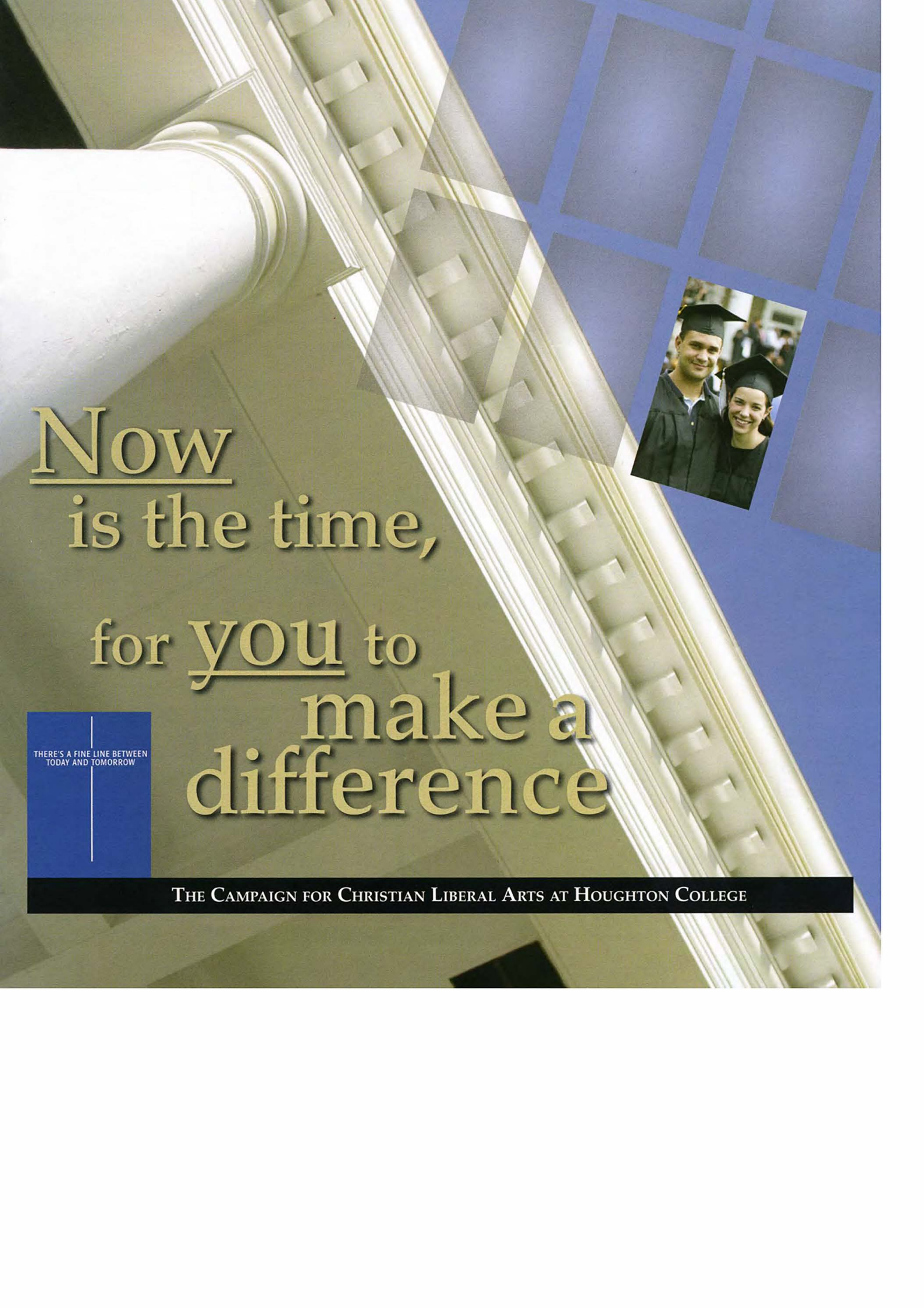


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for you to
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difference



THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN
TODAY AND TOMORROW

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CHRISTIAN LIBERAL ARTS AT HOUGHTON COLLEGE




With its conclusion just months away, The Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts needs your participation to reach its final goals. The endowment portion of the campaign will soon be achieved. Giving to The Houghton Fund continues on schedule as well. That leaves several capital projects to fund that will require significant participation from the entire Houghton College circle of supporters:

- Significant gifts from interested individuals and several foundations have put the Paine Science Center project's aims within reach.
- Interest for a new visual arts center continues
- The new fitness center is already funded.
- **The structural enhancement of Wesley Chapel still needs significant support from each of us.**

Now is the time—this is your opportunity to participate.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CHRISTIAN LIBERAL ARTS AT HOUGHTON COLLEGE



Many of us have memories of Houghton that center on Wesley Chapel: concerts, church services, Artist Series, movies, Spots and more.

As our Dean of the Chapel, John Brittain, notes: "The Chapel is not only the worship center. It is the community center, and, appropriately, the focal point of the campus." That focus is never sharper than in the spring, when the Chapel hosts Houghton's seniors for "a time of beginning"—better known as "commencement."

This gathering brings together so much of Houghton's essence. It is an academic ceremony, complete with robes and degrees and a final bit of wisdom imparted from a learned speaker. It is a spiritual gathering, with hymns and prayer and a great deal of praise and worship. It is a time of community, with tears and laughter and the bittersweet joy of a mission accomplished and the parting between lifelong friends. It is a time of beginning as newly minted scholar-servants head out to lead and labor.

Now, it is the Chapel itself that needs a fresh start. It requires new seating; updated treatments for the floors, windows, and walls; air conditioning; and modern systems for sound and lighting. The need is to provide a comfortable setting for worship and fellowship—to restore the luster of the chapel as a center for spiritual formation and community gathering.

now is the time

Now is the time for you to get involved. Make your pledge today.

Special opportunities:

JOIN THE JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY SOCIETY by pledging a total of \$10,000 to be given over the next five years. Members will be listed on a plaque in the foyer of the chapel, and will receive special recognition at the rededication of the chapel in the fall of 2006.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE CHAPEL by pledging a total of \$5,000 to be given over the next five years. Members will be listed on a plaque in the foyer of the chapel.

SPONSOR A CHAPEL SEAT by pledging \$1,000 to be given over the next five years. The college will place a plaque on the seat of your choice honoring or remembering someone of importance to your Houghton experience.

In addition to the giving societies and seat sponsorship, there are other naming opportunities in support of the chapel project. Please contact the Office of Advancement for additional information.



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—Sharon Givler

"Giving is an act of worship.
That's why it's a privilege
to sponsor a chapel seat in
memory of a former college
administrator whose daily
walk was a testimony to her
courage and hope in the Lord."

A large, dark photograph of a chapel interior. A pastor in a suit stands at a pulpit, facing a large congregation seated in pews. The chapel has a high ceiling with a grid of lights. The text "make a difference" is overlaid at the bottom in a large, light-colored, serif font.

make a difference



As a commitment to this project, the college has canceled use of the chapel for the summer of 2006 (after the May Commencement), to allow for the completion of these structural enhancements. We need to have gifts committed by then.

There is a real urgency here—a need to act promptly.

Please consider how you can give to this new beginning for Wesley Chapel.

Fill out the enclosed form and send it in the envelope provided, or to: Houghton College Advancement Office, One Willard Avenue, Houghton, NY 14744, 585.567.9340, or make a secure donation online at: www.houghton.edu/alumni/giving.

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Equipping Scholar-Servants: The Purpose of Capital Improvements

by Eric Alcott



Eric Alcott is vice president for advancement.

While this issue of *Milieu* celebrates the role that buildings have played in the history of Houghton College, the real story about these buildings should center on the people who have taught, worked and learned in them. The Houghton campus has become one of the most breathtaking in the world, yet its true beauty is reflected in the lives that were formed and equipped to be scholar-servants here.

Think back to the favorite Houghton building or home that you studied in, lived in or played in. You might recall some of the architectural traits that made it unique, but what you probably remember more are the relationships you developed with the people who shared your experiences. Many of you made lifelong friendships in your residence halls or the homes you lived in. Some of you met your spouses because of the seating arrangements in chapel. All of you benefit today from the faculty and staff who helped you grow academically and spiritually in their classrooms, offices and homes.

In this issue you will read about capital improvements to the campus that will contribute to the sense of community that is the real Houghton experience. These include adding a floor to the library and connecting it to the academic building via a "sky bridge," acquiring new equipment for our science labs while modernizing the look of the Paine Science Center, and re-routing traffic around that building.

The Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts at Houghton College is making steady progress raising funds for the structural enhancement of Wesley Chapel. We already have \$125,000 in gifts and pledges. We need to raise \$500,000 by next May, when we will close the Chapel (after commencement!) and do the work. There is a brochure in the middle of this issue detailing how you can contribute to this project.

We continue to plan for a new visual arts center and a new campus center. Once the new visual arts center is completed, what is now Stevens Art Studios will be transformed into a modern fitness center to house the new equipment already given by one generous donor.

We are excited about these plans, but we are even more excited about what they will mean to our students and our programs. The changes to the Paine Science Center will provide first-rate laboratory experiences for our students and allow them to participate with faculty in significant research projects, which, in turn, will aid their acceptance into top graduate and medical programs (see *People & Programs*, page 11). Renovations to the Chapel will allow for new initiatives in evangelism, discipleship training and the integration of scholarship and service.

We know that the church is not the building, but the people. Houghton College is not its buildings, either, but they do help to support the people and programs that make this a true learning community. We hope this issue of *Milieu* will bring you new information and also stir some memories of the beautiful Houghton campus.

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Featured on the cover of this issue and throughout the magazine is an original illustration of the Houghton campus by Erin (Bennett '00) Banks. Banks, who earned her master's from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), recently illustrated a children's book—*The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom* (Candlewick Press), by Bettye Stroud (a sample from the book is shown below)—which has received favorable reviews from *Parents Magazine* and *The Washington Post*. Her illustrations have appeared in publications such as *The Carolina Quarterly*, *Charleston Magazine*, *Brio*, and *Harvard Business Review*. Banks works at the SCAD-Atlanta campus as assistant director of recruitment and lives in Atlanta with her husband Timothy, who is also an illustrator.



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Houghton College *a higher purpose in mind*

Tyson on Wesley

I enjoyed the recent *Milieu* and especially the article by John R. Tyson on Wesley. The subtitle "Wesley's Catholic Spirit" leads me to hope that our college can capitalize on a broad evangelical stance with Bible Christians across the nation.

Alton J. Shea '36

Houghton, NY



Chamberlain to retire

Upon reading of Dr. Chamberlain's retirement, I felt led to write. I lived in Houghton for 10 years, met my dear wife Sharon (Heritage '66) Angell there, and we both received our degrees from the college.

Dr. Paine, our president, was certainly revered. Beyond that however, he was my friend. He took a personal interest in me. The manner in which he conducted himself was exemplary and a role model for your present "scholar-servant" emphasis. How could he ever be replaced?

However, in God's wisdom and with His impeccable timing, Dr. Chamberlain entered the scene only a few years later. Just look at the campus, for starters. Only Wesley Chapel, Luckey, a repositioned Fancher Hall, East Hall, the library, and Shenawana are reminders of the 1960s. So much has been added and yet the beauty of the campus remains.

The faculty and curriculum have kept pace and been on the cutting edge of these changing times. Most importantly, the overall mission and message of Houghton College have remained amazingly consistent. Dr. Chamberlain has been the leader, with a keen mind and a soft heart. The family of Houghton owes him a great debt.

Before retirement, I was a high school guidance director on Long Island for 27 of my 34 years in public education. In that capacity, I have visited between 100 and 200 institutions of higher learning. The more I absorbed of these other colleges and universities, the more I was grateful that I grew up in Houghton and attended Houghton College.

May God continue to keep His hand on Dr. Chamberlain.

Jonathan Angell '66

Eastport, NY

Values learned

I thank the Lord for the time I had at Houghton College. I look back at times and remember the values I learned then. I attended the camp meetings on the hill and was blessed so much. I heard George Beverly Shea for the first time and he sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." It's still a favorite of mine.

The faculty was dedicated to bringing the most out of the student for life now and eternity. I still have a flowering Japanese cherry tree that Josephine Rickard gave me a seedling from, to take to my house in Pennsylvania. I think of her whenever it's blooming.

Kathleen (Rothermel '50) Morris

Danville, PA

It's not easy being Green...

I breathed a sigh of relief after reading the article "Thoughts on Becoming Green," Summer 2004 issue. I've never understood the connection between Christian faith and political evangelical conservatism, and was happy to see another perspective being offered. I was disappointed to see him (politely) blasted by a number of writers in the next issue.

The basic themes, as I understood them, of the letters chastising him started with a self-serving Biblical literalism that says "every word of the Bible is absolutely true, except the parts I'm not comfortable with." This view makes the claim, for instance, that "God created the world in seven days" remains an absolute truth, but that the command to love one's neighbor or turn the other cheek becomes a nice ideal, but impractical in today's world. This leads to Christian conservative voters who feel comfortable with the candidate who opposes homosexuality but drops bombs on brown people, who speaks passionately of his faith while ignoring, even aggravating, the plight of the poor.

Another theme seemed to be a paranoia that Greens (or any other "liberals") are waging a secret war meant to eradicate the Christian faith. Persecution of Christians does still go on in many nations around the world, but we trivialize that real suffering by crying "persecution" because someone doesn't like you or doesn't want to be like you. There are many, many people who choose not to live Christian lives and would prefer not to be preached to as they go about their day. Interpreting that choice as an attack on Christians, or on Christian values, is narcissistic and absurd.

To see educated Christians jump so high and become so defensive when a young writer suggests that, in the political arena, Christ might want us to work toward peace, take care of the poor and nurture the environment is terribly disappointing. I would like to believe these respondents are a harmless minority. Exit polling of evangelicals tells me they most likely are not.

James (Quick '95) Thompson

Rome, NY

Pearse Addresses President, Senators

MEIC PEARSE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, addressed an audience of 30 U.S. Senators at a conference of The Congressional Institute on January 29. Prior to the conference he spoke with President George W. Bush.

"Pearse raised questions about culture and belief that transcend the traditional battlegrounds over economic resources and geography," said Jerome Climer, president of The Congressional Institute. "Members of the U.S. House and Senate were provoked to think hard, at their recent bicameral congressional retreat, about his presentation and to consider the ramifications of his comments."

Climer called Pearse's book, *Why the Rest Hates the West*, "thought-provoking," adding that it "shows how many of the underlying assumptions of Western civilization directly oppose and contradict the cultural and religious values of significant people groups."

Established in 1987, The Congressional Institute produces strategic planning meetings featuring "noted academic thinkers and civic leaders from around the country" for members of Congress and their staff on emerging legislative matters.



Associate Professor of History Meic Pearse speaks with President George W. Bush.

College to Assist Local Church with Purchase of Organ

LAST FALL THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH and the college announced their intention to collaborate on the purchase and ownership of a tracker organ to be installed in the church, if certain fundraising goals could be met. Alumni and friends responded with over \$30,000 in gifts and pledges to the project, in addition to the Greatbatch School of Music's commitment.

