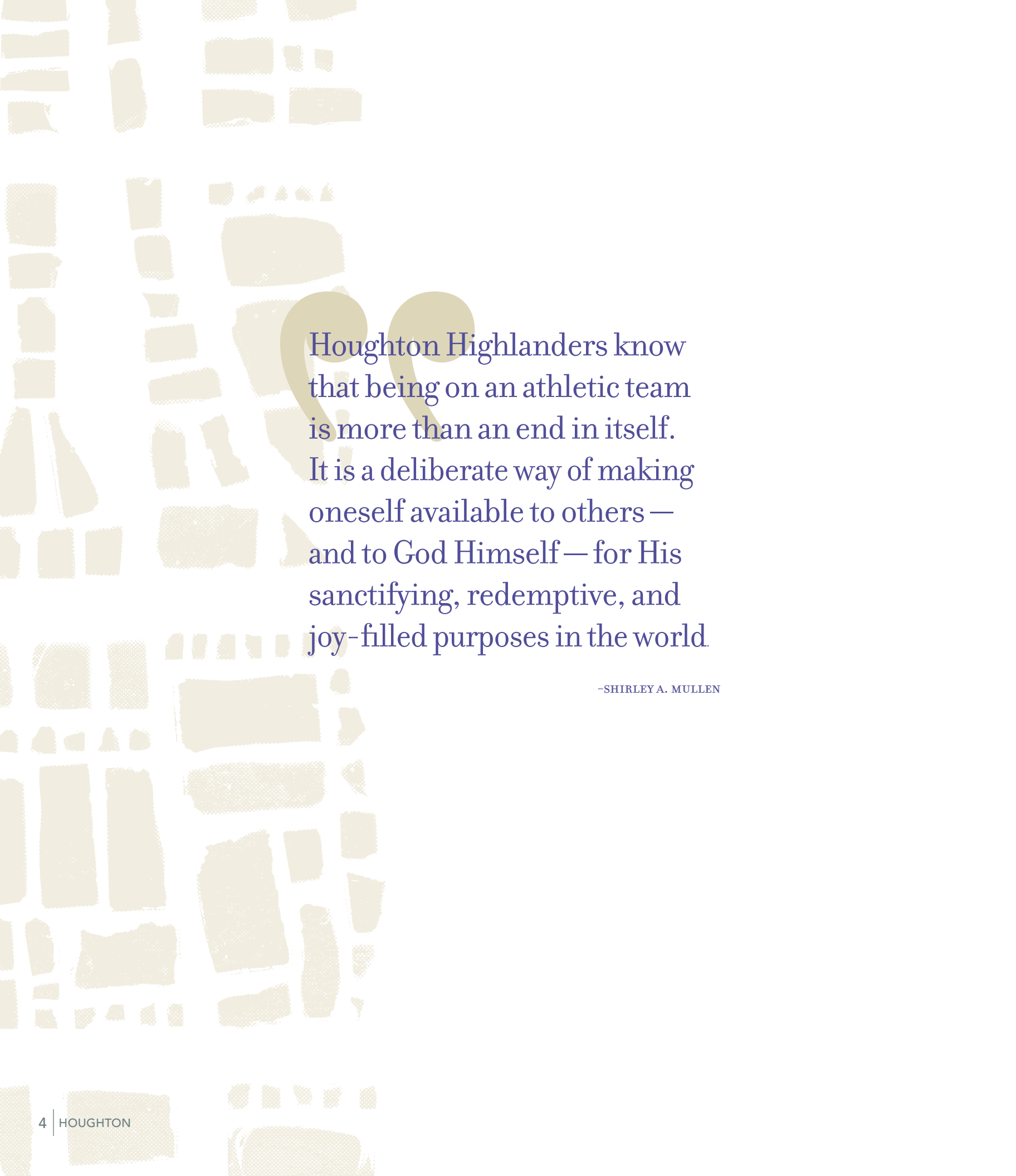
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oneself available to others —
and to God Himself — for His
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joy-filled purposes in the world.

—SHIRLEY A. MULLEN

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Athletic rivalry — first intramural and later intercollegiate — has been a valued aspect of community life for both men and women at Houghton since early in the 20th century. The various sports guaranteed year-round leisure time activities for both participants and spectators. Over the years, athletics has increasingly been recognized as an integral part of the Houghton educational experience. What better way to learn self-discipline, the capacity for deferred gratification, the life lessons of losing and winning, the importance of team work and collaboration, and the rewards of submitting one's own effort to a goal larger than oneself?

Athletics at Houghton has also become an intentional avenue for ministry and service both locally and globally. Whether through teaching fifth-grade Sunday School at the Houghton Wesleyan Church, hosting Saturday morning soccer for area school children, or traveling to play basketball or soccer in the Czech Republic, in Africa, or in Latin America, Houghton Highlanders know that being on an athletic team is more than an end in itself. It is a deliberate way of making oneself available to others — and to God Himself — for His sanctifying, redemptive, and joy-filled purposes in the world.

Houghton's move to the Empire 8 Athletic Conference of the NCAA Division III represents a new stage of intentionality in linking athletics to Houghton's larger vision of academic excellence and commitment to be visible to those students who are looking for the high-quality and integrated Christian educational experience that Houghton offers.

The \$12 million gift from Terry and [Kim \(Kerr '91\) Pegula](#) toward a new athletic complex will provide expanded facilities for Houghton's teams and facilitate greater opportunities for service to the larger community.

In this issue of *Houghton* magazine, we invite you to read about how athletics has contributed to the Houghton mission over the decades and to anticipate with us the continued impact of athletics at Houghton in the years to come. ||||



Shirley A. Mullen '76
President



The Houghton College Athletics Department is anticipating its most significant transition since the college's adoption of intercollegiate athletics in 1967. Starting with the fall 2012 semester, the college will begin participating in the Empire 8 Conference of the NCAA Division III, ending 44 years of membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Jeff Babbitt '96

transitions



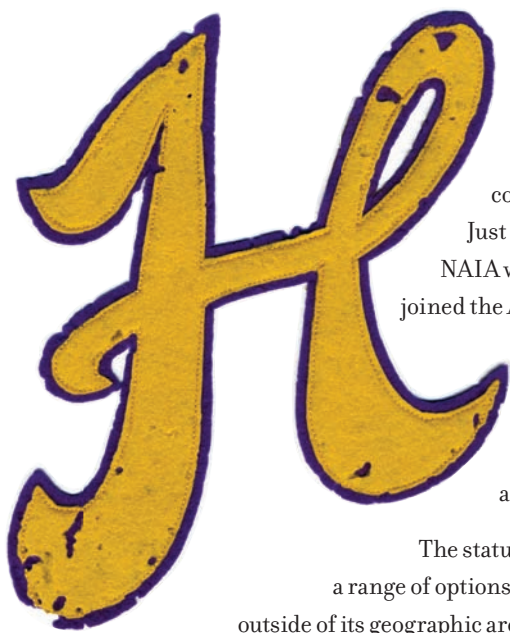
TIMELINE:
TRANSITION
TO NCAA

SPRING 2011
accepted into
Empire 8 conference

SUMMER 2011
accepted as exploratory
member of NCAA Division III

SPRING 2012
baseball and
softball reinstated

SUMMER 2012
application for provisional
membership in NCAA
Division III, a four-year
institution-wide process



Skip Lord '80, executive director of athletics, contends, "The success of this current transition will impact Houghton students, faculty, staff and community members for years to come."

Just a decade ago, Houghton's position in the NAIA was firmly established. In 2001, Houghton joined the American Midwest Conference, one of the largest, and arguably strongest, NAIA conferences, boasting more than 21 institutions. In recent years, the AMC Conference has declined in membership and in June 2012 it officially dissolved.

The status of the AMC led the college to consider a range of options, including joining an NAIA conference outside of its geographic area, becoming an independent NAIA school, or switching athletic affiliations to the NCAA Division II or Division III. After a period of study with input provided from across campus, the decision was made to apply for membership in NCAA Division III.

"Division III is committed to the concept of the student-athlete, developing whole persons and fostering a program where athletics is integrated into the entire educational experience," states Lord, affirming the new direction for the athletics program.

The decision to pursue Division III membership hinged upon finding a conference affiliation that would be a good match for Houghton. The Empire 8 Conference, comprised of small- to mid-sized academically rigorous private institutions, proved the ideal choice. Seven of the eight Empire 8 members reside in New York State, including Alfred, Elmira, Ithaca, Nazareth, Hartwick, Utica and St. John Fisher. This presents a welcome change, since past conference affiliations contained schools outside of Houghton's geographic region, resulting in long road trips to opponents throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio.

To strengthen its application for Division III, Houghton made the strategic decision to add eight sports teams over the course of three years, bringing the total number of sports to 18. (The average Division III school fields 17 teams.) Baseball and softball were added in the spring of 2012; men's and women's lacrosse and golf will begin competing in 2012-13; men's and women's tennis will kick off in 2013-14. The goal, in addition to drawing students to the

college who may not otherwise consider attending, is to offer more students the opportunity to participate in athletics, a key component of the Division III philosophy.

The benefits of the ongoing transitions are many and extend beyond the realm of athletics. Having a conference home in the middle of the college's primary geographic region will provide enhanced visibility in local media and with prospective students and parents. New sports facilities (See athletic facilities article for further details.) have potential to attract thousands of individuals to campus for high school and college sporting events as well as non-athletic events, expanding the college's outreach to local communities. Less travel time to away contests will be a win for students and faculty alike, and increased student participation will offer more students the opportunity to benefit from the transformative experience of college athletics.

Coaches, players and fans of Highlander athletics are adapting to new recruiting rules, gearing up for new conference opponents, cheering on new sports teams and anticipating new athletic facilities. The landscape of Houghton athletics is indeed changing. Throughout this transitional time, the vision for Houghton athletics remains steadfast: "The development of scholar-servants to enter the world to transform it for the sake of the Kingdom." That's a mission worth preserving. 

FALL **2012**

begin competing in
Empire 8 conference

men's and women's golf reinstated

SPRING **2013**

men's and women's
lacrosse begin competing

FALL **2013**

men's and women's
tennis reinstated

FALL **2016**

would be eligible for
full NCAA Division III
membership

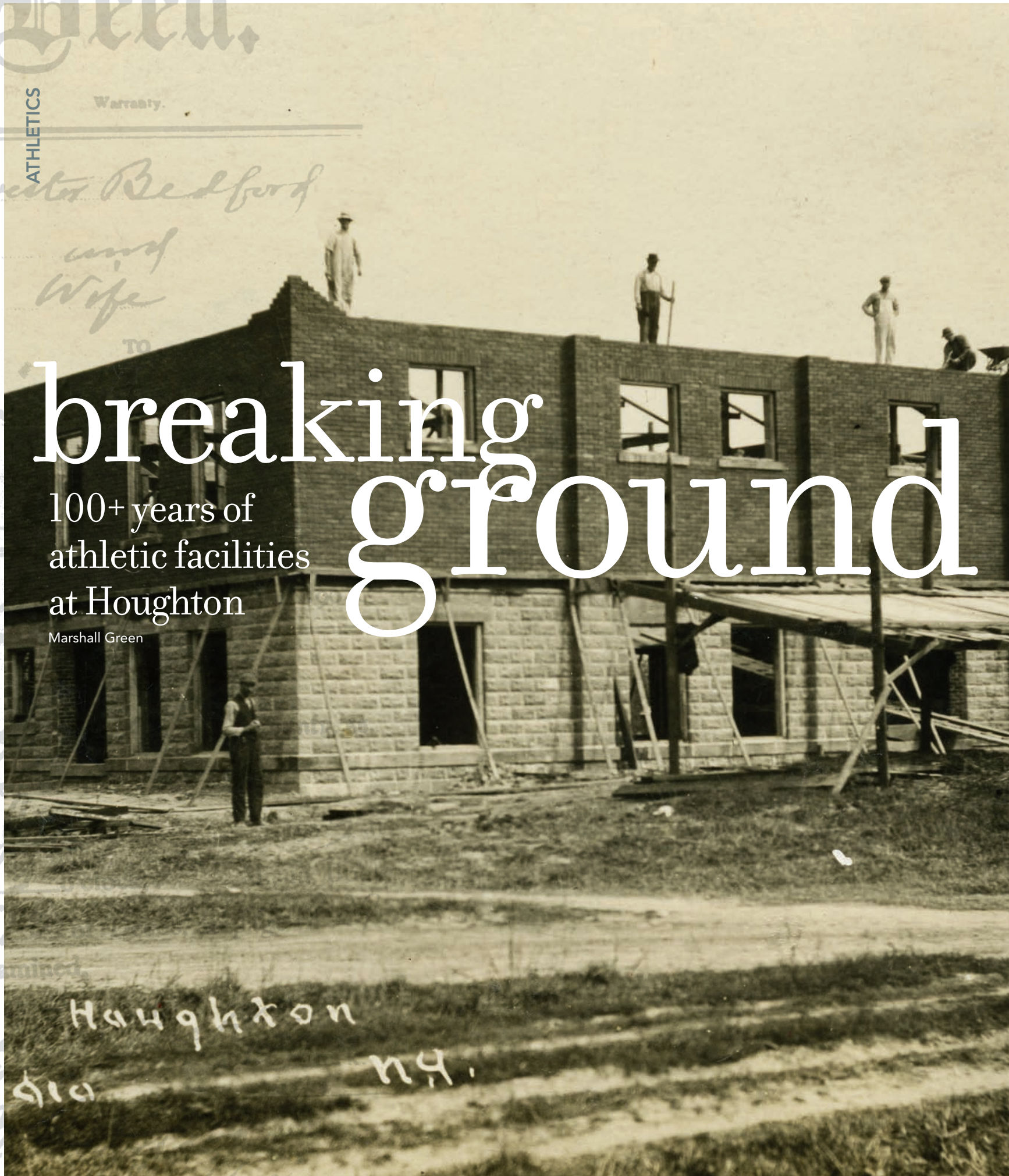
ATHLETICS

Warranty.

breaking ground

100+ years of
athletic facilities
at Houghton

Marshall Green





Henry Clark Bedford, a Houghton Seminary teacher, proposed the need for a college gymnasium at an alumni meeting during the 1912 Commencement. According to Bedford, “I made a talk emphasizing the need of a gymnasium. My speech struck fire, and someone moved that we start taking subscriptions right then.” One thousand dollars was immediately pledged, and two years later ground was broken for Houghton’s first gymnasium, Bedford Gym, on May 8, 1914, near the site of the current Reinhold Campus Center.

Bedford Gym took 3½ years to complete, was constructed with 92,000 recycled bricks from the old seminary building, cost slightly over \$10,000 to build and was constructed by faculty, staff and students after classes and on weekends. The building served not only as a gymnasium, but also as classroom space for the music and science departments. In 1923 a hardwood floor was installed and in 1926 an indoor swimming pool, infamously nicknamed “the Bathtub,” was added.

In 1952, the growing need for a new athletic facility came to the forefront but was delayed by more pressing construction. Twenty-four years later, after multiple design drafts and budget adjustments, construction of a new physical education center was finally approved. On September 8, 1978, ground was broken on the \$2.6 million physical education center, and two years later, on October 11, 1980, the facility was dedicated. The physical education center was later named in honor of longtime Houghton employees, [Kenneth and Doris \(Garrett ’71\) Nielsen](#).

Bedford Gym was originally designed to accommodate a maximum population of 400 students; the Nielsen Center was designed to handle the current population of 1,200 students and boasted three regulation basketball courts, suspended perimeter track, auxiliary and gymnastics gym, competition-sized pool, four racquetball courts, an exercise physiology laboratory, locker rooms, class and seminar rooms, a trainer’s room, storage areas and faculty offices. Over the following decades, multiple renovations and upgrades occurred, including the construction of a large indoor rock-climbing gym, construction of a 2,200 square-foot fitness center and an 800 square-foot weight room with state-of-the-art equipment.

Houghton’s outdoor athletic facilities received a boost in 1998 with \$1.3 million in improvements. Burke Field was constructed to serve as the main playing field for Houghton soccer and included a 1,300-seat grandstand with lights. The field was named in honor of former men’s soccer coach and athletic director [Doug Burke](#) and his wife, [Esther](#). Additional upgrades included a field hockey field, tennis courts and an eight-lane all-weather track.

In November 2011, a vision for the next development in Houghton’s athletic facilities was cast, made possible by a \$12 million donation by Houghton alumna [Kim \(Kerr ’91\) Pegula](#) and her husband, Terry Pegula.

The new facilities will be located on the west side of Route 19 adjacent to the current outdoor athletic complex. Recently approved designs include a field house and stadiums for baseball and softball. The field house has three main priorities: an indoor track and field facility capable of hosting significant indoor meets; a competition-quality tennis facility; and space for athletic teams to train and practice during the winter months. The outdoor fields will allow the college to host baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey games and practices.

The initial \$12M gift will be used for the development and construction of the athletics fields, including state-of-the-art turf for the current Burke Field. Dedication of the baseball and softball stadiums is slated for March of 2013. The Pegula gift also serves as the lead gift in the development and construction of the project capstone, a field house.

According to [H. Skip Lord ’80](#), executive director of athletics, “The \$12 million gift by the Pegulas presents a great opportunity for others to be part of the shared vision of Houghton College athletics.” That shared vision began with Henry Clark Bedford’s impassioned speech in 1912, the first step in a century-long development of athletic facilities at Houghton. Beginning with a \$10,000 three-story gymnasium in 1913 to a multi-million dollar athletic complex, the college continues to benefit from the generosity of individuals throughout its history – those with the imagination to envision even greater opportunities for Houghton to expand its influence and achieve its mission. ▶



Gymnasium, W.M. Seminary, Houghton, N.Y.



TIMELINE: HOUGHTON ATHLETIC FACILITIES

1914
ground
broken on
Bedford
Gymnasium

1918
Bedford Gym completed
1923-26
improvements such as an indoor
swimming pool added to Bedford

1978
ground
broken on
new physical
education
center

1980
the Nielsen Physical
Education Center is dedicated



1998

upgrades made to outdoor athletic complex

2011 >

construction of Kerr-Pegula athletic complex



NANCY (BANKER '90) COLE

Head Volleyball Coach



CONNIE FINNEY '78

Professor of Education



DARBY EMERSON '11

Admission Counselor

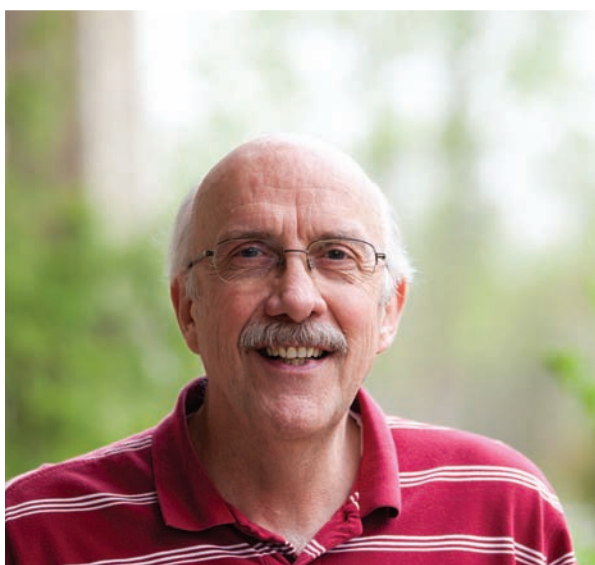
perspectives

alumni athletes share their transformative
experiences in Houghton athletics.



ELI KNAPP '00

Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies



DARYL STEVENSON '70

Director of Institutional Research



JEAN-LOUIS ROEDERER '64

Associate Professor of French and Spanish

At Houghton, athletics contributes to the life of the college and the development of students, uniquely fostering the college's mission. Alumni athletes who currently serve on Houghton's faculty and staff carry a distinct perspective concerning the role of athletics, both as it supports mission and impacts lives. We invite you to listen in as these individuals share their perceptions and reflections on the transformative nature of athletics.

What was the athletic climate like at Houghton when you were a student?

JLR: Virtually everyone participated either in intramurals or in Purple-Gold competition. The level of enthusiasm was quite high for the P-G competition since all students knew each other. The atmosphere was particularly electric at Purple-Gold basketball games because the gym was so small and always packed.

CF: Athletics was accepted well, and we took a lot of pride in our team g.p.a. (which was highest in field hockey several years running).

EK: Soccer ruled at Houghton. The men's soccer team was very successful during my era.

Describe the athletic facilities available during your student years.

CF: The athletic facilities were AWFUL. Bedford Gymnasium: need I say more? The pool in the basement was so small it was nicknamed "Stroke-stroke-turn."

JLR: The gym was very small and had a circular "track" above where spectators stood and which intruded over the court at both ends. You couldn't take a three-point shot from the outside corner without risking having the ball hit the track above your head. The quarter-mile outdoor track was a cinder track with about four lanes, quite adequate for those days, occasionally with pools of water in low spots.

What role did athletics play in your overall Houghton experience?

CF: Athletics was central to my experience at Houghton – I would not have come to Houghton without field hockey – that would have been a deal breaker. I don't remember our win-loss records much; I remember learning to play for the joy of serving Christ

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and praying for
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see Christ in our
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– CONNIE FINNEY '78



and praying for our opponents to see Christ in our lives as we played. It was life-changing to think of athletic competition in these ways.

DS: Because of athletics I learned to be more disciplined. Every fall during the soccer season, I always had higher grades than I did the following spring while not in season. Looking back I was more fit, I wasn't taking naps or wasting time and I was forced to be disciplined to get my work done.

DE: I remember running a particularly difficult track workout, in late spring one afternoon with Assistant Coach [Mary \(Gibson '06\) Dougherty](#). I was running 800-meter repeats, which I confess was not my favorite workout, as a mid-distance runner. I ran a majority of the repeats alone that day, but it was the last 200 meters of my last repeat, the bitter end of the workout, that I remember most. Mary must have seen that my tank of energy was just about on empty, and I was struggling when she joined me, running stride for stride beside me. I could hardly manage my own breath, but she step by step pushed me through the finish line. Her encouragement was not just a physical presence, but the words she spoke. While I was nearing the end, she repeated the line "The joy of the Lord is your strength." I might have remembered that tough workout, but the fellowship she

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JEAN-LOUIS ROEDERER '64

brought me that day made it unforgettable. It is a small picture of what we all do on a daily basis — coming alongside one another to encourage and challenge each other to greater love of Christ in our every act.