Now the college has upped its commitment for a larger (27-stop) organ—deemed more suitable for instructional purposes. The school of music expects the new organ will be a significant asset in attracting and preparing organ students and church musicians.

In March a contract was let with builder James Louder, Inc. of Montreal, Canada. Louder is completing the design, with construction and installation of the organ expected in early 2007. Meanwhile the church will make structural changes to accommodate the new instrument and seek to raise the \$89,000 it yet needs to pay for the organ in full.

Faculty and Staff News

Lisa Bennett, instructor of communications, earned her master's degree in communication management from the Newhouse School of Public Communication at Syracuse University. Bennett received the 2005 Award of Excellence for outstanding research from Women Executives in Public Relations for her work entitled "Excellent Public Relations and Organizational Learning: A Symbiotic Relationship."

Two papers co-written by Houghton students and faculty were accepted at the Oxbridge 2005 conference. **Benjamin Walker '07** and **Charles Bressler**, professor of English, participated in collaborative research on "Tolkein's Aphorisms as a Key to the Deep Truths of His Cosmogony and Mythology." **Carina Rumberger '05** worked with Bressler on "Shifting Stories: Female Images in C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia*." The C.S. Lewis Society also will publish Rumberger and Bressler's paper. Bressler also presented a paper at the annual Art and Soul Conference at Baylor University.

Cathy Freytag, associate professor of education, coordinated and co-presented a session entitled "Co-Teaching: Why it Works and Why it Doesn't" at the annual meeting of the New York Council for Exceptional Children. Co-presenters included childhood education majors **Alisa Cullum '06** and **Lindsey Kestler '06** as well as a team of collaborative educators from Letchworth Central School District.

Vice President for Enrollment Management **Tim Fuller '79** was invited to serve another term as a Senior Fellow with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

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Phyllis Gaerte, campus store director, co-presented a seminar entitled "From the Starting Gate to the Finish Line...Identifying, Hiring and Retaining Great Student Employees" at the recent Super Regional Annual Meeting for College Stores from New York, New England and the Mid-Atlantic. She also serves as secretary/treasurer for the board of the College Stores Association of NYS.

The FJH Music Company has released *Sacred Reflections*, a compact disc by **Virginia (Alexander '71) Halberg**, instructor of piano. The CD contains eight arrangements of well-known hymns and is available at the Houghton Campus Store.

The dean of the Aspen Music Festival and School has invited Assistant Professor of Violin **Lin He** to attend the festival as the third year full fellowship holder this summer. Additionally, Maestro Pu-Qi Jiang of the Jiang Su Symphony Orchestra in Nanjing, China has asked He to perform the "Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto."

Brandon Johnson, assistant professor of vocal music and conducting, was appointed as the men's choir repertoire and standards chairperson of the New York American Choral Directors Association. He has been invited to present at the 2005 New York State School Music Association Summer Conference.

Tim Mayhle '00, admission counselor, has been accepted at Penn, Harvard, Georgetown and several other law schools. He has chosen to attend Harvard Law in the fall.

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Students Excel at HR Game

THREE HOUGHTON COLLEGE STUDENTS surprised some stiff competition from much larger schools and placed third at the 2005 Northeast Region Human Resources Games of the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM), hosted at the University of Buffalo (UB) School of Management. The competition is patterned after the television game show *Jeopardy!*, with students selecting a category of questions and their point values.

Professional human resources managers and professors were surprised at Houghton's showing, considering that the college's student chapter of SHRM received its official charter just this spring and that Houghton does not have a human resource management major or minor. The team was in direct competition with SUNY Oswego, Marist College, Penn State, UB and Temple.



Jon Davidson, Lindsay Kanski and Kyle Crocker

"We're extremely proud of the performance of these students," said Ken Bates, associate professor of business and the student chapter's advisor. Houghton's team consisted of Lindsay Kanski '05, from Jersey Shore, PA; Jon Davidson '05, from Westwood, MA; and Kyle Crocker '06, from Akron, OH.

Russian Academics at Houghton

FIVE RUSSIAN ACADEMICS joined with five Houghton professors this spring for a lively panel discussion on ethics and business in contemporary Russia. Ken Bates '71, associate professor of business, moderated the lecture and discussion, which was made possible by The Hoselton Chair of Private Enterprise and Ethics at Houghton College.

Ryazan Pedagogical University, Natalia Ledovskikh, chair of the cultural studies department at Ryazan Pedagogical University and Tatyana Kosmina, director of the Sodruzhestvo Center, were the guest speakers. All are from Ryazan, Russia.

They discussed ethics and values in the workplace, a hot issue in the



Alex Soloviev, professor of cultural studies at Ryazan Pedagogical University, Elena Bobyleva, history, economics and political science teacher at Spassk Pedagogical College, Olga Sycheva, professor of economics at

U.S. today, and the role they have in other cultures, like Russia's. The panel discussion also addressed how ethical issues are affecting the workplace in the rapidly changing Russian economy.

Using Sports as a Platform

THE POPULAR SPORTS advertising slogan, "It's not about the game," found perfect application at Houghton College where four athletics teams participated in international sports ministry trips this spring and summer. A group of 49 athletes, coaches, and support staff, including the men's and women's basketball teams and the men's soccer team, spent 12 days (May 26-June 6) in the Czech Republic, the women's

Houghton athletes and coaches have a long history of participating in sports ministry trips. It is a goal of the department to provide at least one overseas sports ministry opportunity to each athlete during his or her four years at Houghton.

The women's soccer team made its trip to Ethiopia with SIM: Serving in Mission and Sports Friends Ethiopia, working with Houghton alumni Brian Davidson '82 and Jamie Waldron '02. They worked closely with the Addis Ababa Eagles, a women's team, to visit church plants and an AIDS orphanage, and to spend time with local families. They also had the chance to play in the 40,000-seat national stadium against the country's top team, Alieechew.



The Houghton Women's Soccer Team in Ethiopia worked closely with local families and an AIDS orphanage.

volleyball team visited Nicaragua (June 6-15), and the women's soccer team spent its spring break in Ethiopia.

The activities for sports ministry trips varied—with teams participating in work projects, visiting schools and orphanages, helping local missionaries, and playing games against college and club teams—but the intent of each trip is the same: to use sport as a platform to be a Christian witness to those in another culture.

"People don't always understand the concept of sports ministry," says Skip Lord, athletics director and women's basketball coach, who also serves as director of sports ministry for Global Partners/Wesleyan World Missions. "It's more than going over and playing a few games. We are using sports as a platform to reach others for Christ, and at the same time hoping to spark some change in the lives of our athletes and support personnel."

"It was a great opportunity for our team," said head coach David Lewis. "It broadened their vision for sports ministry. One of the girls is considering sports ministry as a vocation."

In May and June, Houghton's largest-ever sports ministry contingent traveled to the Czech Republic to support the work of Wesleyan World Missions/Global Partners. It is the eighth year the women's basketball team made the journey to Czech, the third year for the men's basketball team, and the first for the men's soccer team. Men's basketball has traveled to Guatemala in the past, while the men's soccer team has spent time in Ireland.

Nancy (Banker '90) Cole and her volleyball squad worked with Ignite International and former Houghton volleyball player Judy Fox '89 in Nicaragua. The volleyball team has also worked in Honduras in the past. —reported by Jason Mucher, director of athletic communications

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"Rightsizing Los Angeles Government," an article co-authored by **Ron Oakerson**, academic vice president and dean of the college, appeared in the spring issue of *The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy*.

Gary Stith, associate professor of music, recently co-presented a clinic entitled "Fatherly Advice for First Year Music Teachers" at the New York State School Music Association's winter conference. Stith has been elected to the Executive Board of the New York State Band Directors Association. The *Instrumentalist* featured his article "The Art of Guest Conducting" in its February issue.

The Student Financial Services Office (Troy Martin '83, director) received a training grant from the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation. The grant will keep staff updated on changes in technology, regulations and trends in higher education financing.

Seth Taylor '99, network administrator, has passed the exams and is now certified with Network Plus and the Cisco Certified Network Association.

Professor of Theology John Tyson's latest book *Who is God In Three Persons? A Study of the Trinity* has been released by Abingdon Press as part of its Faith Questions series.

An article **Annie Valkema '88**, major gift officer, wrote for *Successful Fundraising* magazine in 2003 will be re-published in a book called *The Essential Phonathon Planner*.

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Brad Wilber '91, interim director of the library and coordinator of public services, wrote the crossword puzzle for the February 19 edition of *The New York Times*.

Stephen Woolsey '73, professor of English, presented a paper entitled "Edward Taylor and the Comedy of Grace," a study on the 17th-century Puritan minister who was also one of America's first poets, at the annual Art and Soul Conference at Baylor University.

Jo-Anne Young, equestrian program director, received final approval for her thesis, "Preparing Students for Riding Instructor Certification through College Curricula." This was the last step for her master's degree from Salem International University.

Mark Yuly, associate professor of physics and department chair of physics/earth science, received a Cottrell College Science Award of over \$35,000 from Research Corporation. The grant will allow him to do research with Houghton students both here and at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Historic Events at Commencement

The largest graduating class in Houghton history—301—celebrated its commencement on Saturday, May

English and writing major from Ona, WV shared the honors. The salutatorian was Michelle Mosher, an intercultural studies major from Columbus, OH. More than half of the graduates earned honors, including 48 who graduated *summa cum laude*.



Kent R. Hill, assistant administrator for Europe and Eurasia of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), gave the commencement address. "We salute you for modeling a life of Christian service," said President Daniel R. Chamberlain while granting an honorary doctorate degree to Hill. "You have demonstrated how

to be the salt and light in our world." Prior to assuming his role with USAID, Hill served as president of Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA, and prior to that served as president of the Institute on Religion and Democracy in Washington, DC.

7, a warm, sunny day that encouraged graduates, faculty, staff, family members and friends to linger on the quad after the ceremony and enjoy their reception. The ceremonies included another historic first: the awarding of the first graduate degrees from The Greatbatch School of Music—six in all. (See article, opposite page.)

There is an old saying that good things come in threes, and that was certainly the case at this year's commencement, which produced what is believed to be yet a third historic achievement: the naming of three valedictorians. Timothy Boland, a religion major from Milford, NY; Matthew Burden, an intercultural studies major from New Sweden, ME; and Christina Turner, an



Foundation Endows Scholarship

HOUGHTON COLLEGE HAS RECEIVED A \$50,000 GRANT from the Carnahan-Jackson Foundation in Jamestown, NY. Half of the grant money will establish a Carnahan-Jackson Foundation Merit Scholarship. The endowed scholarship will encourage academically-gifted students in their quest to discover their higher purpose and develop as scholar-servants at Houghton College.

The remaining \$25,000 will help purchase an upgraded radio frequency identification (RFID) technology system for the library. The system uses a portable wand that can scan multiple RFID-tagged materials simultaneously, which will provide better inventory control and tracking of materials within the library.

First Graduate Students Collect Diplomas

ON SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 7, Alicia Atwater '03/'05 rose from her chair on the Wesley Chapel stage and stepped into Houghton College history. Part of the Greatbatch School of Music's initial graduate student cohort, Atwater became the first student to be handed a Houghton master's degree. She will share her place in college lore with fellow master's graduates Greta Ingalls M'05, Carl Irwin '02/'05, Josh Martell M'05, Cacie Miller M'05 and Amanda (Farwell '00/'05) Robbins. Atwater, Irwin and Robbins also earned bachelors' degrees from Houghton.

The awarding of the masters' degrees represents the culmination of several years' work, sparked by the transforming gift of an anonymous donor that created and supports the master's program. Ben King, director of the Greatbatch School of Music, describes the building of the program as "A great deal of very hard, intense work. Preparing for and delivering graduate education is much more time-consuming than undergraduate, especially in the initial phases."

Graduate students and faculty report that it's been well worth the effort. Master's students bring strong musical proficiency, maturity and a willingness to

grad students are prepared to tackle some challenging issues in terms of their calling from the Lord as musicians and servants...and exploration of both bigger questions and more levels of detail in musical/theological issues."

student forums have ensured student-faculty communication and identified potential trouble spots early.

Interestingly, some graduate students have taken advantage of Houghton's undergraduate curriculum



Alicia Atwater '03/'05 became the first student to be handed a Houghton master's degree.

These pioneer graduate students cite a highly personal approach, interactions with undergrads, faculty mentoring, assistantships and performance opportunities as program highlights. Graduate students get practical experience, too, through assistantships which can range from conducting to administrative duties. They are uniform in their praise for the Center for the Arts as a home for the master's program, though they note sometimes keen competition for practice rooms.

Bumps along the road to running the new program have been surprisingly few, they say, and issues that emerge have been handled quickly and smoothly. Annual surveys and monthly grad

to pursue non-musical interests. Miller audited classes in British literature and German, while Martell says "I've been known to visit a math or computer class from time-to-time."

Those who attended secular colleges for their undergraduate degrees especially appreciated Houghton's Christian environment, they say. "I appreciate being able to look up to my professors for more than their knowledge or skill." Martell noted, "There are so many good musicians with bad lives. It's nice to see excellent musicians who are also excellent examples of Christian living." — reported by Bruce Campbell '81, special assistant for external relations



delve deeply into their discipline, reports King, along with "a more sophisticated level of engagement with ideas and concepts." Mark Hijleh, professor of composition and conducting, adds, "The

Alumni Association Holding Elections for Directors

Alumni of Houghton College and United Wesleyan College are invited to participate in elections for members to serve on the association's board of directors. Please review the profiles of the candidates, then find the ballot inserted in this issue on a self-addressed card. Select your candidates, affix postage and return the card by August 12, 2005.

Region 3 (PA, NJ)

ERIC RAMOTH '91 (INCUMBENT)

Eric Ramoth has worked for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since 1991 as a specialist/analyst in housing programs and as a generalist in public affairs and community development. In 2001 Ramoth became web manager, responsible for management, coordination and the general oversight of HUD web sites in the NY/NJ region. In 2004 he was appointed to the Web Content Management Working Group of the President's e-Gov Interagency Committee on Government Information. Ramoth holds a bachelor's in international studies and Spanish from Houghton and a master's in social science from Montclair State University.

Region 4 (DC, DE, WV, KY, MD, TN, NC, VA)

JOSÉ VELÁZQUEZ '88 (INCUMBENT)

José Velázquez received his master's in Spanish from Middlebury College in 1991 and his doctorate in Latin American history at the Universidad de Valladolid in Spain in 1995. He holds three positions: Latin American Global Specialist for The Governor School of International Studies, where he serves as historian-in-residence; executive director of Latino Memphis, Inc., where he works with individual volunteers and agencies; and project director for The Regional Medical Center at Memphis, where he directs the demonstration site for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's *Hablamos Juntos* national project.