EK: Athletics for me was HUGE. As a biology major, I had a lot of long and difficult classes and labs. After four hours in the lab, going to practice was like going on a picnic. It was therapy and sort of set my brain free for two hours every day. Playing a sport also immediately surrounded me with a close circle of friends, many of whom were very different from those I hung around within the science building.

JLR: Athletic participation at Houghton was of significant importance to me, not only as a bonding experience with fellow students — team sports do that — but

also as a character-building experience. Combining athletic participation with a normal academic load helped me develop self-discipline and good time management skills. It also contributed to a healthy self-evaluation, appreciating areas of strength, as well as causing appropriate humility.

How did your athletic involvement at Houghton influence the person you are today?

CF: Athletics taught me that winning isn't everything and that a loss can teach you much more about life and character than a win can. It taught me a lot about balance, about how great it can feel to inhabit a fit body, and about the value of team and collaboration. It gave me another avenue to serve God — and to complete the notion of loving God with all my heart, soul, BODY, and mind.

DE: While I graduated only a year ago, I hope to bring the leadership, work ethic, and discipline that Houghton athletics refined to my relationships and medical career in years to come.

EK: Athletics has allowed me to make strong, long-lasting friendships. Playing sports breaks down barriers and relieves the awkwardness of some social relationships. Inevitably there



are collisions, inadvertent elbows and a host of other mishaps that often end in laughter and hilarity.

JLR: Probably the greatest impact that athletics (whether at Houghton or before) has had on my life is to develop a determination not to quit even in the face of difficulty or adversity. Track, and even more cross-country (my high school specialty), also taught me the art of pacing myself through the multitudinous requirements of daily life. These sports taught me to “read” my body, to know its limitations and work within those so as to avoid mental and physical injury.

NC: As part of a team there are so many things you can learn about life: choosing to act unselfishly for the betterment of a group, reacting positively when you win and when you lose.

My junior year I sprained my ankle two weeks into the season and lost my position on the court. There were many nights I would finish practice and be just miserable. I finally decided that I needed to change my attitude. Instead of being angry, I needed to start being an encourager and supporter. And that made all the difference. I couldn't have learned this lesson any other way.

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NANCY (BANKER) COLE '90

Experiences like this in athletics prepare us to respond to adversity and tough situations all throughout our lives.

How does athletics foster the Houghton mission?

DS: The “lead and labor” part of our mission statement is so crucial and is serviced by sport involvement. Athletic participation cultivates leadership qualities, develops students into good followers for the sake of the team and pushes them beyond their imagined limits.

DE: Student-athletes learn much more than a specific sport's skills at Houghton. Houghton athletic teams carry the name of Houghton across the country on a weekly basis. They have the opportunity to shine the love of Christ and the joy of His good gifts to those they play with, against and in front of. The commitment our athletic teams have to service projects and missions trips reflects not only on the individual students or athletic department, but on the college as a whole.

CF: Athletics fosters our mission by giving us another avenue into a prominent aspect of our culture — it keeps committed and thinking Christians in the dialogue.

JLR: One of Houghton's primary missions is to develop a servant mindset taken from Scriptures, which teach that not only do we need to care for ourselves, but we must also care for others. Athletics is an excellent means to accomplish this because it provides the opportunity to better know oneself at a deeper level. But at the same time, athletics enhances one's ability to work with others, to develop a teamwork ethic, to value others, and even to prefer others' needs over one's own by developing a sense of interdependence, helping us take our eyes off ourselves — very much along the lines of what Christ wants His church to be! 🙌

In & Out of season

Danielle Brenon '12

SPREADING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SPORT

Growing up in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, Judy Fox '89 attended a high school that did not offer competitive volleyball. She was recruited to Houghton for basketball and walked onto the college volleyball team by a narrow cut. Four years later, she was named an All-American.

"God clearly had a plan," Fox remarked. Her improbable All-American award allowed her to take a short-term mission trip to Mexico, where God planted in her a dream and desire to start her own sports ministry. Although the seed was sown, it would be years before she would fully realize the extent of her calling.

Following her graduation at Houghton, Fox coached volleyball in various collegiate levels from the NAIA to the NCAA Division I., including the Big West Conference, home to three of the nation's perennial top 10 teams. After a successful collegiate coaching career, Fox took on the head volleyball coaching position at a Christian high school in Dallas, Tex. Over a five-year



period, she built the small program into a competitive team that captured the first championship crown of any girls' team in the school's history.

Throughout her 14 years of coaching, Fox's conviction of sports as a means to ministry never left. Her philosophy of coaching was defined by the verse 2 Timothy 4:2 which states, "Preach the Word: Be prepared in season and out of season. Correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction."

In 2003 Fox's dream came to life as she successfully founded Ignite International, a non-profit that uses the language of sport to inspire and empower others, both home and abroad. "Our primary focus is in taking collegiate and high school athletes — of all sports — on short-term mission trips for the purpose of making an impact for Christ in the countries to which we travel and, equally important, radically challenging the hearts of our athletes so that they come home and make a difference here in the U.S."

Ignite has ministered through sport in Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Liberia, Mexico, Germany, Cuba, South Africa and the U.S. One of the most impactful places where Ignite has ministered is Beslan, Russia, where the 2004 terrorist hostage siege led to the torturing and killing of hundreds of innocent victims. Ignite teams have entered the Beslan schools to comfort and help young victims recover.

Ignite has also played a key role in building bridges through sport between Israeli and Palestinian teams. The organization's intentional focus, "It is all about relationship!" has resulted in sharing the Gospel with thousands of people.

Demonstrating its commitment to relationship, Ignite has taken nearly

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two dozen trips to Nicaragua, each time building stronger bonds and expanding its impact. In 2005, Fox reconnected with Houghton and the team she once played for and took the Highlander volleyball team to minister and play in Nicaragua. Houghton was the first collegiate volleyball team from the U.S. to ever compete on Nicaraguan soil. The team has since traveled with Ignite four times (as recently as April 2012) and continues to build lasting connections with the Nicaraguan people.

"We do our best to be Christ wherever we go," said Fox. "Often we spend so much time in ministry telling people about Jesus, preaching to them about why they need to receive Him. But if we would just love as He loved and walk with people through their challenges, they would see Him in a way that is undeniable and they would run to Him."

Fox traces her conviction for sports outreach to a nurturing and stimulating environment at Houghton College. "Everything that I do now — the countless lives that have been touched by my own organization — stems back to an obedience to attend Houghton College. For that I am and always will be grateful."

Among the most powerful influences in Fox's time as a student-athlete were relationships with teammates and the lifelong friendships that were built. "Houghton is a breeding ground for amazing friendships. I sincerely believe that the finest product of the rural community is that the relationships born in Houghton genuinely do last forever."

At Houghton, Fox was able to confirm that sport is her vehicle to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. She saw this modeled most tangibly while assistant coaching both volleyball and basketball alongside Coach Skip Lord.

"We are proud to call Judy one of our own," shared Lord, executive director of athletics. "She is an amazing person who has built an outstanding organization that is using sport to further the cause of the Gospel around the world. At Houghton Judy was a very gifted two-sport athlete in volleyball and basketball who, even then, was committed to using her athletic ability to share Christ with others. She is, without doubt, one of the most effective sports ministers I know."



116 years of service

Naomi (Spurrier '05) Smith

Houghton College recently bade adieu to three long-serving professors: Jake Jacobson, professor of mathematics, Ben King, professor of voice, and Carl Schultz, professor of Old Testament. Together, these men represent 116 years of service to Houghton, and their legacies are large indeed.

JAKE JACOBSON

When alumni talk about Jake Jacobson, they speak of his intelligence and humility, his gentle and quiet manner, and his deep love for mathematics, his students, and the Lord. Jake (who insisted that everyone call him Jake) was a “one-of-a-kind professor” who wore flannel shirts and jeans, was an avid football and basketball player, and faithfully rode his bicycle all over campus.

Jake was fantastic at helping students connect with math. [Meagan \(McNeely '10\) Starr](#) writes, “The best part about Jake’s class was the way he taught it. We could tell he was brilliant, but he never made us feel stupid when we didn’t understand. He was always willing to sit down after class and go over things. And he knew how to take the most complicated concepts and bring them down to an easy-to-follow level. I hated math at the start of the class, but Jake made me love it and enjoy it.”

Jake amassed 46 years of teaching math at Houghton, but teaching was never just about the numbers. He genuinely loved

building relationships with his students, and many attest to Jake’s incredible influence in their lives. “He taught me to value academic excellence but also to seek balance and godliness in all of my life,” writes [Sharon \(Meiners '98\) Wolcott](#). “He instilled confidence in me,” says [Jonathan Sastic '75](#). “I don’t know where I would be without Jake,” declares [Adam Sullivan '03](#).

Alumni speak of how Jake’s patience and kindness made a difference on the Houghton campus. [Judy Gale '87](#) writes, “When I think of Jake, ‘brother in Christ’ and ‘servant-leader’ immediately come to mind. His presence on campus helped set a spiritual climate that aided in the growth and cultivation of my faith.” [Rhonda \(Slate '94\) Walsh](#) recollects, “Most people will remember Jake as standing in front of a huge calculus class, coming up with difficult problems with a wave of his hand, and saying, ‘I’m sure the answer isn’t real obvious to you’... But Jake cared about his students and his assistants. Brilliance with love — that’s Jake.”

BEN KING

Some alumni fondly remember Ben King singing “If I were a rich man” as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Others remember the sound of his booming voice and laugh, or the day he showed up to class in slippers, or the music listening sessions where he treated students to “ear candy.” For all who entered the Greatbatch School of Music, King was a walking encyclopedia of musical knowledge and an enthusiastic musician, educator, administrator, and friend.

King combined high energy with a calm presence and unwavering trust in God. He might have flailed his arms around if he got particularly excited about what a person was singing, but his students also knew they could tell him anything in the world, and he would listen with compassion and wisdom.

Classes and lessons with King were never dull. To reinforce concepts in vocal pedagogy, he would have students lie on the floor to practice breathing or get them to make “unbelievable noises” and silly faces at themselves in the mirror. Starr



JAKE JACOBSON

Mathematics



BEN KING

Voice



CARL SCHULTZ

Old Testament

says, “Dr. King knew how to get the most out of his students, and he was willing to look absolutely ridiculous if it would help us remember what he was teaching. He taught me how to unpack ideas and use them.” Joanna Stolzenburg ’11 confesses, “I felt like I could sit in that class and listen and learn all day and I’d be happy. I took away so much from his classes that I use regularly, and I always remember where I learned it.”

King was also an invaluable resource outside of the classroom. Starr writes, “He was not only a great teacher, he was a great mentor, and he was always willing to listen if I needed to talk. I spent countless hours in his office trying to figure out my life and schedule over my four years of college, and he did so much to help and encourage me.” And Jeremy Wilton ’01 reflects, “I always knew that I could go to him with any issue or problem I had. His unique personality had a way of putting things in perspective for me, and I always felt like he was capable of bringing out the best in me.”