At-Large

JOSHUA C. MURTIE '98 (INCUMBENT)

Josh Murtie received his doctorate in molecular and cell biology from Uniformed Services University (USU) in 2004 and is a postdoctoral fellow at The Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. While at USU, Murtie became involved in the advancement of student well-being through positions on numerous committees. Murtie would like to continue his role on the alumni board to foster a sense of community between alumni and the student body, a process that is in its early stages.

PAUL M. PERCY '80

Paul Percy received his master's in business administration from SUNY Buffalo in 1988 and a doctorate in business administration from the University of Kentucky in 1997. He worked in the banking industry in Buffalo from 1980-88, then went to King College in Bristol, TN, as the chairperson and assistant professor of business administration and economics. He is now the vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty there. Percy and his wife Jan (Steinhoff '81) own and operate three Curves for Women fitness franchises.

Association Announces Trip to Italy



The Alumni Association will sponsor a trip to Italy, March 13-23, 2006. Here are some selected highlights of the trip:

Days 1 and 2—depart via transatlantic jet to Venice and transfer to hotel.

Day 3—sightseeing tour of St. Mark's Square, the Byzantine Basilica San Marco, the Palace of the Doges and the Bridge of Sighs. (Breakfast and dinner included.)

Day 4—drive through the Tuscan countryside to Pisa and view the Leaning Tower; continue to Florence. (Breakfast and dinner included.)

Day 5—sightseeing at the Piazza della Signoria and the Neptune Fountain, the Santa Croce Church, and the baptistry, with its "Gates of Paradise" doors. See Michelangelo's original statue of David at the Academia. (Breakfast and dinner included.)

Day 6—travel south through the fields and orchards of the Neapolitan countryside and continue along the coastline to the cliff-top town of Sorrento. (Breakfast and dinner included.)

Day 7—travel along the Amalfi coastline of cliffs and hillsides, olive, lemon and orange trees and views of the Mediterranean. Return to Sorrento and see a wood carving display (Intarsia). (Breakfast and dinner included.)

Day 8—depart for Pompeii, destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Visit the excavations of preserved temples, baths, theaters and dwellings. Travel the Autostrada highway to Rome.

Day 9—a morning tour to Vatican City and the art treasures in the Vatican Museum, Gallery and Raphael's Rooms. View Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel, including the Last Judgment and the Creation of Man. In the afternoon tour ruins, the Colosseum and Trevi Fountain.

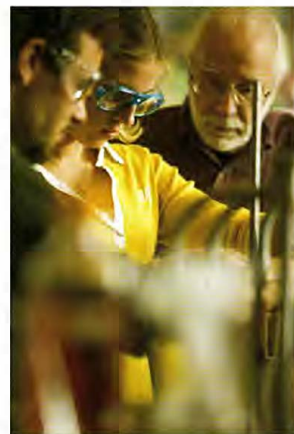
Days 10-11—a free day in Rome, then board the return flight to the U.S.

If you are interested in this trip, call the alumni office at 585.567.9626 or e-mail alumni@houghton.edu and we will send you a trip brochure and reservation form as soon as they are available. The trip has a base cost of \$2,299, which is contingent upon a minimum of 32 travelers and may rise if we don't meet that number.

Collaborative Research Key to Today's Science Education

by Christie Tanner

Houghton College science professors research and publish on subjects from the ocean's depths to the starry heavens to cells growing in tissue. They don't spend all their time peering into microscopes or telescopes, though; they have quality relationships with their students. They collaborate on research projects and teach lessons that will be useful beyond the laboratory. Collaborative research has become an integral part of undergraduate curriculum for all sciences. As a result, Houghton's science majors graduate with both the knowledge taught in the classroom and research experience that gives them an edge.



"Increasingly, science classes are more hands-on research," says Jim Wolfe, chair of the biology department. "The goal is to help the student prepare for real-world science, with current technology and current research." The department chairs met every week for a year to discuss how to give students more research experience, eventually arriving at a "laboratory-research-based" educational model for the Houghton College science curriculum.

Real scientists, real experiments

Last summer, Wolfe worked with two students, Jason Shambach '06 and Seth Nichols '05, on a project studying the water quality and environmental sensitivity of Star Lake. Supported by funding from the Moreland Research Chair in Biology, Wolfe and the students spent days at Houghton's site on Star Lake in Adirondack Park taking water and organism samples and evenings

doing chemical analysis. Wolfe directs the Star Lake program, in which the students work in a "living lab" and study conservation in action. The experience has components of natural history, conservation biology, ethics, political science and recreation. The students can earn a minor in environmental stewardship.

This summer, Wolfe will work with biology majors Rob Erbelding '05 and Daniel Miller '07 using the new automated Seal AQ2 water analyzer. "We plan to examine the effects of excluding the copepods and cladocerans from grazing on phytoplankton," Wolfe says. Wolfe and the students plan to publish the findings from their research in the *Northeastern Naturalist*, a journal which focuses on natural history.

The physics department requires all of its majors to participate in a research project that will lead to a thesis and a formal presentation. A

Cottrell College Science Award from Research Corporation has allowed Mark Yuly, chair of the physics department, to do research with students during the summers at Houghton and at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The students participate in paid internships at Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSCE), receiving course credit for their summer undergraduate research.

Rachel DeYoung '03 spent summers in the Los Alamos Lab. "I loved the experience," she says. "It was fantastic, working with real scientists on real experiments." She also enjoyed the relaxing things they did on the weekends, like going climbing. "We saw things that most undergraduates don't get to see," says Christopher Wells '05, another participant in the LANSCE program, referring to the lab and the environment the students worked in. Wells had a paid position working under lab personnel

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alongside students from MIT and the University of Kentucky, conducting experiments in nuclear physics.

New faculty member JM Crisman,



JM Crisman works with students to research causes and treatments for intestinal disorders.

assistant professor of biology, is working with four students who will be continuing her research, along with six other students in the fall. Crisman is a molecular immunologist who is conducting research into the causes and treatments for intestinal disorders such as Crohn's Disease. Her research was featured on a recent cover of the *Journal of Immunology*.

Another new faculty member, Aaron Sullivan, professor of biology, is working closely with two students this summer to understand how animals respond to the threat of predation. Four more students will join Sullivan this fall to continue the work. "One of Houghton College's many strengths is the commitment to the complete education of the students," Sullivan says, "The emphasis on hands-on research in the sciences demonstrates the dynamic and fluid nature of science and allows students the opportunity to discover the intricacies of the Creation firsthand."

In the chemistry department, Micah

Niphakis '05 did senior honors research under Professor Larry Christensen, making many new compounds in order to determine the mechanism by which a particular kind of compound reacts. Niphakis was accepted to doctorate programs at three different graduate schools and has chosen the medicinal chemistry program at the University of Kansas because he wants to continue synthesizing medically-important pharmaceuticals. Several students will continue Niphakis' work next year with Christensen. Also in chemistry, Michael Dabney '05 worked with Assistant Professor Mengyang Li to understand the use of infrared analysis in determining surface structures. Dabney is entering a doctoral program at the University at Buffalo. Next year, other students will be doing lab research with Li

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and with Professor Irmgard Howard, department chair.

"Research shows initiative," says biology major Derek DeBoer '06, who is planning to become a pediatrician. "It is so important to everyday life. Even something like performing a simple appendectomy is a life-changing procedure, and it was developed because of research." DeBoer is doing research with Crisman over the summer and plans to do an honors project with her next year. DeBoer has also done an independent study with Matt Pelletier, assistant professor of biology. Indriati Hood '06, who spent five weeks last summer as a counselor at a camp for cancer-stricken children and their families, will be spending this summer

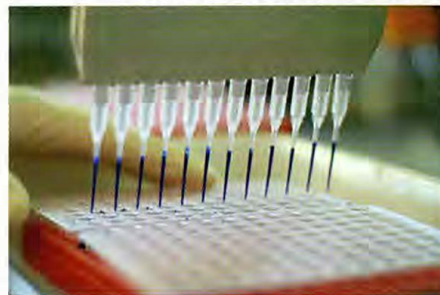
working on a genetic mapping project with Pelletier.

When students do undergraduate research, they "can begin to realize the incredible amount of work that goes into science and can more fully appreciate what they have learned in their texts, especially the effort it has taken a myriad of scientists to get this far," says Pelletier. "In addition to these very practical benefits, the students develop camaraderie with each other and with professors that they would not otherwise have developed, spending many long hours in the lab and meeting weekly with professors, both one-on-one and in group settings. It has been a privilege to get to know these students better and to help them develop as scientists, and hopefully as individuals."

The key is finance

"The key to research is finance," DeBoer says. "Think of the financial support needed to find the cure for cancer. Funding medical research can provide resources to help someone find a cure for millions of people."

The Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts at Houghton College has helped the science departments to acquire state-of-the-art instrumentation worth over \$300,000, including a multi-channel water analyzer, an imaging system which



This multi-channel pipette can do 96 reactions in the time it would take to do eight with a single-channel pipette.

can acquire still and video microscopic images, a gel documentation system, 40 binocular Olympus microscopes, an autoclave to sterilize reagents and equipment, a magnetic cell separator to isolate specific cell populations, a liquid nitrogen tank for the cryogenic

preservation of cell lines, a homogenizer to extract genetic material from cells and an inverted microscope to grow cells in culture.



Inside the growth chamber, neatly labeled rows await analysis.

Students interested in chemistry, forensics, biology and medicine now have three new instruments, too: a high-performance liquid chromatograph, a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) machine, and a Fourier transform infrared. These instruments bring Houghton's capability for analysis of molecular structure and reactivity to an exceptional level. "These are instruments which increase our ability

research itself," he says, explaining that he had previously spent time manually tuning the old instrument, "but the new NMR also provides me with accurate, computer-assisted data analysis. It is fantastic!" The chemistry department has also received new digital electronic balances and melting-point devices and a rotary evaporator for concentrating the product of a synthesis. According to Christensen, "We are now better positioned to conduct research in organic chemistry than at any time in the last 30 years."

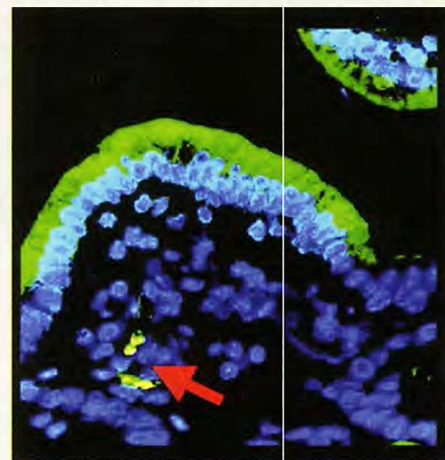
"Our professors do an excellent job with the resources we have, but we could benefit from some funding," says Lindsay Van Voorhis '06. "You would think that a microscope is a microscope, but I have seen the difference between the old lab microscopes and the ones that were recently purchased." Sullivan and his students have also benefited from the capital campaign, which has allowed the college to acquire a new, climate-controlled chamber for maintaining their animal test subjects.

Into the future

One of the best things about collaborative research is the advantage a student has when applying to graduate school, Pelletier says. "It is nice for them to be able to show that they did significant research," he says. Physics major Wells was accepted into three graduate schools

undergraduate education at Houghton College prepared her very well for her future. "All the professors care very much about the student learning and moving forward," she says. DeYoung spent two years in graduate school and will soon join the United States Air Force, attending Officers Training School and working with weather physics.

Regardless of whether they go on to graduate school, research laboratories, or work in other fields, the students cite the closeness with their teachers as a highlight of their college experience. Wells says his relationship with his professors was one of the best things about his undergraduate education at Houghton College: "I could knock on Dr. Yuly's door at any time and he would work with me. It is great to have a relationship like that with your professors." Chemistry major Beth Jones '05 developed a close relationship



White blood cells expressing meprins in the intestine as designated by the red arrow.

"When you do research with your professor, you develop a unique perspective. Your professor becomes more of a mentor, whereas they were just a teacher before."

to teach, to do research with students, to solve real-world problems and to engage in service-learning," says Howard. "We are very grateful to all who have made these acquisitions possible."

Niphakis has worked with both the new NMR and the instrument it replaced. "The new instrument not only frees up much of my time for the

and chose the theoretical physics program at Johns Hopkins University. Biology major Van Voorhis feels that the time she has spent on research in the lab will help her get into medical school. "A lot of medical schools would like to know that you know your way around the lab," she says.

Physics major DeYoung feels like her

with Howard, her academic advisor. "She would come into the student study room and talk with us, tell us she is praying for our job search, offer to be a reference," Jones says. DeBoer sums up the experience this way: "When you do research with your professor, you develop a unique perspective. Your professor becomes more of a mentor, whereas they were just a teacher before."

Wesley and the Worship Wars

by John R. Tyson

John Wesley, English theologian and founder of Methodism, is an important figure in Houghton College's past—after all, we began as the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary. Is he still relevant to Houghton today? We asked John R. Tyson, professor of theology and world-renowned expert on Wesley, to answer that question and to help us get to know Wesley better. In this, the second of a series on the Wesleys, Tyson shares why John and Charles might feel right at home in today's controversy over the style of worship services.

There is a war going on in many of our local churches. Often, it is waged behind the scenes in worship committee meetings or choir sessions as local congregations try to decide what constitutes "meaningful" worship. This task has become increasingly difficult as the consensus that once guided Protestant worship has eroded. Some local churches have hitched their future to "contemporary style" worship. Others offer both a "traditional" and a "contemporary" service, splitting the church into two congregations. Still others try to blend significant elements of both approaches.

The clash between contemporary and traditional worship even reaches a Wesleyan college campus, in John and Charles Wesley Chapel. Perhaps viewing worship in the context of the historic Wesleyan tradition should be of some help. While we shouldn't expect to find a magic formula for just how many choruses will give a traditional service a contemporary feel, we can hope to find fundamental patterns that will chart a course towards "relevant" worship for the 21st century.

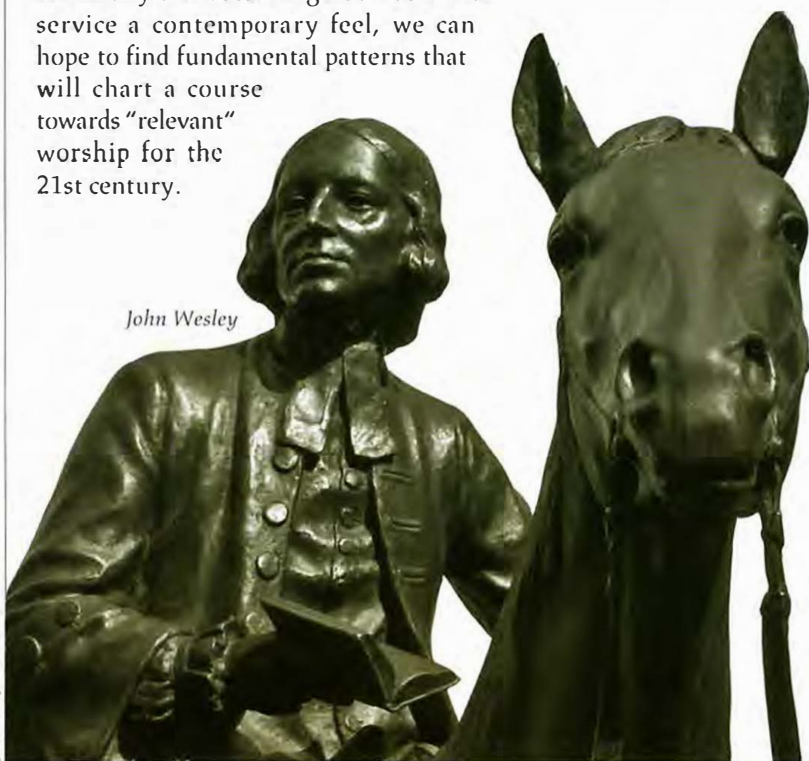
Christian pragmatism

John and Charles Wesley developed Wesleyan worship out of the raw materials offered them by the Church of England and their Christian pragmatism. Both men were Anglican priests and faithful adherents to the Church of England. They understood early Methodism as a renewal movement that was to operate within the friendly confines of the Church of England; both men (but especially Charles) were surprised and dismayed when the Methodists were forced out of their mother church.