CARL SCHULTZ ’53

Carl Schultz loved teaching eight o’clock classes, and many Houghton alumni first encountered his dry wit, keen insights, and high standards in an early morning biblical literature class. Jonathon Jankovich ’92 remembers how Schultz “spoke often of putting the correct em-PHAS-is on every syl-LAB-le, all the while sipping coffee from a well-used styrofoam cup.”

Houghton alumni describe Schultz as a man of “firm conviction” and “heated intensity,” who was unafraid of challenging assumptions and preconceived notions. “He loved to throw young minds for a loop,” explains Nick Furman ’05, who says, “I consider his audacity and voracious appetite for truth to be part of a major turning point in my own pursuit of God and all things academic... Through Dr. Schultz’s life and witness, I learned that the process of critical thinking often begins with a conscious departure from the thought patterns of the world and the blanket appraisals of the masses and a naked standing before God with the words, ‘Here I am, Lord. Teach me Your ways.’”

Schultz was a diligent, reverent, and passionate scholar of the Word of God. “He deepened my understanding of the biblical text,” writes Jankovich, “but he also instilled in me a love for those texts and a love of correctly interpreting and teaching them. I love God’s Word so much, and I deeply love the One who gave them, both of which I acquired in part from Carl Schultz.”

As a lifelong pastor (Schultz served as minister of two United Methodist churches while carrying a full-time teaching load), he was able to encourage others in their pastoral ministry and educational pursuits. Alumni were impressed not only by Schultz’s rigor but also by his grace. “He was focused on living a life that was pleasing to the Lord,” says Becky (Gardiner ’94) Todd, and Lenny Luchetti ’96 remembers how Schultz spoke with “tact and forthrightness, grace and truth.” Throughout his 43 years at Houghton, Schultz frequently lectured on the topic of vocation, and he understood the far-reaching implications of Colossians 3:23 (NRSV): “Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters.” ||||



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Commencement

Marshall Green

Some might say that it was truly a perfect spring day, sunny, mid-70s with a delicate hint of a breeze. Four years of study (more for some, less for others) were coming to an end, and a new exciting and uncharted chapter in life was about to begin. On this day, May 12, 2012, the Houghton College class of 2012 celebrated Commencement surrounded by family, friends, faculty, staff, administrators and members of the 50-year class of 1962.

294 undergraduates and three master's degree students proudly walked across the stage of the John and Charles Wesley Chapel to receive their diplomas and join a group of more than 20,000 individuals around the world who call themselves Houghton alumni.

President Shirley Mullen '76 addressed the graduating class and audience, "If you are here today, you are family, and this is a grand family celebration, when as parents, professors, grandparents, siblings, and friends, we gather to rejoice in the gifts that God has given to our graduates and more specifically today, in these graduates' stewardship of those gifts."

The Commencement Address was given by Dr. Richard Foster, renowned pastor, theologian and author. "So, what, after all, has this degree of sacred letters given you?" asked Dr. Foster of the graduating class. "I hope it has given you an insatiable hankering to know and to grow. I hope it has given you a brutal honesty about the world in which we live. I hope it has given you an ability to see new, creative possibilities for the future."

The class of 2012 included students with deep alumni ties. Ben Clark is a fifth generation Houghton student whose great-great-grandparents, Sylvester and Elizabeth Rathbun Bedford, attended Houghton in the late 1880s. JohnMark Pocock had two great-grandparents attend Houghton prior to the school granting degrees and a great-great-great uncle, Melvin Warburton, who received the first seminary diploma in 1888. Luke Doty is the great-grandson of former Houghton College President Stephen Paine, 1936-1972.

The senior class gift was presented by Megan Toombs '12. The gift is an adult-size swing set that stands just on the other side of the road that runs past the president's office. "On behalf of the Houghton College community, I gratefully accept this gift," said President Mullen. "I look forward to taking my first swing and plan to use it often whenever I need a brief respite from the president's office to reflect on the latest presidential puzzle. And when I do, I will think gratefully of the Class of 2012."

The 50-year class also participated in the weekend's festivities. During Baccalaureate they officially presented a "Words of Wisdom" booklet to the current class and on Friday attended a special lunch, hosted by the President, which included leaders from both classes.

In closing the Commencement ceremony, President Mullen pronounced, "Today you have become graduates of Houghton College...you have been challenged to use your gifts. Tomorrow, find your challenge and the grace that God has prepared for you." ||||

- 1 President Mullen with commencement speaker, Dr. Richard Foster
- 2 Valedictorian Anna Brunner (L) and Salutatorian Melissa Rosenberg (R)
- 3 The Golden Highlander Class of 1962 reunites during commencement

Snapshot of the Class of 2012

294 undergraduates

3 master of music graduates

68 undergraduates achieved double majors

145 graduated with honors

1 graduate commissioned as Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Valedictorian

Anna Brunner

Salutatorian

Melissa Rosenberg

Graduates came from 14 countries,

including Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Macedonia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Rwanda, South Korea, Tanzania and the United States.

To view the commencement slide show or video:

www.houghton.edu/commencement



blessing in tragedy

Bailey Karfelt '12

As the class of 2013 eagerly anticipates their senior year at Houghton and their turn to don cap and gown next year, one young woman will not be graduating alongside her classmates as planned. May 2013 marks the intended graduation of Christine Besaw, who died four years ago from traumatic injuries sustained in a tragic car accident before she could attend her chosen college.

When Gary and Cindy Besaw of Rutland County, Vermont, first investigated Houghton College for their daughter, Chris was not enthusiastic at the idea. Then, during a campus visit in April of 2008, she met [Susan \(Gurney '81\) Martin](#), assistant professor for education, who recognized Chris's lack of interest and encouraged the high school junior to go wherever God led, even if it wasn't Houghton.

"I think Chris was kind of blown away by that attitude," Gary recalls. That same day, Chris surprised her family by announcing she would be attending Houghton College and made the decision public by updating her Facebook profile to include a picture of herself wearing a Houghton College t-shirt.

Less than a month later, on May 18, 2008, the Besaw family suffered the loss of their daughter. The days that followed the accident were trying as they sought God's plan amid their grief. "Make no mistake about it...there has been much pain and frustration," said Gary in a book he would later write about Chris's life. "However, one

thing [was] clear to each of us: God works through pain, suffering, struggles, and joy to bring about the best for His bride."

The Besaw family chose to host a celebration in honor of their daughter's life. A few days prior to the celebration, the family received a standard admission mailing from Houghton College. Gary sent an email to all of the colleges Chris had considered, explaining the accident and requesting they be removed from mailing lists.

The family was surprised when they received a personal e-mail from [Ryan Spear '07](#), associate director of admission, extending his sympathies and assuring them their request would be honored. In addition, Ryan attached an e-mail Chris had sent to Professor Martin in her excitement about wanting to attend Houghton:

I just wanted to say thank you so much for meeting with me on Thursday. To be honest, I went to Houghton not really interested in the college, but after going there and meeting with you I absolutely love it. The education program at Houghton sounds wonderful and I would definitely be thrilled to be a part of it. I have a very difficult decision ahead of me but I know God will direct me. So thank you for taking time out of your day to meet with me. And maybe someday I will be able to call you professor. :)

A few days later, the Besaw family received a box of Chris's favorite flowers, white day lilies, from the admission office at Houghton. "I think it was about that time that Cindy and I decided that we would certainly try to do something nice for Houghton one day," remembers Gary, surprised at the thoughtful gift.



CHRISTINE BESAW, publicly announcing her intent to attend Houghton in fall 2009.

If my greatest hopes and dreams for my children are that they love the Lord, live for Christ and influence others for God, then did my hopes and dreams for Chris really come to an end?

“They truly demonstrated that they are a Christian college in more ways than we could have imagined.”

Over the next months, the Besaw family witnessed how Chris’s death was impacting their community as people came together to remember and reflect on Chris’s life and seek God as a result of her testimony. During this time of healing, Gary and Cindy made the decision to bless Houghton in memory of their daughter.

“What impressed me about Gary and Cindy was their seemingly immediate desire to bless others in the face of their tragedy,” remembers Ryan. “It is tempting to try to boil the events of Christine’s life and death down to a simple Sunday school lesson of ‘everything happens for a reason.’ I think it is closer to the truth to admit that things happen in life

that don’t make sense — that are heartbreaking and soul-wrenching — but that, in spite of these experiences, God still works and speaks and seeks the good of His children.”

Working with staff from Houghton, Gary and Cindy set up the Christine Besaw Endowed Scholarship which would be awarded to a student planning on pursuing Chris’s intended major, English secondary education. This scholarship was originally meant for one student but was generously expanded to include up to four; providentially, this gift has helped one of Chris’s best friends to attend Houghton.

“I was reminded of something very important,” writes Gary in the last pages of Chris’s story. “If my greatest hopes and dreams for my children are that they love the Lord, live for Christ and influence others for God, then did my hopes and dreams for Chris really come to an end? Chris loved the Lord, she lived her life to the fullest...even today I hear accounts of someone who has had his or her life changed by interaction with Chris or by the events of May 18th.”

It’s been four years since Chris’s passing, and while she isn’t calling Susan Martin professor or excitedly planning her senior year alongside friends, Chris has left a mark upon Houghton College. While the junior class looks to the future, Chris’s story brings to light the precious gift of the present. ||||

*Gary Besaw’s book detailing Christine’s story, **A Peanut Learns to Dance: How One Girl’s Tragedy Transformed the Christian Community**, is slated to be published this fall.*



Campus News & Notes

CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

In January, renovations were completed on the lower level of the Reinhold Campus Center. Renovations included a reconfigured food-court style space for Big Al's Grill and Sandella's Flatbread Café, renovations to the post office, and enhanced cell phone service. The project was funded by the Houghton College Class of 2011 class gift, Sodexo Food Services, Student Government Association, and longtime donor, [Robert Van Dyk '75](#).

The Houghton College Program for Accelerating College Education (P.A.C.E.) opened its new location on Transit Road in West Seneca, N.Y. in June. The new location is more convenient for students who come from across Western New York, and includes multiple classrooms, a computer lab, a multi-use lecture space, a student lounge, a visitor reception area, and office space for P.A.C.E. faculty and staff.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS



Sokso's "Magnolias suffer in Buffalo"

ART

Jillian Sokso, assistant professor of art, exhibited a body of her artwork at the Carson Gallery at Stony Brook School in Stony Brook, N.Y. The show, titled "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," opened March 18, 2012.

BUSINESS

Six students from the Houghton College Business Department received the first place award at the 2012 Society for Human Resource Management Northeast Regional Case Competition at the University of Massachusetts on March 9-10. [Josh Akpan '12](#), [Shawn Gillis '13](#), [Mark O'Brien '13](#), [Katie Schutte '12](#), [Peter Serafimovski '12](#) and [Meredith Toombs '12](#) (pictured with [Ken Bates '71](#)) competed against students from several northeastern colleges.



EDUCATION

The Teacher Education Accreditation Council recently extended accreditation of the Houghton College Teacher Education Program for a period of 10 years, from October 2011 to October 2021. This is the second cycle of external accreditation from TEAC that Houghton's program has received.

LANGUAGE/INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Ndunge Kiiti '88, associate professor of intercultural studies, was selected as the recipient of Houghton College's annual Excellence in Teaching Award for the 2011-12 academic year.