Because of their unique location within the Church of England, early Methodists had a blended worship experience. During stated hours of worship, they attended services at their local Anglican church. After Sunday service there—and several other times during the week—they attended worship at the Methodist Society room.

Anglican services were highly liturgical events that stressed a combination of Word and sacrament. The Wesleys found the carefully structured, biblically based liturgy extremely meaningful, and were especially insistent upon the central role the Lord's Supper should play in a worship experience. It was not unusual for them to write in their journals that they had heard a "miserable" sermon at the local parish church, but found themselves "much refreshed" by the liturgy and the Lord's Supper. Because the Wesleys viewed the Lord's Supper as a confirming and potentially converting ordinance, they received it as often as they could and urged others to do the same. One of John's "Standard Sermons" (#101, entitled "On the Duty of Constant Communion") illustrates their attitude: "It is the duty of every Christian," he wrote, "to receive the Lord's Supper as often as he can."

Where liturgy and sacrament played the predominant role in Anglican worship, evangelistic preaching and congregational song were the



John Wesley

photo by Christie Tanner

mainstays of the Methodist Society rooms. The Wesleys had a strong preference for congregational song, both as a teaching device and as a medium of worship. They preferred singing in unison (as opposed to "parts") because they felt this approach built congregational *koinonia*. They were impatient with performance (as opposed to participatory) music, and employed no choirs, believing that these detracted from congregational song.

Since Charles Wesley published his hymns without musical score, congregations sang them to popular, local tunes. The tunes suggested and used for Charles' hymns indicate a tremendous span of musical interest and appeal. While some (like the hymn "On the Tune Use of Musick") were sung to "Pop Goes the Weasel," played on a sailor's horn-pipe, others (like the *Hymns for Great Festivals*) were set to the stately melodies of John Frederick Lampe.

Between Anglican worship at their parish church and the various worship experiences offered at the Methodist Society room, the early Wesleyans had a "blended" worship experience that embraced liturgy, Word, sacrament, organ music, evangelistic preaching and congregational song.

The Wesleys' worship wars

The Wesley brothers went through their own version of "worship wars," beginning in the spring of 1740. At that time the Wesleys were associated with a warm-hearted, German pietistic group known as the Moravians. During the early months of the Wesleyan Revival, the Methodists and the Moravians had participated in each other's meetings. In the spring of 1740, the Moravians fell into a style of mysticism that impelled them to leave off attending the Anglican Church and practicing its stated ordinances for fear of falling into works-righteousness.

On April 3, 1740 Charles Wesley's journal records a heated conversation with his friend, "poor perverted Mr. Simpson." "I asked him," Charles wrote, "whether he was still in the means of grace, or out of them. 'Means of grace!' he answered: 'there are none. Neither is there any good to be got by those you call such, or any obligation upon us to use them.'" Instead of Bible reading, attending public worship, or the Lord's Supper, the Moravians opted to wait "in stillness" for the leading of the Holy Spirit. This "Stillness Controversy" had the effect of driving a wedge between the Moravians and the Methodists. On a more positive note, it also drove the Methodists to make a conscious decision to embrace the traditional "means of grace," even as their own revival was creating some distance between Anglican and Methodist forms of worship.

The "instituted means of grace"—spiritual disciplines which the Wesleys believed the Bible demanded of every genuine Christian—

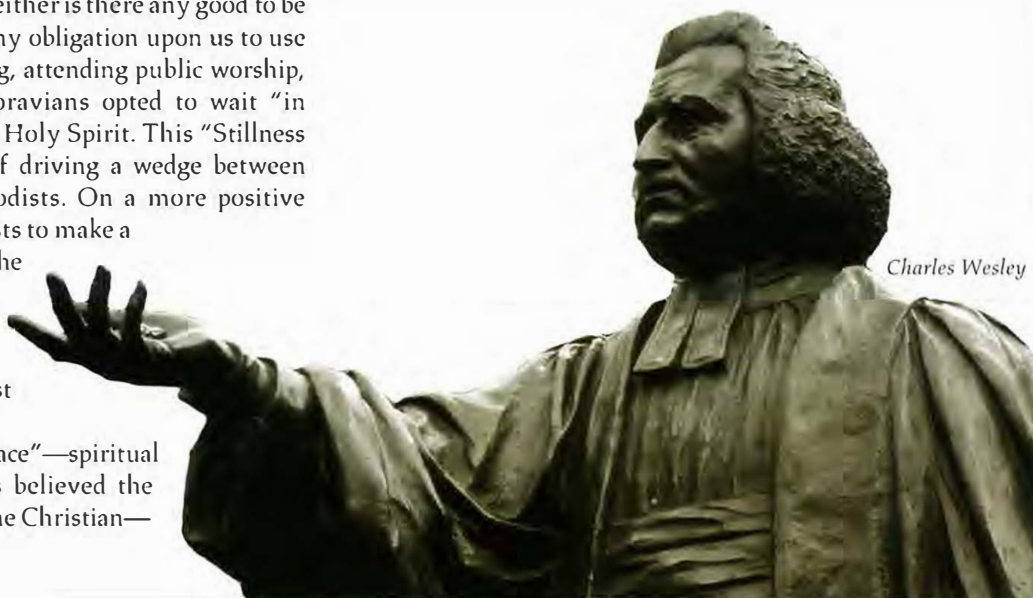
included five elements:

- 1) Prayer, both private and family
- 2) "Searching the Scriptures" according to some kind of regular pattern of reading
- 3) Partaking of the Lord's Supper at every opportunity—not because of a magical or works-oriented conception of communion, but because they believed that each visit to the Lord's table held the potential for an encounter with the Risen Christ
- 4) Fasting—at least once a week (on Friday), because self-denial is an essential Christian virtue and must be learned in small things (like food) before it can be practiced in larger matters (like the course of your life)
- 5) Christian conference—that is, meeting together with other Christians for worship, spiritual conversation and close Christian fellowship.

These five elements formed the backbone of Wesleyan spirituality, and had direct bearing on the Wesleyan understanding of worship.

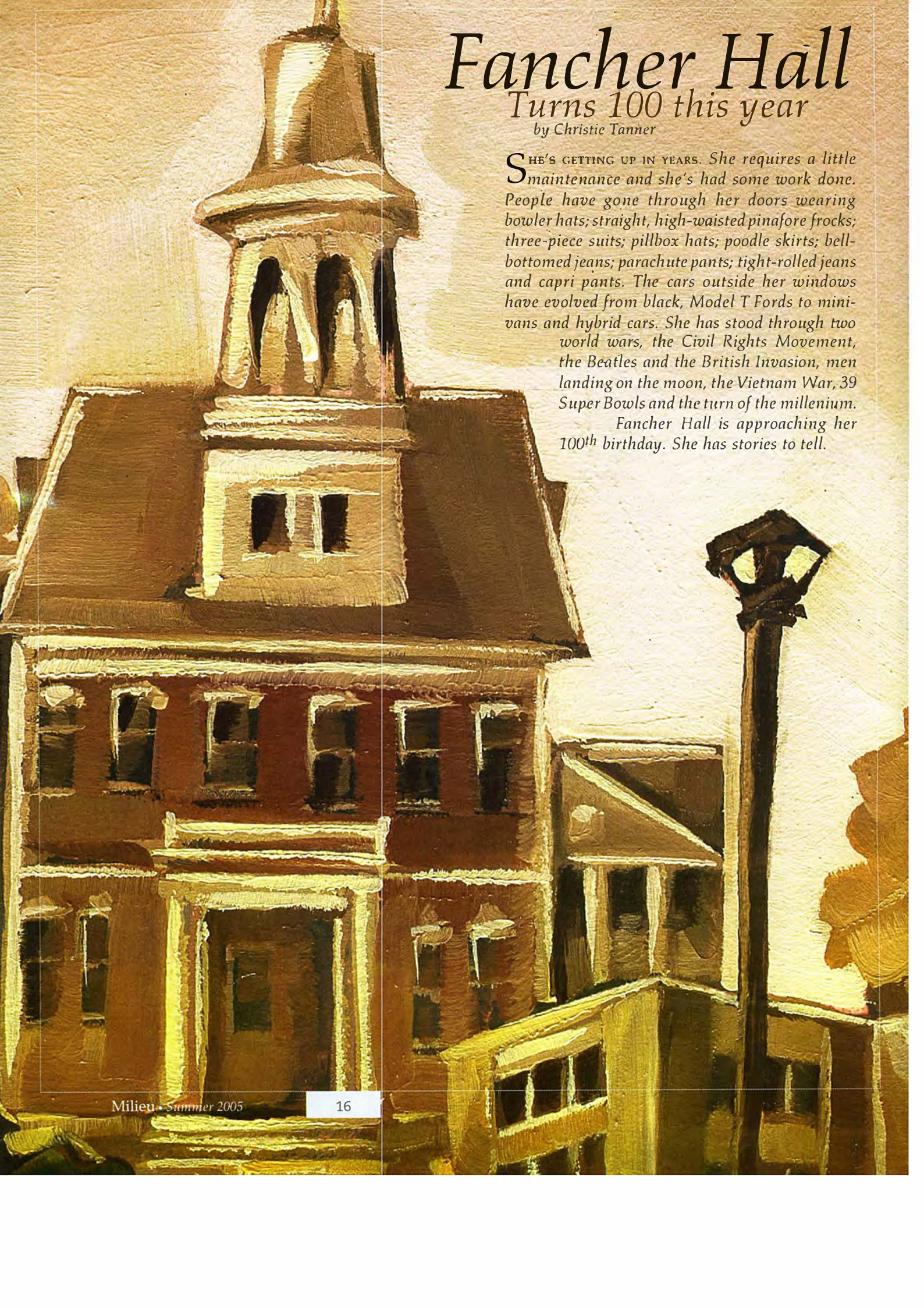
So where does this leave us with respect to contemporary "worship wars?" Squarely in the middle, I think, with those who advocate for a "blended" or inclusive understanding of Christian worship. To those who are willing to satisfy themselves with a steady diet of evangelistic preaching, congregational song, and quarterly communion, the Wesleys would hold up the values of Word, sacrament, liturgy, stately music and spiritual disciplines. They would urge us to season our worship with them like fine spices. To those who are steeped in the liturgy, music and traditions of the church, they would urge an injection of evangelistic preaching and rollicking congregational song. Is this blended approach easy? By no means! But it is wise, Wesleyan and eminently worthwhile.

What would you like to know about John or Charles Wesley? Contact Milieu (see page 3) and we will attempt to address questions about the Wesleys in upcoming issues.



Charles Wesley

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Fancher Hall

Turns 100 this year

by Christie Tanner

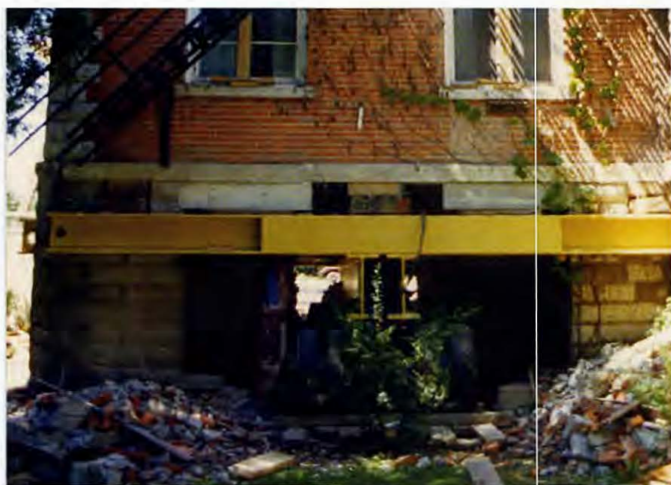
*S*HE'S GETTING UP IN YEARS. She requires a little maintenance and she's had some work done. People have gone through her doors wearing bowler hats; straight, high-waisted pinafore frocks; three-piece suits; pillbox hats; poodle skirts; bell-bottomed jeans; parachute pants; tight-rolled jeans and capri pants. The cars outside her windows have evolved from black, Model T Fords to mini-vans and hybrid cars. She has stood through two world wars, the Civil Rights Movement, the Beatles and the British Invasion, men landing on the moon, the Vietnam War, 39 Super Bowls and the turn of the millenium.

Fancher Hall is approaching her 100th birthday. She has stories to tell.

The "Administration Building"—the campus' trademark, with the familiar bell tower—was built in 1905 and opened in 1906 on the site where the academic building is now. It housed administrative offices and classrooms and hosted regular chapel services in the auditorium on the top floor.

In the 1970s it was gutted and restored, and today it is the home to much of Enrollment Management and Advancement. Modern, air-conditioned offices equipped with Internet connections, fax machines, scanners and computers is what you see now. With such modern surroundings, it is easy to forget all of the history behind Fancher Hall.

"Nobody knows all the ghosts flitting around in there of all the things that used to happen," says Ruth (Fancher '42) Hutton. Hutton served the college for many years as a professor of English and speech, while she and her husband Lindol Hutton '57 raised their six children. "Students back then were just as full of the dickens as they are now," she laughs, recalling a legendary prank when students managed to hoist a cow up onto the platform in the auditorium.



In 1987 Fancher Hall was moved to its current location, and was, at 835 tons, the heaviest masonry building in the United States to be moved that year.

Hutton also remembers when the bell in the tower was rung for celebrations. Houghton College was granted accreditation by the Middle States Association in 1935. "Right at chapel time, President Luckey called long-distance and said, 'We're in!' and the bell was rung in celebration," she says. LeRoy Fancher held the phone out the window so Luckey could hear the bell ring. "Dr. Luckey enjoyed the pomp and ceremony; the formalities of things," she says.

The building was named Fancher Hall in the 1960s to honor four of Hutton's relatives: her father, aunt and two

uncles. LeRoy Fancher served 43 years as professor of Greek and German and as vice president. Her aunt "Bess" was an education teacher for 37 years. One uncle, Ralph, served on the maintenance staff for 41 years, and the other, LaVay, provided valuable leadership as the dean when the college first gained its accreditation. At the time the building was named, the four Fanchers had contributed more than 170 years of service to the college.

In 1987 Fancher Hall was moved to its current location, and was, at 835 tons, the heaviest masonry building in the United States to be moved that year. The company hired to move it was G. Van Buiten & Son, Inc. "It was a gray-hair job," admits Van Buiten, who is now retired. Sixteen dollies and hydraulic rams were used to move and pivot the building. "It rained the

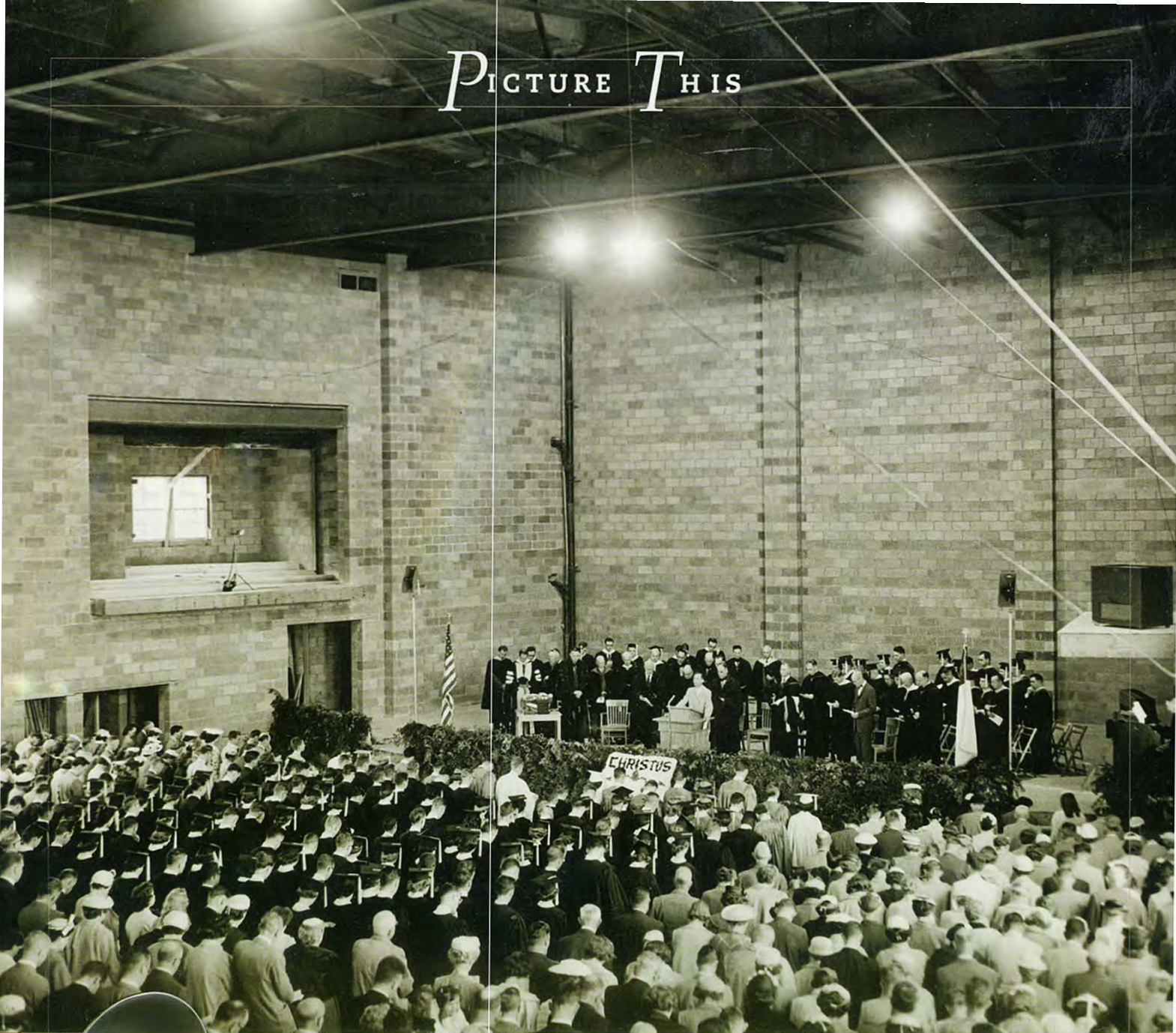
whole time, but we got the job done," he says. The move was a success, and Fancher Hall made the cover of *The House and Building Mover* magazine.

Alumni who remember the Fancher Hall of old will sometimes wander through the building, stopping to pause and reflect on their time at the college. Prospective students



and their parents will often enter Fancher Hall and pause, too, before being introduced to Houghton College. With 100 years of history already behind it, it appears that the brick edifice with the bell tower will continue to be part of first impressions and cherished memories of Houghton College for years to come.

Editorial Assistant Christie Tanner's office is in what used to be Fancher's auditorium.



Who, what, when

Take a trip down memory lane, back through the years, to another point in Houghton College's history in which significant changes were taking place. Ladies in pillbox hats, bare bulbs dangling from an unfinished ceiling, cinder block walls...at least one person has recognized this photo and recalls what was happening that day (see page 19 for chapel stories) If you were there too, tell us the story (see page 3 for contact information). We'll report your stories in an upcoming issue.

"It Represented Community"

In the winter 2005 issue of Milieu, we asked readers to share some of their experiences involving Wesley Chapel. Thank you for your responses; we wish that space allowed us to use them all. Here are several that represented the range of feelings and experiences that we share about the Chapel.—Editor



I REMEMBER THE houses that used to occupy the land upon which Wesley Chapel now stands. While I was a student, those homes were torn down and construction on the Chapel Auditorium (as it was then known) began. I spent summers working for the college, and one of my jobs was working up the creek on the rock pile. I roamed the creek, eyes cast downward, looking for flat rocks with one straight edge. These would be used for the chapel's exterior facing. When I found one, I threw it into a big shovel attached to the front of a tractor. Though I kept hoping, I never got to drive that tractor. Willard Smith '35 did that. All I got to do was throw rocks.

Also, a friend and I used to record recitals in the old chapel and we asked for (and received) permission to make some solo piano recordings in the as-yet-unfinished auditorium. The walls were bare concrete block. There were no window coverings. The seating had not been installed yet; the floors were still covered with plywood sheets. Although the unfinished interior didn't look like much, the acoustics were absolutely stunning. The sound of the piano on those old recordings is spectacular. I say "is" because I still have the tapes.

After graduation I moved to California and became a recording engineer for Capitol Records in Hollywood. In addition to working in Capitol's studios, I have recorded orchestras and soloists in churches and music halls all over the country: the Cleveland Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Chicago

Symphony, the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Utah Symphony (in the Mormon Tabernacle). With all the experience that I have accumulated in 40-plus years, I can assure you that the acoustics of Wesley Chapel are still the best I have ever encountered.—*Bob Norberg '60*

In the spring of 1958 Houghton College decided to hold commencement in the not-yet-finished Wesley Chapel. In those years, Houghton Academy held its baccalaureate service with the college, and the academy's senior class had elected me as a junior marshal. Since the academy students preceded the college graduates, I was the first person (in white cap and gown) to walk down the aisle—cement floor and all—of Wesley Chapel. —*Virginia (Hyne '63) Standford*

I was attending Houghton when the Holtkamp pipe organ was installed in Wesley Chapel. After observing the installation, we were thrilled to learn that the dedicatory concert was to be played by internationally famous organist, E. Power Biggs. I was there!—*Sharon (Huff '64) Anderson*

Bill Francis '66 and I became husband and wife December 18, 1965. We were told ours was the first wedding in the chapel.—*Marilyn D. (Burroughs '65) Francis*

I was sitting on one of those expansive chapel windowsills one morning,

studying, when Eldon Basney strolled onto the stage—as only Eldon Basney could stroll, a performer even with no one in the hall (he thought)—playing his violin, eyes closed. He spotted me, left the stage, and strode toward me. I knew his reputation—"intimidating," "difficult"—and I braced myself. To my immense surprise, he made brief and cordial small talk. He told me about the violin—its antiquity, its maker, its value—I can't remember much of it now. I left the chapel carrying amazement and gratitude—to this day—for this "difficult" man's generosity in sharing his irreplaceable instrument and his passion for music with a student unknown to him, who just happened to be sitting on a windowsill one morning when he came out to play.—*Kathleen (Confer '78) Boone*

I still have a great love for Wesley Chapel. It represented community—where we gathered for worship, for challenging lectures, for great concerts, for fun Senate Spots—but one of my fondest memories is of its small chapel in the basement. I spent my sophomore year visiting that chapel regularly for private prayer with a good friend, who I married four years later! Those quiet moments in that little chapel began my personal discipline of prayer. Prayer has become a passion, and I attribute that spark of this God-given discipline to the little chapel in the bottom of Wesley Chapel.—*Dionne (Chandler '88) Hammond*

Keeping the Faith

by Stanley Sander '60

An alumnus professor survives a semester in South Hall, and learns how Houghton has changed over the years.

WHAT HOUGHTON ALUM wouldn't want to return to dear old alma mater to teach, even if only for a semester? The opportunity opened for me when Bill Doezeema, then chair of Houghton's history department, asked if I would teach for

The first thing I had to get used to that September was being hot at Houghton, with temperatures in the lower 90s. I could not remember one hot Houghton day in the 1950s, nor did any place then have even a window air conditioner. (All of South is centrally cooled.) Could there be something to this "global warming" business after all, if even Houghton can register temperatures in the lower 90s?

I noticed that fully one-half of all students had automobiles, a major change from my time, when students with such transportation were presumed to have some money. Of course, large slices of former greensward had to be given over to parking for students, who think nothing of a drive to Buffalo or Rochester, now about an hour or so closer, thanks to new thruways.

These students were more wide-ranging than my cohorts of the '50s. I remember talking of future plans with one student who told me that she wanted to be a missionary to India. Shrewdly, I asked if she had ever actually been there. "Oh, yes, twice," she brightly replied, and no one seemed to think that particularly unusual. After all, there are numerous Houghton programs for students in Africa, Australia, South America and Europe—not to mention the Adirondacks.

I was not as impressed by the current student apparel: dirt-farmer chic seems to prevail. Perhaps not so bad as junior high school "draggin' 'n saggin'," but far removed from the button-down Oxford shirts and chino pants and the skirts and blouses that were almost dress code at Houghton in the 1950s. Still, "Freaks" and "Goths" are rare enough on campus to occasion some remark.

Students used to lug their books about in heavy, leather briefcases. Today they stow it all more efficiently in backpacks of the type used only by Alpine climbers or special operations troopers in the 1950s. The bottom of the steps to the dining hall is almost obstructed by a small indoor eruption

of tossed packs during mealtimes.

Those meals have changed beyond recognition. Into the 1960s there were two servings of each meal, four-to-a-table, waiter service, devotions after supper and no seconds on the entrée. Now it is a cafeteria with seemingly unlimited choices and portions; even a diet table. (Students still complain that there is a lack of variety, and that the same choices over the months get old.) With three times the number of students as in the '50s, the bounty and variety was inevitable, but I still believe that something has been lost, something to do with getting to know people better and student body unity. (That "unity" could sometimes be enhanced by talking the Head



South Hall

the fall 2003 semester. Having just retired from 40 years of a somewhat checkered career teaching and researching history, I quickly said "yes," which is how I found myself living in South Hall that September.

When I told friends that I would be staying at a college dorm for the next four months, they groaned in sympathy. I reassured them that this was a Houghton College dorm, with a 10 p.m. quiet time and none of that "Let's have a kegger, dude!" stuff. I had been back to Houghton several times over the years—to give talks on history or just to visit—so I was not entirely unaware of the changes the college had undergone over the last four decades.

Waiter—reputedly the highest-paid student employee—into assigning you to a table with someone of the opposite sex who interested you.)

As one quite literally obsessed with the past, I would often try to “feel” myself back in the Houghton of the 1950s. With one exception, I would fail. Physiologists say that smell is the most past-inducing of our senses, and if I went over to the Lucky Building (built in 1942) I could fancy myself saying “hello” to President Paine or Dean Lynip. The place retains the odor of the past; perhaps the cleaning crew has stuck to the same brand of wood polish over the decades.

The Houghton village seems to have escaped time’s ravages (otherwise known as “urban renewal”). The strip along Route 19 has approximately the same number of structures, commercial and domestic, as it did 50 or so years back, although Houghton faculty and staff have carved out beautifully located homesteads nestled along the narrow roads leading back up from the campus. Most of Houghton’s homes dating from the late 19th to the first decades of the 20th century had their fret-saw “gingerbread” removed in the name of modernization; now, undoubtedly at some cost, it’s all been replaced.

Of course, I wasn’t at Houghton to wallow in nostalgia (the penny candy of historians), but to teach three courses: U.S. History to 1877, Colonial America, and three sections of Western Civilization. I found the students bright and willing to enter into discussion, even on occasion to disagree with me. One strong debate took place early in the semester when a few students in a Western Civ. section took issue with my (and the text’s) observation that the Earth is some 4 billion years old. They were Creationist believers and insisted that the Great Gorge at Letchworth State Park was no more than 6,000 years old and that men and dinosaurs had co-existed. I had to bring in a distinguished Houghton scientist to demonstrate that one could be a committed Christian and still believe that the Earth is very old.

Never believing in “multiple-guess,” fill-in-the-blank tests for history, I always had my students answer essay questions in blue books (in which they could, again, disagree with me). Of course, that also meant that twice a semester I had some 93 blue books to grade! Academically, Houghton students probably haven’t changed that much. There seemed roughly the same proportion of students at Houghton to learn and to serve, but a much smaller proportion of those there because their parents said so. There are the rebels and the conformists (well, maybe not so many as in the bland 1950s!), but apparently now a complete absence of “hicks” from the surrounding hills and hollows.

The college today seems far less concerned with “dos and don’ts,” and most students seem to define their Christianity in personal faith and action. There must be some 10 times as many Christian service organizations now on campus than in decades past, most initiated and run by the students.

My conclusion? Be of good cheer, Houghton College has kept the faith, spiritually and academically.

Armed with a master’s from Columbia and a doctorate from the University of London, Stan “the History Man” Sandler ’60 has made history come alive for students and audiences as varied as the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fox News Network and National Public Radio. He has published more than ten books, contributed to many more military encyclopedias and dictionaries and has written hundreds of papers and articles. He says he prefers the “absent-minded professor” experience of teaching at the college level, which he has done at the U.S. Naval Academy, Northern Virginia Community College, Alliance College, the University of Waterloo (Ontario) and, of course, Houghton College.




East is (NOT) East...

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES has approved name changes for two buildings on the Houghton campus. As of this summer, East Hall will become known as Frieda Gillette Hall, while South Hall becomes Hans Rothenbuhler Hall. The name changes replace compass-point names that either are or will become inaccurate. South Hall is no

longer the southernmost college building—the town houses and college flats are.