MUSIC

Assistant Professor of Music Theory and Composition David Davies '01 was invited to present his original piano suite, "The Wordless Book," at the 2012 Northeastern conference of the College Music Society, held at SUNY Fredonia on March 16 and 17. The piano suite was composed in 2005 for his wife Carrie (Hoffman '01) Davies and performed by her at the C.M.S. conference.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

In November 2011, Steven Grudda '10 and Professor Ron Oakerson presented their collaborative research with World Hope International to the "Developing Excellence

Forum" sponsored by the Accord Network in Baltimore. Their research concerned the Mango Outgrowers Project which Grudda coordinated from January to August 2011.



L to R: Steven Grudda '10, Paul Christiansen '06, Professor Ron Oakerson and Wesley Dean '10.

PSYCHOLOGY

Professor John Van Wicklin directed Royal Family Kids Camp for the 18th year. R.F.K.C. is a week-long experience for children who are referred by social services departments of surrounding counties. Several Houghton College faculty, staff and community members volunteer each summer with this ministry.

ADVANCEMENT

Pamela Witter, director of development, was honored as one of *Business First* magazine's 2011 "40 Under Forty Class." 40 under Forty recognizes young leaders



in Western New York who have dedicated themselves to contributing to their communities. Since joining the advancement team in 2008, Pam has organized a first-ever gathering of major gift officers, increased the faculty/staff giving campaign, and partnered with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce to establish Leadership Allegany, a professional development program that provides educational opportunities for professionals in the county.

FACULTY/STAFF

Glen Avery '72, technology librarian at the Houghton Library, recently became one of only 330 people in the world to have completed a marathon on all seven continents. Avery is 61 years old and has been running for only 10 years.

Alumni News & Notes

Houghton College welcomes all submissions to Alumni News & Notes. Due to space limitations, not all news items or photos may be published and the college reserves the right to edit submissions for space and content. You can submit updates online at www.houghton.edu/magazine, via e-mail to magazine@houghton.edu or by mail to the Marketing & Communications Office, One Willard Avenue, Houghton, NY 14744. When sending photos digitally, please submit the highest resolution available. Thank you for keeping in touch with your alma mater!

1944

Gordon Barnett celebrated his 88th birthday with his wife, Elida, and their friends at Azuca, one of the couple's favorite places to eat in San Antonio, Texas. **01**

1945

The Benjamin Armstrong Center for Media Freedom was dedicated in Washington, D.C., in September, 2011. Benjamin, who passed away in December, 2010, was also remembered by President George H.W. Bush as "a wonderful Christian, a great husband, and a man of faith." In a note to Benjamin's wife, Ruth Armstrong, Bush said "I admired him greatly."

1949

Dorothy (Dickens) Meyerink's book, *Ministry Among the Maya*, was published by Eerdmans in November 2011. Dorothy and her husband, Paul '52, spent 38 years as Reformed Church of America missionaries in Chiapas, Mexico. Her missionary memoir records her experiences and the growth of the church among Mayan language groups. **02**

1954

Robert A. Aldrich has been serving as the pastor of Italy Hill Baptist Church since August of 2011.

1957

Aggie Haik works part-time at a food equipment supply store/warehouse and loves to invite neighborhood children to AWANA and Sunday services at her

church. Currently she takes four "regulars" between the ages of 6-13 to the programs. Aggie lives in Mulberry, Florida.

1963

Vic Hamilton recently published a book entitled *Exodus: An Exegetical Commentary* with Baker Academic Books (Grand Rapids, Mich.). His earlier books on biblical studies include *Handbook on the Pentateuch* (Baker, 1982; 2002, second edition); "The Book of Genesis," two volumes (Eerdmans, 1990; 1995) for the *New International Commentary on the Old Testament* (NICOT), and *Handbook on the Historical Books* (Baker, 2005). Currently Vic is in his final year of a five-year appointment as a scholar-in-residence at Asbury University.

1964

Eugene Lemcio's book, *Navigating Revelation: Charts for the Voyage. A Pedagogical Aid* was published by Wipf and Stock in November 2011. The work is specifically designed for classroom teaching to promote learning by "showing how" rather than "telling what." Dr. Lemcio is emeritus professor of New Testament at Seattle Pacific University.

1966

Eila Shea has retired from her full-time job as art teacher and school nurse at Houghton Academy but continues to work part-time as an R.N. and an artist. She paints in watercolor and oil and recently joined a group of artists who exhibit their work regularly in five local venues. To see Eila's work, go to www.windymeadows.com.

1968

Linda (McCullough) Moore has published a collection of linked short stories called *This Road Will Take Us Closer to the Moon*. The collection was named one of the best books of 2011 by Books and Culture, with stories heralded by Publishers Weekly as "immediate classics."

1969

Tom Hilgeman is now Director of Accreditation Services for ACSI Latin America. His wife Mariellyn (Jones '71) is director of early education for ACSI Latin America.



1971

Dick Halberg, Ken Bates, Brad Mellon and Tom Coffan reenacted their senior picture for their 40th reunion at Homecoming 2011. Dick remembers that “the class of ’71 was the first class to have informal senior class pictures in the Boulder, and we asked if we could have a full page if all of us appeared together in the picture.” The four classmates are pictured in front of “Shea House” with Dr. Whitney Shea and his wife Phoebe in the background. **03**

1973

Gary Newton will have his book, *Heart-Deep Teaching*, published by Broadman/Holman Academic in May 2012. *Heart-Deep Teaching* is designed as a college and seminary textbook, but it is also applicable to anyone desiring to teach the Bible at a deeper level. Dr. Newton and his wife, Joy (Shepardson ’75) Newton, live in Waconia, Minn., where he serves as professor of discipleship ministries at Crown College. Prior to his position at Crown, Dr. Newton served as pastor of many churches and taught for 27 years at Taylor University, Denver Seminary, Huntington University, and Crown College.



1974

Jeffery Moshier was recently named provost for Taylor University and will begin his new role in mid-June. Dr. Moshier is currently vice provost and dean of the Graduate School at Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.). Prior to his responsibilities at Wheaton, Moshier served as the founding dean of the College of Health and Natural Sciences at Messiah College (Grantham, Pa.). He and his wife Peggy have two grown children.

1975

Frank Billman recently published *Shepherding Renewal* through Aldersgate Renewal Ministries. Rev. Dr. Billman continues to serve as director of church relations at Aldersgate in Goodlettsville, Tenn., where he also directs the new Methodist School for Supernatural Ministry.

Ruth (Weiss) Haffly earned her diploma in women’s studies at Biblical Women’s Institute, an extension program of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. Her husband, Steve, is currently enrolled in the seminary after retiring from the Army in 2009. Ruth is a self-employed seamstress,



quilter, and active church member. The Hafflys have six grandchildren.

1983

Rick Danielson and St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Amherst, N.Y., were recently awarded a \$49,780 grant by the Lilly Endowment of Clergy Renewal. The grant will fund a three-month sabbatical for Rick in early 2013, including travel to six countries in the Middle East and Europe. Rick has been the lead pastor of St. Stephens-Bethlehem Church since January 2009, following a merger with Trinity United Church of Christ, where he began serving in 2005.

1984

Mark Nabholz, director of choral activities at Erskine College (S.C.), received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, in December 2011. His dissertation, “The Rescuer in Danger: A Scholarly Performance Edition of Franz Xaver Süssmayr’s Secular Cantata, *Der Retter in Gefahr*,” was the topic of a presentation at the spring 2012 joint conference of the Society for English-Century Music (SECM) and the North American Haydn Society (NAHS), hosted by the College of Charleston. Mark, his wife Fran (Edwards ’85), and their four children live in Augusta, Ga., where he also serves as part-time director of music at Christ Church, Presbyterian (PCA) and conductor of the Augusta Youth Chorale.

1987

Jeanine LeRoy was recently assigned to preside in London, Ontario, by Chief Justice Annemarie E. Bonkalo. Justice LeRoy was called to the Bar in 1993, and served 18 years as a criminal defense lawyer. She also co-founded One Good Turn: A Giving Circle, a non-profit organization that raises funds for youth in the London area, and has been a mentor for the Criminal Law Intensive Program, University of Western Ontario Law School.

1988

Diane (Meserve) Dunn was selected for promotion to colonel in 2006 and is currently assigned as the Maine Army National Guard pre-mobilization training assistance officer in charge. Lt. Col. Dunn is married to Jim Dunn and they have three children, Kayla, Kristen, and Marcus, as well as a granddaughter, Aaliyah. The Duns reside in Maine.

Myron Glick was chosen by the National Federation of Just Communities of Western New York Inc. to receive the Community Leader Award in the health care category. Dr. Glick founded Jericho Road Family Practice in 1998 and together with his wife, Joyce, created a medical home for refugee and low-income members of Buffalo's inner city.

Takako Suzuki Terino was recently ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She currently serves as director of the Special Ministry to the Japanese, an ecumenical outreach to Japanese residents in the Greater New York area.

1990

Keith Davie was named the National Christian College Athletic Association East Region Coach of the Year for 2011. The award comes after a season when Coach

Davie led the Nyack College men's soccer team from the #7 seed in the conference tournament to a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Tournament Championship and an NCAA National Tournament bid, the first at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament in Nyack College history. Keith is the athletic director at Nyack College, as well as the men's soccer coach. His wife, **Karen (Pease '93)** is the director of human resources for Nyack College. They have three sons: Nathaniel, Ethan, and Matthew.

C. Kevin Thompson is the author of *The Serpent's Grasp*, a suspense thriller released by OakTara Publishers in February 2012. Kevin works as an assistant principal in his local school district and speaks in churches on occasion. He has been married for 30 years to his wife, Cindy, and they have three daughters. *The Serpent's Grasp* is Kevin's debut novel.

1992

Mark Deeter is the founder and part owner of The Business Backer, a nationally recognized company funding small businesses. The Business Backer was recently named one of the top 30 emerging companies in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region and is a finalist for Company of the Year in Blue Ash, Ohio. Mark earned his M.B.A. from Indiana

Wesleyan University in 2010 and currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio with his wife, Michelle, and his two six-year-old daughters, Meghan and Cameron. **04**

Christine (Williams) Guest has launched her new website, ChristineGuestDesigns.com, where she sells her original knitting and crochet patterns in the form of downloadable pdfs. **05**

Michael Trexler and his wife, Renee, announce the birth of Elisabeth Marie, born on September 11, 2011. Elisabeth joins four siblings: Nathaniel (10), Hannah (8), Lydia (6), and Sarah (4). The Trexler family lives in Kalamazoo, Mich., where Mike is the medical director of palliative care services at Borgess Hospital. **06**

1998

Wilma Fleming, P.A.C.E., is pleased to announce that her children's story, "Backward Bryan Buzzworth," has been published in *The Story Shop: Stories and Poems for Sharing* by Court Jester Publications, Lady Lake, Florida.