Additionally, the new names give the college the chance to honor two important people from its history, which, not coincidentally, was Gillette’s field of expertise during her 46 years of teaching at the college. She retired in 1969 and was given emeritus status and an honorary doctorate in 1976. Rothenbuhler was the father of three Houghton College alumni—Kim (Rothenbuhler ’77) Button, John Rothenbuhler ’79 and Ruth (Rothenbuhler ’83) Ortlip—as well as a faithful supporter of the college.



Construction Will Add Classroom Space

IN NOVEMBER 2004 Houghton College received backing for a \$10 million bond issue, primarily to consolidate existing debt at a lower interest rate. Rules regarding the tax status of the bonds required that the college use part of the money for new construction on campus.

The college considered several new projects, including a building beside the Academic Building, a new theater, and an addition to the campus center. However, with the goal of increasing enrollment to 1,400 students, additional classroom and office space will be needed. So, it was decided to add additional classroom space and offices for faculty by adding a third floor to the Willard J. Houghton Library. Construction on the project will begin this summer, with completion anticipated by September 1, 2006.

The new floor of the library will be approximately 11,500 square feet and will include six regular-sized classrooms, one large classroom (capacity: up to 80 students), a study space, and 14 faculty offices. It will be equipped with a great deal of new technology, including wireless computer service. The project will also include installing new lighting and a climate control system for the entire library. The total cost will be \$2.9 million, which includes the building costs and other

related construction costs such as architectural and engineering fees, permits and assessments.

Although the new space will be on top of the library, the floor will not be accessible directly from the library. Instead, it will be connected to the third floor of the Academic Building—from which it will be considered an extension—by an enclosed bridge, which will provide access without stepping foot outside.

A committee of seven, including faculty members, administration members and a student representative, is charged with overseeing the project. Jeff Spear '79, vice president for finance, says that this is the first time that a student has ever been on a building committee, adding: "I think it's important for the students to have a voice in what's happening on campus."—*Reported by Sarah Williams '05, public relations intern.*



Moving a Road: Willard Avenue Changing Course

SINCE THE LATE 1960S, when the Paine Science Center opened, students have been crossing Willard Avenue from the sidewalk that runs past the library. Soon, that will be just a remembrance. As part of a construction project that will improve drainage from the area west of the Luckey Building, provide handicap access to that building, and improve the flow of traffic around campus, the college is working together with the Caneadea town highway department to re-route Willard Avenue behind the Paine Science Center.

Behind the science center there will be a new intersection further up Park Drive (and further away from Luckey) from where it is now. Park Drive will also be re-routed closer to "The Bee Hive," home of Richard (Jake) and Shirley Jacobsen,

with a gentler curve taking it past the McMillen House, after which it connects to Centerville Road.



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The new route of the road will eliminate four major crosswalks, making walking to class and chapel safer for students and faculty. Because the slope between the science center and Luckey Building will change, it also will allow for at-grade access to Luckey for the mobility impaired. The old road will be removed (a storm drain will run under where it is now) and the area between the science center, the library and Luckey will become an additional grassy area in the middle of the campus, separated from the quad by only a sidewalk.

The road reconstruction comes in the sixth year of a ten-year, \$1.1 million campus-wide accessibility improvement process. Preliminary work for the project has already begun, with construction expected to be completed in September.

International Business Medicine: A Déjà View of McMillen House

by Dean Liddick '60

THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE I drive up to is familiar, though the virus in the laptop I've brought in differs from those which Drs. S.I. McMillen, Gus Prinsell '48 and Storer Emmett fought in these rooms from 1951-1980. Over that time those physicians treated several thousand area residents, plus thousands of college and academy students, from this stone house and office. Today's patients at McMillen House are machines, not bodies, but many of their owners' dependencies run parallel.

Dr. Prinsell moved to new offices in 1980, but the house remained the McMillen home until S.I. moved away in 1988. By then, the doctor had a long history of donating to Houghton College (a 1928 Essex he once owned became transportation for a Houghton College quartet when the doctor left it at the New York docks before embarking for his first term of missionary service in Sierra Leone). It was not too surprising, then, when he donated his home/office to the college. It first served to house the college advancement offices, then as a student residence. In 1999 it morphed into headquarters for the college's technology services.

Although decades have passed, for some of us entering the offices today the memories are indelible. In the same room where a technician will apply his electronic disinfectant to my ailing IBM, "Dr. Mac" once jabbed my pubescent posterior with penicillin. In the next room, where spare computer parts await implantation, a physician once delicately sewed up our daughter's lower lip—bitten through after one of an active three-year-old's many tumbles. Who can forget the waiting room, with a mid-winter fire crackling in the fireplace, aromas of wood smoke and medicines oddly mingled? Today it's odorless, except for the occasional electro-chemical whiff of an overheated CRT.

Where doctor's assistant Barbara Stedman used to bark "NEXT," a student technician—only slightly older than my grandchildren—takes down my name and my computer's serial number, plugs in his "stethoscope," clatters away on several keys—randomly it seems—nods sagely, clicks the mouse and frowns at the screen's display. Prescriptions vary from the desired "That should do it," to the dreaded "Sign here; we'll e-mail you

when it's ready."

Upstairs, in the former residence, more serious electronic "surgery" takes place.

Technology Services, Help Desk and the Repair Shop employ half a dozen staff members and 10 student helpers. As in good human medicine, each person is selected to be simpatco in handling frustrated people as well as adept with ailing machines. Some have specialties, such as lap-

tops; all are cross-trained by certified IBM and Hewlett-Packard experts to answer questions and fix problems, which range from recovering "lost" documents to replacing system boards. The most common problems arise out of network trouble, viruses and file sharing. September is the peak month, the increase triggered by new student arrivals and new equipment glitches.

Today I leave in five minutes, my laptop "healed" and again roadworthy. I'm grateful, relieved and glad to be out of there—as I was 50 years ago. When asked how Houghton has changed, historian Frieda Gillette used to say "The important things endure." She might well have had in mind the work done at McMillen House.

Dean Liddick '60 is a major gift officer in the Houghton College Office of Advancement.



the Chamberlain Legacy

PART 1: CAMPUS CHANGES

DURING A SPAN OF 30 YEARS, change is inevitable. Managing that change with respect for the past and an embrace of the future is a skill that few master. Yet, when one views the Houghton campus as it was in 1976, when Daniel R. Chamberlain arrived to take the office of president of Houghton College, and as it is today, on the brink of his retirement, the changes in structures and campus flow speak well of his management of these changes with just such a skillful hand.

The campus has radically changed: three large buildings visible from its main plateau were not here in 1976, and at least four others have disappeared. The campus' trademark building—Fancher Hall, with its iconic bell tower—was moved and turned (see article, page 16.). The library has grown and changed—and is set to do so yet again (see article, page 22). Somehow, though, with all of this change—and we haven't even addressed the structures not visible from the main plateau of the campus—Houghton still retains its rural beauty and charm.

The new buildings have blended well with the old.

The creekstone facings of South Hall, the Center for the Arts and the Academic Building dominate the architectural "look" of the campus more than ever, blending with Luckey, Lambein (formerly Brookside), Gillette (formerly East), the library, Paine Science Center and Wesley Chapel so seamlessly that visitors often remark at how the campus fits



The Center for the Arts under construction, a dramatic addition to campus.

A chronological view of structural changes to the Houghton campus during the Chamberlain years:



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together so well—the new complementing the old so that few can tell them apart. The new façade of the Nielsen Physical Education Center (built during the early years of Chamberlain's presidency) continues this theme, and the removal of the old music building, Bedford Gymnasium, Woolsey and Gaoyadeo Hall have improved that consistent look, giving the campus a natural beauty that is the envy of many other colleges.

While this beauty is pleasing to the eye, the campus' functionality is more important, and it has improved dramatically during the Chamberlain years as well.

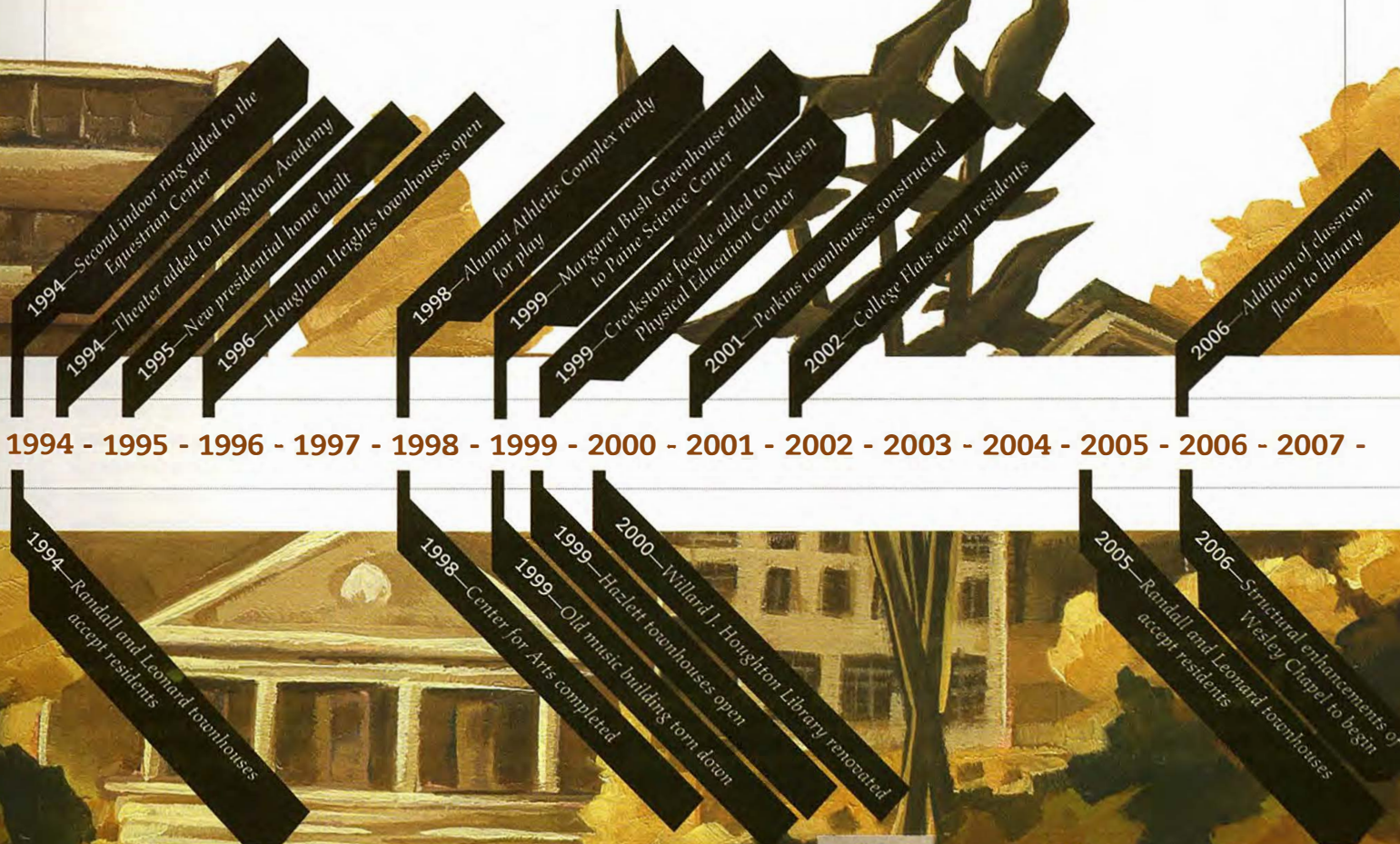
Townhouses and garden apartments built to the south of the main campus plateau have added much-needed residence space for students. The dramatic improvements to the athletic fields turned the view of the complex from the hill next to Shenawana into one of the "wow" moments on the campus tour of many potential Highlander athletes. The amount of classroom space has grown exponentially, the school of music finally found a well-equipped new home, and the art department has grown into (and almost out of) additional space in the Stevens Art Studio.

Structural changes have not been limited to the Houghton campus. The West Seneca campus has undergone a major transformation in the last 30 years. Today, the campus includes 40 acres of open woodland, four buildings, a five-unit townhouse and a house and four apartments for faculty and



staff. In 2001, Houghton purchased a 40-acre wooded site on Star Lake, in New York state's Adirondack Park, as well.

Change to the Houghton campus continues with the re-routing of Willard Avenue behind the Paine Science Center and the addition to the library and structural enhancements to Wesley Chapel. Fittingly, the chapel renovations are planned so as to retain the tradition and warmth of the building while incorporating modern conveniences and opening options for a more useful future—the very qualities that have characterized the campus' growth during the Chamberlain years.



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39 Lois (Roughan) Ferm retired at age 87 from the Billy Graham Association. She is working on a book about Billy Graham. She lives in Black Mountain, NC.

44 Gordon Barnett and his wife Elida celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary in 2004. Gordon had knee-replacement surgery in March 2004, and "received enough chocolate to last for six months," as friends were told the patient preferred chocolate over flowers. "Since he is now out of chocolate, he is going to have the other knee replaced," his wife writes. The Barnetts live in San Antonio, TX.

49 Morris A. Inch has published *The Elder Brother: A Christian Alternative to Anti-Semitism* through University Press of America, Inc. *The Elder Brother* addresses the significant issue of anti-Semitism from a Christian perspective. Inch is professor emeritus at Wheaton College and the author of *Two Mosaic Motifs* (University Press of America, 2003). He and his wife Joan live in Russellville, AR.

51 Virginia (Gibb) Keith and her husband John write to say that blessings for 2004 included "good health, the joys of grandparenting, the supportive fellowship of a fine church family and the joy of continuing to live in the beauty of Ontario's Kawartha Lake district."

52 George and Ester (Parsons) '55) Huestis worked for 43 years in Brazil: 13 years with the Bororo Indian tribe under Wycliffe Bible Translators and 30 years in church

planting with Baptist International Missions, Inc (BIMI). They returned to the United States in August of 2000 due to health problems. They remain on active retired status with BIMI, and keep in close contact with the churches they left in Brazil. They reside in Tulsa, OK.

John Warner and his wife Shirley have moved from Monroe, LA to Bensenville, IL. They are enjoying seeing their extended family and plan to visit his sister, **Virginia (Warner '48) Steffel**.

53 Former alumnus of the year and Christian Life Emphasis Week speaker **Pete Hammond** has been focusing on investing the fruits of his four-decade InterVarsity career in successors. He attended the international conference of the Fellowship of Companies for Christ in Montego Bay, Jamaica, working with InterVarsity's Marketplace Ministry development. A personal joy for Pete and his wife, **Shirley (Dye '58)**, is the publishing of *Grace Unfolding: The Dye Hammond Family Story, Vol. 1, Photos & Letters*. The Hammonds live in Madison, WI.

58 Bruce Hess, his wife Donna and his son, **Matthew Hess '87**, are working with OMS International, Inc. Bruce and Donna are the Northeast Region USA directors. Matthew, who is on the OMS Northeast associate staff in Rochester, NY, led a team of 26 youth and youth leaders to all major regions of Ecuador: coast, mountains and jungle, for short-term missions.

Art and Dot (Gutwein) Everett are serving with Ameri Tribes, working among urbanized First Nations people

in Colorado Springs, CO. On December 31, 2004, they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their blind date. The blind date was arranged by Art's brother, who hadn't told Dot that he and Art are identical twins. They say it was "a bit puzzling to Dot when she first saw Art, but it was a great match."

61 Barry Ross and his wife **Margaret (Tysinger '59)** recently spent three months of their teaching ministry in Mozambique and Zambia, Africa. Barry has been granted a sabbatical from Anderson University and will spend a major part of the time in research and writing at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, Israel. Margaret will continue her ministry of teaching hands-on skills in sewing to women in Zambia, using new facilities of International Vision Volunteers.

62 John Bechtel retired from The Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation in October 2004, after 23 years of service. He received two honorary doctoral degrees in 2004; one from Biola University and one from the Russian Institute of Religion and Law. He is now looking forward to a "somewhat slower pace of living." He will concentrate on serving on a select number of boards; he is also looking into getting involved in ministries which are focused on China and Asia. He recently spent four days in the tsunami-devastated part of Thailand.

67 Richard Pope, after 15 years as a staff member of Young Life, is completing his 18th year as a guidance counselor at Maine East High School in Park Ridge, IL, where he is a sponsor of the Gay-

Straight Alliance. He and his wife Mary live in Northfield, IL. Rich is active in numerous progressive causes, including pressing for equal marriage rights for same-sex couples, pro-choice initiatives, and bringing an end to the war in Iraq. He has one grown daughter by a previous marriage.

73 Gary Newton, professor of educational ministries at the Huntington College Graduate School of Christian Ministries, in Huntington, IN, contributed a chapter, "Ministering to Unchurched, Urban, At-risk Children" to the book *Children's Spirituality* (Cascade Books). It was written in collaboration with students in Newton's family and children's ministry class. Newton has used his research in this area for church workshops, presentations and the enrichment of the Huntington Kids' Club ministry, which he founded. Newton and his wife,



Gary Newton '73 and his wife C. Joy (Shepardson '75), along with members of the Huntington Kids' Club.

C. Joy (Shepardson '75) started the Huntington Kids' Club five years ago to reach out to the unchurched, at-risk kids in their downtown neighborhood. They work with 75 kids and a staff of 30 volunteer leaders from Huntington College and area churches each week. They are also six months into a church plant, with about 250 people in regular attendance.

Newton's passion for at-risk kids came from his involvement at Houghton College in a ministry at the Wellsville Salvation Army. His freshman year he was mentored by two upperclassmen,

Dave Wyrzten '71 and **Bob Batdorf '72**, who instilled in him the passion for unchurched kids through the ministry at the Salvation Army. "I came from Canada, and didn't even visit Houghton before I applied and went there. For me, it was just a beautiful experience, it became my home. I loved the people. Houghton got me involved in Christian relationships, challenged me intellectually to grow; it was the turning point in my life. I came to study medicine. I got involved with kids, and decided to continue to work with Christian education."

One of Newton's articles, "More Than Donuts," will be published in *Children's Ministry* magazine. He has also published a book titled *Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity*, by Crossway Books and is working on two new books.

74 Sharon Schwab is serving as the new superintendent of the Indiana District for the Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Church. Prior to this position, Schwab was involved in the leadership of several national rural ministry initiatives. She also served as coordinator of the Natural Church Development program in the Western Pennsylvania Conference. Schwab earned her master of divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, and several years ago completed all the coursework for a doctorate in rural sociology. A certified rural chaplain, Schwab has worked for 30 years with the United Methodist Rural Fellowship and continues to serve on the executive committee for that group.

75 Jeffrey Prinsell, a board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon, is licensed as both a dentist and physician and has a private practice in Marietta, GA. He has been named founding president of the American



Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. Prinsell received his dental degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and a medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He is a faculty instructor at the Atlanta School of Sleep Medicine and a surgical consultant with several metropolitan Atlanta sleep centers. He lives with his family in Marietta.

76 Howard Chapman received his doctorate of ministry with a focus on homiletics from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He earned his master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1985, served as an associate pastor in Webster, NY, for nine years and is now the senior pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Marion, IA.

78 Mark Cerbone is now in his 13th year of service with Peace of the City Ministries, a ministry his wife founded for at-risk urban children, teens and their families on Buffalo, NY's multicultural, economically-depressed west side.

79 Steve Lennox has been named Indiana Wesleyan University's (IWU) Dean of the Chapel, a newly created position. "Dr. Lennox will have primary responsibility for a wide array of spiritual formation programming on the IWU campus, including the chapel program," said IWU President Jim Barnes. Lennox joined the IWU faculty in 1993 and served as interim chaplain his first year on campus. He has also directed IWU's graduate program in ministry and served as chair of the division of religion and philosophy since 1999. Steve and his wife Eileen have two children, Abigail and Ethan. They make their home in Marion, IN.

80 ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, Inc. announced the appointment of **Daniel H.**

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Tommy George Glikos



Noah Oliver Hall



Elijah William John



Chelsea Grace Munro

Future Alumni

Jeff & Angela (Keppen '98) Babbitt '96
 Peter & Leah (Kipp '96) Bertram
 James & Rochelle (Smith '93) Bohm '94
 Pierre & Mirjam (de Blaeij '04) Charbonneau
 Rob & Robin (Scherer '94) Collett
 Howard & Michelle (Wingfield '99) Curlin
 Kästle and Colleen (Gleason '96) Freeman
 Jamie Fuller '88
 George & Erica (Miller '99) Glikos
 Tim & Norah (Griffiths '94) Goggin
 Russ & Merisa (Rennie '98) Hall
 Jeremy & Holly (Church '99) John '99
 Jason & Kathryn (Whitehead '96) Kempson
 Matthew & Mary (MacDonald '02) Kofahl '02
 Ethan & Mechele (Souder '01) Lee '99
 Mitchell & Karen (Weaver '91) Liddick
 Andrew & Kristin Lowell '93
 Mark & Brynn Munro '94
 Erik & Debbie (Markant '97) Nowakowski
 Eric & Beth (Arneson '95) Ramoth '91
 James Rogan '83
 Glenn & Deborah Rutland '86
 Rick & Ann (Bowen '86) Schissler
 Lee & Tracy (Cook '90) Snyder
 Gregg & Dawn (Dieter '82) Steward
 Marc & Ruth (Judy '98) Swenson '98
 Yann & Sarah (French '04) Germain-Tardieu
 Greg & Rachael (Giambri '97) Teal
 Andrew & Katie (McCoy '98) Thompson '98
 Michael & Renee Trexler '92
 Kenneth & Teresa (Pancoe '95) Williams
 Jeremy & Kari Wilton '01
 Brian & Rebecca (Tolly '92) Windsor
 Christopher & Noelle (Gurley '95) Winkens
 Michael & Sharon (Meiners '98) Wolcott '94
 John & Yarbrough '84
 David & Rachel (Simms '94) Zirilli

Kirsten Cheyenne* 02-03-01
 Kip Nathaniel 01-08-05
 Joshua James 03-01-04
 Adrian Leendert Michel 02-15-05
 Tarquin Alexander 05-22-04
 Lawrence Jackson 11-30-04
 Jack Gleason 10-18-04
 Emily Evgenija* 03-25-04
 Tommy George 04-16-04
 Ethan Andrew 03-16-05
 Noah Oliver 02-04-05
 Elijah William 05-11-04
 Kirra Grace 07-21-04
 Anna Kathleen 01-07-05
 Abigail Kaitlin 06-26-04
 Colyn Garret 03-30-05
 Alden Clark 12-30-04
 Chelsea Grace 08-17-04
 Ryan Jackson 12-10-03
 Jason Eric 03-29-05
 Christopher James* 06-19-94
 Joshua Robert Regan 06-17-04
 Ella Ruth 12-09-03
 Braden Lee 11-25-04
 Jakeline Elizabeth 09-12-95
 Graham Paul 08-26-96
 Hannah Ruth 08-06-04
 Anita Chantal 05-27-04
 Jonah James 11-07-04
 Sophia Rose 04-13-04
 Hannah Ruth 12-10-03
 Kaitlyn Brynn 03-22-04
 Sydney Madison 01-06-05
 Andrew Benjamin 03-31-04
 Samuel David 01-17-05
 Anna Grace 10-15-04
 Henry Foster 01-11-05
 Ryan Daniel 07-25-04



Anita Chantal Germain-Tardieu



Sophia Rose Thompson



Sydney Madison Wilton

* adopted

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Irwin, of Delray Beach, FL, to executive vice president of operations. Irwin has served the ACTS family for more than 25 years, most recently as the senior vice president of operations for the corporation's southern division. He is presently seeking his M.B.A. from Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. Irwin is a member of the Florida Association of Homes for the Aging and holds a position on the board of trustees.

82 Dawn (Dieter) Steward, completed her master's in music from the University of Maryland. Dawn taught for 10 years in the Wesleyan Christian School and is now in her tenth year of teaching in an elementary public school. She was the music director for eight years in a large Methodist Church, where she directed four choral groups and a handbell choir. She and her husband Gregg recently adopted two children from Guatemala (see *Future Alumni*). Friends may reach them at dsteward@cl.k12.md.us.

83 Ronald Navamanie and his wife Marsha continue to serve as missionaries with the Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka. The church in Matara had a growing congregation when the tsunami struck and caused significant damage to the structure. Miraculously, no church members were harmed.

Julie (Sawyer) Phillips is married and working for Dayspring Cards as an illustrator. Julie and her husband John live in Lee's Summit, MO, where John works for an engineering consulting firm, Burns and McDonnell.

Brian Segool reports that his family received a visit from **Karen (Woodmansee '83) Martin** and her husband, who are training with Lumiere Medical Ministry and will be returning to Haiti to work with the blind and visually impaired in the southern coastal town of Les Cayes. The two families last saw each

other at their tenth class reunion in 1993. Brian continues to teach at Rock Springs Elementary School in Lawrenceville, GA. He also volunteers at Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry and at Crossroads Community Church.

85 Eva (Xavier) Garrouette is a tenured associate professor of sociology at Boston College. She teaches one class per year and devotes the rest of her time to research. She received a \$500,000 grant from the National Institute on Aging that will allow her to expand her research directed at enhancing health care for Oklahoma Cherokee elders. The grant will also allow her to do postdoctoral work at Harvard University and several other institutions. Garrouette and her husband recently purchased their first house in a small town outside of Boston, MA. They enjoy traveling and recently returned from trips to the Virgin Islands and the Czech Republic.

Richard Strum has developed a school program, "America's First Victory," that gives students in grades 3-6 the chance to reenact the historic capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold on May 10, 1775. Since its creation in 2000, nearly 10,000 students have participated in the program. "America's First Victory" has been recognized with a certificate of commendation from the American Association for State and Local History. Strum continues as the Director of Interpretation and Education at Fort Ticonderoga. He also serves as a trustee of the Clifton West Hague Historical Museum and as a grant reviewer for the New York State Council on the Arts.

86 Kevin L. Clayton was married on June 27, 2004 (see *Down the Aisle*). He and his wife were married on Newcomb Hollow Beach in Wellfleet, MA, and reside in Harwich, MA.

Glenn R. Rutland was recognized as the Alcon Laboratories' Medical Sales Representative of the Year for 2004, the third time he has won the award. He has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 15 years and also serves Alcon as a sales trainer and mentor. Glenn and his wife Deborah are members of the Valley Community Baptist Church in Avon, CT. Glenn is active in evangelical ministries and Deborah is active in children's ministries. Deborah is also a stay-at-home mom to Gabriel and Joshua (see *Future Alumni*).

87 Sharon (Klay) Yadon met her husband Jack while volunteering with Bridges for Peace in Jerusalem in 2003 (see *Down the Aisle*). Bridges for Peace interviews new immigrants and coordinates their needs with sponsors around the world. Sharon and Jack were married where she grew up, on the south shore of Boston. **Cheryl Burdick '85** was a bridesmaid. The Yadons are living in Tulsa, OK, and would love to keep in touch with classmates at shayklay@hotmail.com.

88 Randall P. Duttweiler has been promoted to a managerial position with the firm of Lumsden & McCormick, LLP, certified public accountants and advisors. He has extensive experience working with commercial businesses, nonprofit organizations, governmental entities and individuals in the areas of auditing, taxation and financial reporting. Duttweiler lives in Corfu, NY, and has been with Lumsden & McCormick since 1989.

90 Brenda Tremblay has been named a recipient of a national Gracie Allen Award from the American Women in Radio and Television, for WXXI in Rochester, NY. The award was for Outstanding News Story Radio—Soft News Radio.

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MILESTONES

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Bill Whitmore placed first in the self-defense category at the P.M.A.E. International Tournament held in October 2004. Bill holds the rank of second degree Nidan, in Bushido Kai and is also an instructor at the Project Future Martial Arts Center in Wheatfield, NY. Bill and his wife, **Amie (Gustafson '92)** live in Niagara Falls, NY.

93 Rochelle (Smith) Bohm received her master's degree in urban affairs and public policy from the University of Delaware. She is married to **James Bohm '94**, and they have a son, Joshua James (see *Future Alumni*). Rochelle is the historic preservation planner for Kent County, DE, and Jim is a math teacher at Caesar Rodney High School in Camden, DE.

94 Roy and Laurie (Slye) Chandler have moved from North Dakota to Colorado Springs, CO, and enjoy attending Mt. View Wesleyan Church in Colorado Springs, where the pastor is **Kevin Goos '92**. Roy is on active duty in the Air Force, serving in Space Command. He is working toward a master's in security management. Laurie stays home with their two girls, Kyrie and Kristin. They especially enjoy living "just a few blocks away" from classmates **Bryan and Kerrie (Stockin '94) Davidson '94**.

Robin (Scherer) Collett is living in Norfolk, VA, and staying home with her son (see *Future Alumni*) and her stepdaughter Madeline. Her husband is a Naval officer and is currently deployed to the Middle East.

Jim Hinrich was married in March 2004 (see *Down the Aisle*). He worked as a photographer for five years until he became the Director of Finger Lakes Master's Commission, which is affiliated with Master's Commission International Network, a college-age discipleship program that has become known nationwide as an intense program for preparing young people for ministry. He is the worship and creative arts director for Dansville Foursquare Church in Dansville, NY.

Jeff and Rhonda (Slate) Walsh have moved from the Philippines to Margaretville, NY. Jeff is the pastor of the Advent Christian Church and Rhonda is homeschooling their three children: Benjamin, Isaac and Ethan. Rhonda says, "We love receiving *Milieu* and finding out what people are up to!"