Norah (Griffiths) Goggin and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their son Seth Elias Goggin, born on March 29, 2011. Seth joins brothers Ethan (6) and Mathias (2). **07**



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Robert Boardman was named semifinalist for The American Prize in Conducting for the world premiere performance of Lembit Beecher's multi-media oratorio, *And Then I Remember*, a work representing the dramatic escape from Estonia by the composer's grandmother during World War II. Boardman was also named music director and conductor of the Rensselaer Symphony Orchestra in Troy, N.Y., as well as the South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestras. He achieved his D.M.A. of Orchestra Conducting from the University of Michigan in 2010. **08**

Erin (Warren) Elliot was recently promoted to partner/owner at Post Falls Family Dental in Post Falls, Idaho. Erin graduated from Creighton Dental School in Omaha, Neb., in 2003. She and her husband, Thomas, reside in Rathdrum, Idaho. **09**

Recently, several alumni members of Houghton's cross-country team spent a weekend recalling fond memories of the past, sharing about current situations, and praying for concerns. **Jenn Hess '99**, **Dee (Fox '98) Murch**, **Heather (Ayers '98) Templeton**, **Sarah (Gagnon '00) Stevenson**, and **Krista (Ruth '99) Yoder** were able to reconnect with each other right

away, as running together at Houghton provided them the opportunity to form solid, unforgettable friendships. **10**

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Kevin Beers and his wife, Becky, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Isaac Robert Beers, born January 5, 2012. Kevin has been on the pastoral staff at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg in Hamburg, N.Y., since 2005, and he currently serves as their college and young adults community life pastor. Becky teaches high school English at West Seneca East High. **11**

Kristen Bugos received her Ph.D. in elementary education from the State University of New York at Buffalo and currently serves as assistant professor and coordinator of music education at East Texas Baptist University. **12**

Anna Ireland earned her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from the University of Buffalo. Her dissertation, titled "Negotiating Culture as Refugees: A Case Study in Somali Bantu and Burmese Karen," was influenced by over seven years of research and work within the refugee community. Dr. Ireland is currently the director of health and family services at Jericho Road Ministries in Buffalo, New York.

John Osa-Kwapong has been named director of research and planning, division of student affairs at Columbia University in New York, N.Y.

Susanne (Lehmann) Lessard and her husband, Jonathan, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Renee Lessard, born on November 16, 2011. The Lessards live in Carlisle, Pa., where Susanne is a third grade teacher. **13**

Penny Lincoln celebrated her ordination and serves as senior pastor at Half Acre Union Church in Auburn, N.Y. Penny earned her M.A. in pastoral studies from Saint Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester, N.Y., and is currently working on her D.Min. Penny has served as an interim pastor and a chaplain for the past 12 years; Half Acre Union Church is her first full-time church. **14**

Jessica (McDonald) Norman graduated from Wichita State University in December 2011, with a B.S. in Medical Technology. She has since been certified as a medical laboratory scientist and is now employed by William Newton Memorial Hospital in Winfield, Kan. as a medical technologist. Jessica, her husband, David, and their five-year-old son, Wesley, live in Argonia, Kan., where David serves as a pastor. **15**



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Michael Dombrowski, P.A.C.E. Cohort Q3, was named vice president for operations at Niagara County Community College. Michael oversees all college operations, including facilities, maintenance, and security divisions.

John Novak was recently featured in an organ series held at First Presbyterian church in Binghamton, N.Y. John received his Master of Music in organ performance from Binghamton University in 2006 and currently serves as the organist and minister of music at University Presbyterian Church, as well as a middle/high school music teacher at Letchworth Central School in Gainesville, N.Y. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he also co-directs the spring musical at Letchworth and is an active performer, appearing in organ recitals in Geneseo, Buffalo, and East Aurora in recent years. He resides in the rural community of North Java.

2002

Simeon James Baney was born to **Jennifer (Rimer)** and **Brian Baney '03** on 1/11/11. If their calculations are correct, little Simeon will graduate from Houghton in 2033. **16**

2003

Stephanie (Smith) Holmgren and her husband, Richard, recently brought their preemie son home after a 5½ month stay in the hospital. Eli Holmgren was born at 26 weeks on April 28, 2011, and by God's grace is now thriving at home. The Holmgren family lives in Tiverton, R.I. **17**

Eric Martens has recently joined the staff of Presbyterian Children's Village as chaplain in Rosemont, Pa. Eric had previously worked as a resident chaplain at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis, Ind., Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pa., and Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Tex. He earned his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey.

2005

Justin Howard was ordained an Anglican priest in 2010 and serves at Imago Dei Anglican Church in Orono, Maine. His wife, **Amy (Rogers '05)**, is a spiritual director in the Anglican Diocese of New England as well as a lay pastor at Imago Dei. The Howards were married in May 2006, and have four children: Josiah (4 ½), Simeon (3), Judah (2), and Elijah (1). They reside in Old Town, Maine. **18**

Danielle (Luckey) and **Blair MacDonald** announce the birth of Alexis Joy Luckey MacDonald, born on March 1, 2011. She joins her big sister, Molly (2). The MacDonalds live in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where Danielle stays home with the girls and Blair is a general surgery resident at Kingston General Hospital. **19**

Laurel (Hoffman) and **Matthew Moran '05** announce the birth of their daughter Zoe Elyse, born June 25, 2011. The Morans make their home in Beverly, Massachusetts, where Laurel is enjoying her new job of stay-at-home mom, and Matthew is a pastor at Seven Mile Road Church in Melrose, Mass. **20**

Carissa (Lee) and **Peter Sumner '04** announce the birth of their little girl, Eloise Lee Sumner, on December 30, 2011. Pete and Carissa live in Washington, D.C., where Pete is completing his neurology residency at Georgetown University. Carissa is changing careers from elementary school teacher to stay-at-home mom. **21**

Kristen (Stevens) Wichrowski and her husband, Ed, proudly announce the birth of their son, Asher Edward Wichrowski on March 29, 2011. Kristen is a stay-at-home mom, and Ed is the enrollment manager at Eastern Nazarene College. The Wichrowski family lives in West Bridgewater, Mass. **22**



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A mini alumni reunion took place this past January when Rob '05 and Jenn (Johnson '06) Erbelding, Nathan and Joy (Newcomb '04) Stoddard, Austin '05 and Joanna (Mindrebo '05) Stevenson, and Tim '05 and Laura (Slye '06) Stanley met up at the Young Life all-staff Conference in Orlando, Florida. Tim and Laura would also like to announce the birth of Abram James in March 2011. Nathan and Joy Stoddard welcomed Elijah James in August 2011. **23**

2007

Martin MacKenzie has been named administrator for Wyoming County Community Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility in Warsaw, N.Y. Martin is a registered nurse and a licensed nursing home administrator.

2008

Katryn Belke was recently hired as an orphan care specialist for the Lion of Zambia Orphan Sponsorship Program in Kabanana, Zambia. Prior to her full-time position at Lion of Zambia, Katryn volunteered there as an ESL teacher. Read more about Kat on her blog: www.kat-ndazyoka.blogspot.com. **24**

Joel Lord and his wife Kerri (Paul '08) Lord announce the birth of Skylar Brooke Lord, born September 20, 2011. The Lord family resides in Marlton, N.J., where

Joel is currently serving as an assistant pastor for youth and young adults at Marlton United Methodist Church.

Amy (Lorch) and Matt Milburn announce the birth of a son, Caleb David Milburn on January 8, 2012. The Milburn family lives in Hanover, Pa., where Amy is a staff accountant for Hersha Hospitality Management, and Matt is the director of data integration for iMagicLab. **25**

2009

Diana Conner Pate was married to Benjamin Pate on July 2, 2011, at Tiburon Baptist Church in Tiburon, Calif. Houghton College alumni in attendance included the bride's mother, Dee (Means '80) Conner. The couple is now living in Tucson, Ariz., where Ben is an associate pastor.

2010

Emily (Tullar) Barringer and Patrick Barringer '05 were married on June 25, 2011. The bridal party included Jacob McQuaid '05, Connie Foster '10, Joanna Brautigam '10, Jewel Aagaard '10, and Jillian Lewis '13. Brandon Sartin '03, accompanied by his wife Rose (Baum '03) Sartin, photographed the event. Many other Houghton alumni were in attendance for the outdoor wedding on the Tullar Family Farm, Houghton, N.Y. **26**

Rachel Starks is currently teaching high school math in Garden Hill, a First Nations Community in northern Manitoba, Canada. Her community can be reached only by airplane or winter (ice) road. To get from the airport to her home, she must take a boat or walk across the frozen lake. She writes about her teaching experience, learning the culture, and getting to know the people "up north" in her blog, <http://rnstarks.wordpress.com>. Rachel completed her Master of Education in math education at Boston University in 2011. **27**

2011

Jared Houseman recently joined the staff of Chandler and Edem Financial Consultants in Oriskany Falls as a financial advisor. He is currently handling the individual life, long-term care and disability insurance portion of the office's business while also building his investment business. He resides with his wife, Brittany (Ioset '10) in Hamilton, N.Y.



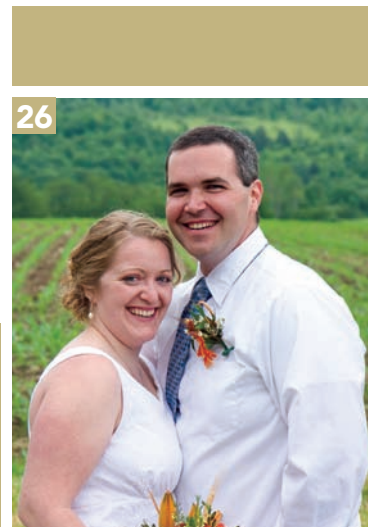
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In Memoriam

BBI

[Raymond Schneider](#) passed away at the age of 83 on May 21, 2011. Raymond served as a fire controlman in the U.S. Navy during WWII, then worked as an electrical engineer contractor for over 35 years, retiring in 1990. Raymond was proud to be a part of the installation of the lights for the Lake Placid Olympics. He is survived by his son, David, his grandchildren, Jared and Benjamin Schneider, and his sister, Lorraine Bridwell. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, [Ruth Schneider '47](#), his son Mark, and his parents, Albert and Emma Schneider.

UWC

[Howard Brooks '75](#) passed away unexpectedly at the age of 61 on October 21, 2011. Rev. Dr. Brooks was pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church and Zion Evangelical Church. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, and his three sons, Edward, James, and Andrew Brooks.

1934

[Richard Farwell](#) died at the age of 98 on February 25, 2012, in his home. Richard served in the Navy during World War II and worked as a guidance counselor at Belfast Central School, Friendship Central School, Cuba Central School, and Lyndonville Central School. He also served as Registrar at Houghton College. He is survived by his children, Susan Hauser, Richard Farwell, Michael Farwell, and [Stephen Farwell '78](#), 12 grandchildren, including [Amanda \(Farwell '00\) Robbins](#), and 13 great-grandchildren.

1936

[Emily Stevenson](#) passed away at the age of 96 on March 12, 2012. Emily served as a nurse during WWII, caring for wounded soldiers aboard the USS Refuge, receiving the American Campaign

Ribbon, World War II Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Emily was preceded in death by her parents, Christine and Louis, her sister [Lena '33](#), and her brothers, Ole, [Robert '42](#), and Steve Stevenson.

1937

[Wesley "Wes" Churchill](#) passed away on November 8, 2011, in his home in West Valley, N.Y. He was 95 years old. Wes served as a volunteer teacher with the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Centerville while a student at Houghton, and was a teacher, vice principal and acting principal during his career. He retired as a physics teacher from Pioneer Central School District in 1980. He and his wife of nearly 74 years, [June \(Austin '40\) Churchill](#), made dozens of trips to Haiti to work with Haiti Gospel Mission. The clinic dedicated the new Churchill Lab to his memory this spring. He is survived by his wife; his daughters, [Judy \(Churchill '61\) Lawton](#) and [Jacque Neudeck](#); and grandchildren, including [Holly Lawton '87](#) and [Dr. Julie Neudeck '92](#). Preceding him in death was his brother [Ames Churchill '41](#), and his sister-in-law [Norma \(Carter '42\) Churchill](#).

1938

[Mary \(Madwid\) Hurd](#) died on January 25, 2012, in Sedona, Ariz. Mary worked as a secretary at Houghton College and Seattle Pacific University and as a personal secretary to the wife of a former CIA director. She is survived by daughters [Mary Lou "Mimi" \(Hurd '68\) Carlson](#) and [Shari Hurd '67](#); nephew [Stephen Farwell \('78\) Robbins](#). She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, [James Hurd '39](#); and three sisters, including [Ann \(Madwid '40\) Farwell](#). The day before her death, Mary could instantly identify dear Houghton friends in pictures, including [Bob Luckey](#)

['37](#), [Art and Laura \(Foster '38\) Lynip '38](#), and [Bob and Lois \(Roughan\) Ferm '39](#).

1939

[Beverly "Jill" \(Carlson\) Crandall](#) passed away on October 20, 2011. She spent over 25 years as an English teacher and retired in 1983 from Brockport Central High School. She is survived by her daughters, Dr. Anne "Candy" Luce and Dr. Elizabeth "Molly" Frisbie, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, [John "Jack" Crandall '39](#) and a brother, Roger A. Carlson.

1940

[Elsie \(Hodgin\) Eyler](#) passed away on February 8, 2012. She was the wife of [Dr. Kenneth Eyler '39](#) and is survived by three children.

[Paul Wolfgruber](#), M.D., passed away at the age of 93 on March 5, 2012. Dr. Wolfgruber was a medical officer during the Second World War and a well-known and beloved physician, serving in Arkport and Hornell from 1949 until his retirement in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; son Kurt Wolfgruber; five stepdaughters, and ten grandchildren and step-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his son, Paul "Wink" Wolfgruber; brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Madelyn Wolfgruber; and his sister, Grace Plumley.

1941

[Evelyn \(Geer\) McCartney](#), 91, passed away on September 12, 2011, at VNA Hospice House, Vero Beach, Fla. She is survived by her son, Brian McCartney; daughter, Karen Rockhill; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, [Allan McCartney '41](#).

EDITH REDMAN

Edith (Preston '42) Redman, retired Houghton College librarian and long-time community member, passed away Sunday, November 13, 2011, at the Absolut Care of Houghton nursing home in Houghton, N.Y.



Edith's connection to Houghton spanned many years — she graduated from both Houghton Academy and the college, then went on to work for Houghton for 33 years until her retirement in 1987. "She was very dedicated and loyal to Houghton College," said current library operations manager, Sharleen Holmes.

Edith was known for her hard work, her kind heart and her buoyant spirit. "She was a woman of the highest level of integrity and had the best work ethic of anyone I know," said Holmes. "Edith was an extremely kind and sweet, self-effacing lady — Christian through and through," remembers reference librarian and friend, Betty (Histed '66) Bunt. "She had a lovely smile and sometimes quite a twinkle in her eye." Gwen (Weaver '88) Mercer lived next door to Edith for a time. "She was a dear, dear woman. Visiting her was an invigorating, joyful experience." "I'm glad I knew her," said Bunt. "Everybody loved her."

Surviving are three sons, David Lee Barringer, Fred Barringer and Roy Barringer; five grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; a sister Elizabeth (Preston '44) Simons; two brothers, Fred Preston '47, and Ernie Preston '50; a stepson, Marvin Redman; two stepdaughters, Helen Linza, and Wilma Cook; eleven step grandchildren; several step great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Redman.

1942

Eldyn Simons passed away at the age of 94 on February 4, 2012, at Houghton Nursing Home. Rev. Simons was instrumental in building the Canaseraga Wesleyan Church, and served as pastor for several other local churches. In addition, he was an art teacher at Keshequa Central School and author of the book *The Dawn of Hope: Encouragement for Those Who Grieve*, published by Barbour, Oct 1, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Preston '44) Simons, his daughters, Judith (Simons '66) Frey, Sharon (Simons '68) Stewart, Faith (Simons '70) Stewart, and Ellyn (Simons '79) Sanna, 13 grandchildren, including David Stewart '01, Sheila (Stewart '97) Nelson, and Anna (Stewart '03) Symons, as well as Houghton community member Miranda Hunter; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Philip Simons; and a brother, Raymond Simons.

Margaret Rose (Rudd) Chase, 89, passed away peacefully in her home in Orwell, N.Y., on January 23, 2012. She taught at Sandy Creek Central School for most of her teaching career until her retirement in 1987. Margaret is survived by her two daughters and their spouses, Kathleen Chase '80 and the Rev. John Seib; Drs. Priscilla (Chase '84) and Glenn Thibault '83. She is also survived by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Ruzena (Thibault '11) Privett and her husband Jeremy; Cameron Thibault '12, along with Eloise and Clarice Thibault; Caileigh and Owen Danis; by her brother Franklin Rudd, sister Faith Buettner, sister-in-law Ruth (Knapp '51) Rudd, and brother-in-law Fay Reid, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and members of her extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harlow, and her siblings Adelia Clemons, Floyd Rudd '52, Jonathan Rudd, Chester Rudd '51, and Mildred Rudd; brother-in-law Rudolf Buettner, and sister-in-law, Mildred Reid.

1946

Raynard Alger passed away at the age of 92 on January 24, 2012, at Eastside Nursing Home, Warsaw, N.Y. He was a WWII Army veteran and retired from West Seneca School District as supervisor of music. Raynard is survived by his wife of 26 years, Beverly (Evans '58) Alger, a daughter, Roberta and her husband Marc Jones; a son, Brian Hoyler and his wife Chris; and six grandchildren.

Roy Katashi Takaya passed away suddenly on February 15, 2011. Roy was a bi-vocational minister, serving in several Free Methodist churches as well as being involved in the horticultural profession. Though detained in a "relocation camp" following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Roy never lost his love for God's creation and often said "Life is a gift — all of life is by grace." He is survived by his wife, Miyeko, and his daughter, Cherith Takaya McKay.

1947

Marcia (Forsythe) Earl passed away on November 25, 2011. She and her husband, **Rev. Harris Earl '46**, were married for over 64 years. They served together in pastoral work for seven of those years and as missionaries for 36 ½ half years in Colombia, South America. They spent the last 20 years in Brooksville, Florida.

1948

Charles Jennings died on November 1, 2010. Charles was drafted into the U.S. Army while attending Houghton College. Severely wounded near the end of WWII, Charles recovered in England and returned to Germany to work behind the lines before returning home and finishing his degree at Houghton. He earned his law degree from Northwestern University in 1950 and opened private practice in Lodi, where he was a founder and president of the Lodi Historical Society. Charles is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Virginia "Ginny" (Taylor '49) Jennings**, his daughter, **Amy (Jennings '93) Pemberton**, son-in-law, **Craig Pemberton**, and grandson, **Joseph Craig Pemberton**.

1949

Janette (Jordan) Leach died on November 26, 2011. She is survived by her husband, **Rev. Ronald Leach**; her children, **Carolyn Leach '74**, **Ronald** and **Steven Leach**; six grandchildren; and her sister **Betty MacDuffie**. She was preceded in death by sisters, **Lucielle Hancock**, **Ruth Connor**, **Harriette Hicks** and **Barbara Robbins**.

1950

Lois (Buttifiant) Bruce passed away on October 8, 2011, at the Absolut at Houghton Nursing Home. She was 82 years old. Lois earned her master's in library science from Syracuse University and worked as a school librarian. She retired in 1984 as supervisor of media communications for the Jamestown public school system. Lois loved to talk about her experiences at Houghton College, especially her excitement at having **Billy Graham** speak at their commencement. She is survived by her children, **David Bruce**, **Patricia Gallagher**, and **Pamela Niedhammer**, eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Leonard Bruce**.

Ruth (Billings) Samuels died on August 4, 2011, in Spokane, Washington, of congestive heart failure. She is survived by her husband, **Charles Samuels '50**, two children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



ALLEN SMITH

Allen Smith '43, longtime Houghton staff and community member, passed away on Friday, December 30, 2011. He was 90.

He joined the college staff in 1946 and worked as print shop manager for 40 years until his retirement in 1986. Al counted it a privilege to be a part of God's work at Houghton. "Over the years," said daughter **Connie (Smith '68) Dorst**, "Dad proudly gave tours of the campus to visiting friends and family. Each new building carried a story of another of God's miracles, and he would get tears in his eyes when he told of God's amazing faithfulness to Houghton College."

Al was involved in the community as well, including service with the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department. He was also an active member of the Houghton Wesleyan Church.

"The word that keeps coming to my mind is 'faithful,'" said senior pastor **Wes Oden**. "It was his joy to serve. Al's faithfulness to Christ wasn't a duty. It was just a part of who he was. It seeped out of him because it was the center of who he was."

Smith is survived by his children, **Connie (Smith '68) and Rich Dorst '67**; **Janet (Smith '69) and Willard Stanton '71** and **Penny Smith**; **Charles '72 and Connie (Parks '76) Smith**; **Norva (Smith '78) and Stephen Bayne**; and **Audrey (Smith '79) and Steve Pocock '79**; 19 grandchildren, including **Julie (Sentz '93) Whittemore**, **Jackie (Sentz '95) Kuhlkin**, **Nicole (Smith '00) Clester**, **April Smith Keeler '04**, **Stephanie (Pocock '04) Boeninger**, **Kara (Pocock '06) Campbell**, **Michael Pocock '11**, **JohnMark Pocock '12**, **Megan (Smith '00) Thurkins**, **Rebekah (Smith '04) Kuk**; and 21 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, **Esther (Fulton '43) Smith**; a sister, **Florence (Smith '35) Foster**; and a brother, **Willard G. Smith '35**.

EDWIN SEAMAN

Long-time College Board member and trustee emeritus, [Rev. Edwin C. Seaman '42](#), passed away peacefully on January 5, 2012, at The Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Glens Falls, N.Y., following a long battle with cancer. He was 91 years old.



Ed was dedicated to God, his family, and serving The Wesleyan Church. He was ordained after his Houghton graduation and held three pastorates over the years: Heuvelton, N.Y., Ogdensburg, N.Y., and Wells, N.Y. He also served on the Champlain district board of administration for 32 years. According to the citation read at his Houghton College Board of Trustees retirement celebration, Ed began his service as a member of Houghton's Board in 1958, and in the following 31+ years served on most board committees and traveled more than three times around the world between Houghton and his northern New York pastorates. He participated in plant expansion that included 10 buildings up, two down and another moved — plus acquisition of another campus. "Ed was very faithful and missed only one or two meetings in more than 20 years," said former College President Dan Chamberlain. "He had the all-time attendance record!"

According to the program from his memorial celebration, "Rev. Ed Seaman was a gentleman in every respect — in spirit, manners and speech. He lived his life with dignity, humor, and love of children and family."

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen; son, David Seaman, and his wife, Maryellen; his daughter, Meribeth Seaman; five grandchildren; his sister, Ruth, and her husband, [George Bayne '45](#). Rev. Seaman was preceded in death by his siblings, Ralph, Beatrice, Chester and Elton.

1951

[Eleanor \(Crossman\) Lockyer](#) passed away at the age of 82 on July 30, 2011. She is survived by her brothers George, Harold, and [Theodore Crossman '55](#). She was preceded in death by her brothers Robert and Milo Crossman and her husband of 45 years, Rev. David Lockyer.

1952

[Dr. Dow Robinson](#) passed away on September 26, 2011. Dow and his wife, [Lois \(Karger '51\) Robinson](#) spent many years with the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Mexico working with Wycliffe Bible Translators to translate the New Testament into the Nahautl language. They later returned to the U.S. to serve in a pastoral capacity in churches in Oklahoma, Kentucky, and Alabama.

1954

[Florence "Floss" Mitchell](#) passed away peacefully on December 18, 2011. She was 83 years old. Floss is survived by her husband of 61 years, Rev. [Herb Mitchell '52](#), five children, eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

1958

[Paul Dommermuth](#), 76, died on November 18, 2011, following a brief illness. Throughout his career, he served as assistant professor in the sociology department of the University of Florida at Coral Gables, research assistant professor in the division of sociology, department of psychiatry at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and as an associate professor in the Fredonia State University College Sociology Department. He was a full professor at Fredonia from 1974 until his retirement in 2000. Dr. Dommermuth was active in the Salvation Army, serving as volunteer bell ringer and board member. He also belonged to the NAACP and had participated in marches during the 1960s. He is survived by an extended group of close friends who became his family; and his former wife, Linda.

1960

[Phyllis \(Lundie\) Gruver](#), 75, died on December 1, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, David; their three children, Gavin Gruver, Jann Tufo, and Jennifer DiFiore; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Cloyse and Phillip Lundie; and many nieces and nephews. A scholarship fund has been established in Phyllis' memory at the Shiawassee Community Foundation in Owosso, Mich., for area high school seniors planning to study nursing.

[Scott Wilcox](#) died at the age of 74 on October 19, 2011. An MP in the Air Force, Scott served in Korea; in Plattsburgh, where he started a military marching band; and in Greenland. He retired from the state of New York, working as a habilitation specialist at Craig Developmental Center. He is survived by his wife, [Eleanor \(Smith '61\) Wilcox](#), his son, Jonathan, his daughters, [Deborah \(Wilcox '80\) Barnes](#), [Patricia \(Wilcox '82\) Jordan](#), Amy Shumaker, and Rebecca Colborn, and nine grandchildren.

1961

[James Wirick](#) died on July 23, 2011, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, [Dian \(Sheppard '61\) Wirick](#), his daughter Elizabeth, son Timothy, and three grandchildren.

1965

[LaFayette Pinckney](#) passed away at the age of 90 on October 11, 2011. Fay served in the U.S. Army during WWII and worked for the New York Central Railroad and Suburban Propane in Connecticut before pursuing his call to be a pastor. After graduating from Houghton, he served as pastor until 1987. He is survived by his wife, [Geneva \(Daniels '50\) Pinckney](#), six children, Carole Coe, Tana Montroe, Rena Forrester, and Butch, Phillip, and David Pinckney. He is also survived by sixteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and one brother, Earl Pinckney.

1967

[J. Samuel "Sam" McCullough](#) passed away on July 2, 2011. Sam and his wife [Nancy "Nan" \(Miller '68\)](#) worked with Campus Crusade for Christ in universities and colleges until 1979, and then joined Christian Embassy (CE), a ministry of CCC in Washington, D.C., where they served for 31 years. Nan tells the Magazine, "Sam used all the skills he learned at Houghton throughout his 43 years of ministry (even what he learned from Prof. Greer in singing)." He is survived by his wife, three children and their spouses, Kristi and Darrin Kruft, Kevin and Sarah McCullough, Scotty and Kelly McCullough; and three grandchildren, Lily Kruft, Jazlyn McCullough, and Damien Atkins.

1972

[Lawrence Jenkins](#), 85, died on November 13, 2011 in Collins, Mississippi. Lawrence served in the Pacific theater with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from General Motors in Tonawanda in 1982. Rev. Jenkins was also the founder and pastor of Providence Baptist, serving from 1965 to 2003. He is survived by his son, Lawrence II; two daughters, Cora Goudy and Pearlia King; and sister, Ethel Mae Smith.



EDWARD NEWHOUSE

[Edward B. Newhouse](#), former assistant professor of English, died on February 12, 2012, after a long battle with Parkinson's. He was 81 years old. Ed served his country in Japan during the Korean War and began his lifelong career as an educator in 1958, teaching junior high English and Latin at Fremont Christian School in Fremont, Mich.

During the course of his 37-year teaching career, Ed taught at Ferris State College, Ball State University, Palm Beach Atlantic University and Lynn University. Ed spent nearly a decade teaching at Houghton from 1970-1979.

"He was a loving husband, a wonderful father and a gentle soul," said daughter [Eileen Newhouse '77](#). "Kind, mild mannered, and unassuming are words that come to mind," remembered professor emeritus of Christian ministries, [Harold Kingdon '57](#).

He is survived by his wife, Betty; children Eileen Newhouse, Tom Newhouse, Tim Newhouse, and Beth Newhouse; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, [Duane Newhouse '78](#).

PAUL LACELLE

Paul L. LaCelle '51, M.D., former member of the Board of Trustees, the Alumni Board and the President's Science Advisory Council, died on March 9, 2012, in Rochester, N.Y. He was 82.



Dr. LaCelle attended the University of Rochester School of Medicine and joined the faculty there in the department of radiation biology and biophysics in 1964. He remained at the School of Medicine for the duration of his career where he pursued research, taught in the medical school and served in administrative roles, including chair of the biophysics department and most recently as senior associate dean of graduate studies. "He was one of the most brilliant minds I have ever known," said former college president, Daniel Chamberlain. "He was a soft-spoken man, but he was extremely insightful."

Dr. LaCelle served for over 20 years as a college board member and gave generously of his time and resources to Houghton. "Paul was a great supporter of science, especially our summer physics research with students," said physics department chair, Mark Yuly.

Yuly had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. LaCelle on several projects. "His insights have been very valuable to me as a teacher, and I think he greatly influenced my own teaching and research. I am so glad I had the chance to get to know this great man."

LaCelle is survived by his children, Andrea (LaCelle '79) Redfern, Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82, Peter LaCelle '84, and Erik LaCelle; siblings Mary (LaCelle '51) Kinnetz, James '52 LaCelle, John '54 and Eleanor (Mead '55) LaCelle and Esther (LaCelle '59) Pitzrick; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, June (Dukeshire '50) LaCelle.

1976

Roslyn "Lyn" (Lawrence) LaBarre died suddenly on December 1, 2011, as the result of an automobile accident. Lyn's nearly 30-year career in nursing was at Albany Medical Center where she was serving most recently as patient care service director critical care, emergency and neuro sciences. Lyn is survived by her husband, Frank LaBarre '75, their three children, Benjamin, Michelle (LaBarre '02) Perkins, and Janette '05; her father, Rev. Orville Lawrence '51; and two brothers, Wesley Lawrence, and Stephen Lawrence. Her mother, Irene (Titus '49) Lawrence preceded her in death.

1983

James "Jim" Pinkham, 50, passed away unexpectedly on September 14, 2011. Jim earned his master's in international journalism (M.I.J.) from Baylor University in 1992, and he worked as a technical writer for Voith Paper, as well as a freelance writer for *Kaukauna Times Villager*, among other publications. Jim is survived by his wife, Jean Pinkham; two children, Steven Pinkham, and Sarah Pinkham; his parents, Ronald and Janet Pinkham; a sister, Lori Sardinas; niece and nephews, Tyler, Brianna, Brandon; his father and mother-in-law, Allen and Louise Law; and many other relatives and friends.

1985

Eunice Julia Barber passed away at the age of 73 on February 8, 2012. Eunice served on the board of the Southern Tier Legal Services in Belmont, N.Y., and retired in 2004 from her work with the Allegany County Office for the Aging and the Allegany Rehabilitation Center. Eunice is survived by her six children, twelve grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Odis Lee Barber.

1990

M. Sean O'Hara passed away on January 20, 2012, at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, N.Y. He was employed by Cornell University as a catering manager. Sean is survived by his father, Michael J. O'Hara; his brothers Rodd '92 and Brendan O'Hara, and his sister Michelle O'Hara-Kobi '86. He was preceded in death by his mother, Janet O'Hara.

1991

Kevin Barry died suddenly on January 28, 2012. He is survived by his parents, Arthur Barry and Carol Haefner; his four siblings, Keith Barry, Erik Barry, Jeffrey Barry, and Thea Haefner; and several nieces and nephews.

J. Scott Thomson, M.D., died suddenly on November 24, 2011. He was 42 years old. He was employed as instructor of Imaging Sciences' Division of Neuroradiology at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is survived by his parents, Dr. John and Alyce (VanAtter '58) Thomson '59; his siblings, including Dr. Robert Thomson '85 and Linda (Thomson '83) Scheighardt; and several nieces and nephews.

2009

Jeremy Collins passed away suddenly on January 4, 2012, at his home. He was 24 years old. He was employed by NextDocs in King of Prussia, Pa., where he worked as a computer programmer. He is survived by his wife, Tabitha (Parry '09) Collins; his parents, Dale and Joy Collins; and siblings Jason Collins, Joshua Collins and Rachel Collins.

BONNIE MACBETH

Bonnie L. (Wheeler '77)

MacBeth lost her 3-year battle with colon cancer on February 6, 2012. She was 56 years old.



Bonnie's connections to Houghton have been deeply woven throughout

her years as a student, a former staff member, a community member and as a friend and inspiration to many.

Bonnie was especially known for her "amazing ability to be friends with a wide variety of people," said friend Gudy (Mindrebo '70) Stevenson, assistant professor of German.

"Kind, Christ-like, patient, funny, friendly, beautiful, caring, and perfect. She was as close to Jesus as anyone I have ever known or probably ever will know" said intercultural admission counselor, friend and former co-worker, Janyce (Dale '79) Smithley. "She asked big and hard questions of God. She had an infectious laugh—her goodness was contagious" said Professor of Education and friend Connie Finney '78.

In the '90s she served in Indianapolis, Ind., and in Australia as a missionary with The Wesleyan Church, and in 2007, she co-founded Hope Refugee Services—an outreach to support the growing number of refugee families in the West Side of Buffalo. Bonnie helped launch a several projects to meet the basic needs of these families. Today, Hope is merged with Jericho Road Ministries and serves scores of refugees on a daily basis.

"Bonnie was such a special, special lady," said former college President Daniel Chamberlain. "Her love for others and her super sensitive spirit are just unmatched."

Beloved wife of Wayne MacBeth '75; mother of Christy (MacBeth '07) Simon and Scott MacBeth '10; daughter of James and Sharon Carpenter Wheeler '90; sister of Becki (Thomas) Iamaio '75, Lauren Johnson, Bethany Durys '89; and aunt of several nieces and nephews.

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