95 Christopher Winkens, who is on staff in the Willard J. Houghton Library, and his wife, **Noelle (Gurley '95)** are celebrating their fifth anniversary with the birth of their son, Samuel David Winkens (see *Future Alumni*). Christopher started working in the Interlibrary Loan Department in August 2004 and Noelle continues to enjoy being a stay-at-home mom with baby Samuel and their other two boys, Joshua and Jared. The Winkens may be contacted at the following e-mail address: thewinkens@yahoo.com.



Left to Right: Rachel Ridgeway '00, Laura (Titus '00) Eggert, Rebecca Jang Dhari '00, and Rebekah Lehman '00



Tim and Maija Vance '99

Down the Aisle

Joel and Jessica (Schulz '03) Barton '02	06-21-03	Jim and Cheryl Hinrich '94	03-27-04
Charles and Angela Bliven '92	12-04-04	Wilbur and Sara (Schipper '98) Kelly	09-05-04
Pierre and Mirjam (de Blaejj '04) Charbonneau	12-27-03	Eric and Amy (Barber '01) Morgan	10-16-04
Kevin and Melissa Clayton '86	06-27-04	John and Julie (Sawyer '83) Phillips	01-01-05
Brad and Laura (Sheppard '03) Clodfelter '04	01-01-05	Nathan and Carrie (Derr '00) Radford	10-16-04
Rob and Brandy (Reese '00) Crowley	08-14-04	Justin and Crystal (McCaffrey '03) Spiegel '03	06-12-04
Thomas and Laura (Titus '00) Eggert	07-31-04	Nathan and Joy (Newcomb '04) Stoddard	06-19-04
Kästle and Colleen (Gleason '96) Freeman	03-15-03	Tim and Maija Vance '99	12-30-04
Taino Joel and Suzanne (Brenneman '94) Guerra	04-17-05	Jack and Sharon (Klay '87) Yadon	09-18-04
Nathan and Becca (Byrne '03) Hnatiuk '03	06-11-05		

96 **Hollie (See) Leonardi** and her husband Sebastian have been Salvation Army officers for seven years and are currently serving at the international headquarters in London, England. Friends may reach them at hollieseba@tiscali.co.uk.

Lenny Luchetti graduated from Asbury Seminary with a master of divinity degree in May of 2003. He is serving as senior pastor of Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church in Stroudsburg, PA. He and his wife, **Amy (Pulis '98)** have two children (see *Future Alumni*). Amy taught kindergarten for five years and is now a stay-at-home mom.

98 **Sara (Schipper) Kelly** is married (see *Down the Aisle*) and living in Seattle, WA. Her husband Wilbur works as a glassblower and Sara is working as a nanny while getting a pottery business started. Friends may contact her at sarajeankelly@yahoo.com.

Ruth (Judy) Swenson and her husband **Marc Swenson** moved to central West Virginia in order to do full-time ministry at Antioch Alliance Church. They are involved in leadership development and mentoring, planning for incoming mission teams and church planting. **Jeremy Hurst** took Ruth's posi-

tion as a biology teacher at The Master's School in Connecticut. Ruth writes, "We welcome anyone to visit, even if they're just passing through the state, or contact us at mrhswen@yahoo.com. We love hearing from old friends!"

99 **Erica (Miller) Glikos** was married on June 29, 2002. She and her husband George had a baby boy in 2004 (see *Future Alumni*). Erica completed her master's degree in music education and has been working for the past five years as an elementary strings teacher in the Bellmore School District on Long Island. She is taking some time off to be with their son.

Jeremy and Holly (Church) John have welcomed a son into the family (see *Future Alumni*). They are living in Charlotte, NC, where Jeremy works for Wachovia as a portfolio manager. Holly is working part-time as a chiropractic assistant.

Nate Probert graduated from the New York State Police Academy and has been assigned to barracks in Ellicottville, NY.

Tim Vance and Maija Elisabeth Durr were married at the First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, WA, on December 30, 2004 (see *Down the Aisle*).

They are living in Kirkland, WA, while Maija completes her master's degree in counseling and psychology at Mars Hill School of Theology. Upon completion, the Vances will move to Pasadena, CA, where Tim will complete his master of divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary.

00 **Laura (Titus) Eggert** is married (see *Down the Aisle*) and working as a paralegal for Schop & Pleskaw, LLP, in Buffalo, NY. Her husband Thomas is an EMT with Twin City Ambulance in Buffalo, and will finish paramedic school in the summer of 2005.

01 **Kerry Moon** was promoted to Senior Day Habilitation Program Manager at Madison Cortland ARC in Oneida, NY. She manages a day program for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled individuals over the age of 50.

02 **Joel and Jessica (Schultz '03) Barton** are married (see *Down the Aisle*) and living in Philadelphia, PA, where Jessica is teaching music in the Philadelphia school district. Joel is in his second year of medical school at Temple University.

Maria (Behrns) Scheleen and her husband were confirmed to head to Kenya in the summer of 2005 with Bethany Presbyterian Church for a short-term mission trip. They will be working with World Vision in the Nairobi slums, primarily with AIDS patients, and then will move northwest to Mbita to help at a rural school that functions primarily for orphans. The trip will end with a two-day safari in Masai Marai.

04 **Johanna Mirjam (de Blaejj) Charbonneau** was married on December 27, 2003 (see *Down the Aisle*), in Jacmel, Haiti. Johanna and her husband Pierre are living in Montreal, Canada, with their son Adrian (see *Future Alumni*).



Sean Read '06 was in the Dominican Republic with a missions group from his church, working as a translator in a medical pharmacy, when he saw a man walk in wearing a "Houghton College Equestrian" t-shirt. He went over to the man and inquired about where he had acquired the shirt. It was given to the man by **Denny Shaffner '78** when Shaffner was on the same mission trip the year before. Both Read and **Paul Shaffner '06** have been on this mission trip five times. Read took two more Houghton students, **Nora Jacobs '06** and **Kyla Buchwald '05**, along as translators on the most-recent trip. Other Houghton alumni have joined this trip as translators, teachers or youth ministers as well, including **Sue (Rensel '78) Shaffner** and **Lisa Kolb '04**.

REMEMBRANCE

35 **Julia C. (Etien) Herman**, 90, died March 20 in Stevens, PA. She was a graduate of the former Allentown Bible Institute and Booth Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in New York, NY. As a pastor's wife for 36 years, she served actively beside her late husband Rev. A.M. Herman, affiliated with the United Methodist Church. She was still teaching a neighborhood Bible class at age 85 when she took ill. She wrote devotionals, choruses and poetry, some of which were published. She is survived by a daughter, **L-Louise (Herman '67) Martin**, who is married to **Richard Martin '67**; a son; a grandson and seven great-grandchildren.

36 **Layton F. Vogel** died February 14 at Homestead Nursing Facility in Penn Yan, NY. He was 90. A longtime educator, Layton served for 35 years as principal of Castile and Letchworth schools. He was a member of the United Church of Christ, where he was a trustee and served on the Board of Elders. He was also a volunteer for the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and Food Link, and was a member of the Castile Community Club. Survivors include a son and two grandsons.

39 **Ardith (Brandes) Burns** died January 31, at the age of 87 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. During World War II when her husband Robert was overseas, she taught Latin, French, and English classes in Rushford, NY. They then moved to Henrietta, where she taught Latin for 12 more years before retiring in 1972. Burns liked to cook, and was known for her fudge. She is predeceased by her husband and son; survivors are her daughter, sister, nieces and nephews, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

40 **Barbara (Cronk) Bristol** died June 14, 2003. After graduating from Houghton College, she studied organ at Westminster

Choir College in Princeton, NJ. After World War II, she served as an organist in various churches and was the junior choir director of the First Baptist Church in Syracuse, NY. Bristol also accompanied singer Elizabeth Brown on a television broadcast at Christmastime. She was both a teacher and member of Civic Morning Musicals for piano instruction in Syracuse. Bristol is predeceased by her two brothers, **Alton Cronk '30** and **Theos Cronk '32**, and is survived by her husband Franklin and one brother, **Malcolm Cronk '35**.

41 **H. Allan McCartney** died January 24, at the age of 86. He served three tours of duty in the Pacific in World War II as a Marine fighter pilot, becoming an ace while serving with the Black Sheep Squadron. McCartney was featured in the "Black Sheep Squadron" documentary, which is still shown regularly on The History Channel. He retired from his Marine career in 1966 and became a citrus grower in Indian River County (Florida) until 1979. He was also a deacon and Bible teacher at the First Baptist Church, Vero Beach, FL. He and his wife volunteered for several summers on the Houghton campus, supervising student work crews. He is survived by his wife of 62 years **Evelyn (Geer '41)**; two children; a brother and four grandchildren.

J. Pearl (Burleigh) Palmer died on November 4. She suffered a stroke in March and had been in declining health. She is survived by her husband **Rev. Harry Palmer '41**; as well as by a son and a daughter. Another son predeceased her in 1998.

Kenneth Lee Wilson died January 3. He attended Houghton College from 1937 to 1940 before transferring to Butler University. He graduated from Butler in 1941, married his beloved Juanita, and started work for the David C. Cook Publishing Company as managing editor of the weekly story paper *Boy's World*. In 1949, Wilson began

his 28-year editorial career with *Christian Herald* magazine. He was a world traveler and wrote hundreds of articles about his experiences. He has authored three books, worked with World Vision and Feed the Children, and received three honorary degrees from different colleges, including Houghton College. Wilson edited a book on Houghton's history (*Consider the Years*) in 1957 and updated it in 1981. He is survived by his four children, including **Sally (Wilson '69) Siler**; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

42 **Dr. C Allyn Russell** died January 25, at Rivercrest Deaconess Long Term Care Facility in Concord, MA, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 84. A former Baptist minister, Russell taught on the history of religion at Boston University for 26 years prior to retiring. While teaching at Boston he received the Metcalf Cup, for excellence in teaching. He was also a prolific author and had work published in both religious and secular journals. In 1976 Russell published *Voices of American Fundamentalism*, a book providing an analytical study of conservative religious leaders. He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years Elizabeth.

43 **Doris P. (Rogers) Hutchins** died October 23 in Albany, NY, at the age of 82. A high school teacher, Doris taught Latin before she retired and was an avid family archivist. She is survived by two sisters including **Jean (Rogers '45) Eastburg**; one brother; four children; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and several nephews and nieces, including **Kristen (Eastburg '83) Donato**.

50 **Ralph E. Traber, Jr.** died April 8 in Highland Hospital in Rochester, NY. He was a professional engineer for Stone and Weber, a nuclear power plant construction company, for over 20 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in

Largo, FL, and an avid sailor with the Silver Lake Yacht Club. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Della; two sons; a daughter; two sisters, including **Bessie Marion Hill '45** and six grandchildren.

66 James (Jim) Francis of Churchville, NY, died accidentally on September 30, 2004, while working on a Stephen's Ministry repair project. He was recently retired from a 35-year career teaching chemistry. Throughout his teaching career, he was active in many school activities and coached a swim team. He was also active in the Rochester Otetiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In 2001, Jim was honored with the "God and Service Award." He also participated in many teen and adult mission trips with Pearce Memorial Church and mission organizations. He is predeceased by his son, **James (Jim) Francis, Jr. '93**; survived by his wife of 36 years **Janice (Marolf '66) Francis**; his son, **David Francis '94**; his daughter **Karin (Francis '98) Wohlgemuth**; his mother and two granddaughters.

69 Clarence L. Hilliard died January 27, 2005 after a year-long battle with cancer. He earned his degree at Houghton College while raising nine children. Hilliard

debated Malcolm X in the 1950s and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 1960s. He was an international speaker and a community activist for much of his life. Hilliard served as a representative of the National Black Evangelical Association (and as its Board Chairman until his death) in the rebuilding of burned churches in the South. Survivors include his wife of 54 years Annie Pearl; five sons; four daughters; a brother, **Rev. John Hilliard '65**; three sisters and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

71 David George Hallam died of cancer on June 24. He was treasurer for the town of Grimsby, Ontario and did volunteer work for Shaver Hospital and King of the Road Ministries. He is survived by his wife Donna; two daughters and one grandchild.

74 Jeffery L. Flint died on March 12 at Owensboro Medical Health System. Flint entered the U.S. Army in 1975 and worked in White House communications along with the Secret Service under Presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan. He worked in military intelligence while serving in Germany, Korea and locations in the

United States. He was awarded numerous medals, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Presidential Service Badge and the Army Achievement Medal. He retired from the National Security Agency in 1996 and became property manager at the Owensboro YMCA and a member of Walnut Memorial Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of 27 years Valorie; four daughters; his parents; a brother and a sister.

76 Debra (Braunschweiger) Hughes died January 17 in Fishkill, NY. Debra was employed by IBM in Fishkill since her graduation from Houghton. Surviving is her husband Gerald; her uncle, **Robert A. Jones '53**; one sister and her mother.

87 Erich E. Hoffman of Seattle, WA, died of a heart attack December 6, 2004. He was 43. Hoffman was a teacher at Seattle Community College. He was a bishop in the Presbyterian church, enjoyed gardening and teaching and found great joy in his nephew and niece. Surviving are his mother **Doris (Eyer '49) Hoffman**; and two brothers, Bill and Mark. He was predeceased by his father.

95 Robert D. Fralick died on September 4, 2004, at Inter Community Memorial Hospital in Newfane, NY, after a brief illness. He was 65. Fralick owned and operated Fralick Carpentry and Remodeling and had retired from PARCO Building Systems in 1999. He was 59 years old when he received his degree from Houghton. He was an active member of the community, an avid reader, a dog lover and an enthusiastic traveler. Survivors include his wife Patricia; a brother and many nephews and nieces.

Friend and Neighbor

Charles "Ted" Osgood '51 died April 23. Born in Houghton, he was a son of the Rev. George and Sarah Miller Osgood. In 1951, he was married by his father to Phyllis M. Davis, who survives. Osgood was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving aboard the USS Purdy. He had been a barber since 1948 and owned and operated Ted's Style Shop in Houghton since 1961. Osgood was a member of the Houghton Wesleyan Church and was past president of the Houghton Fire Department. Surviving besides his wife are two sons, six grandchildren, two brothers, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter in 1992 and by his parents.



"OH, DANNY BOY!" is the theme for Homecoming this fall, an opportunity to celebrate Dan and Joyce Chamberlains' legacy. Please plan now to return to your alma mater and join in. Of special note is the Chamberlains' Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, your chance to join in honoring the Chamberlains for their time at Houghton. Tickets to this farewell event are limited (less than 400) and are expected to sell out quickly. To purchase yours (\$20/person), contact Robin Ha at 585.567.9553, e-mail robin.ha@houghton.edu, or go online at www.houghton.onlinecommunity.com/ and click on the "Event Registration" tab to register through the Houghton Alumni Online Community.

Homecoming 2005 Schedule:

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

11:00 a.m. Heritage Chapel

Friday, October 7, 2005

9:00 a.m. Departmental Receptions
10:00 Founders' Day Convocation
12:00 p.m. PAB Luncheon (by invitation only)
Golf Scramble
6:00 Campus Store Fashion Show
7:00 Coronation of Homecoming King and Queen
Alumni Choir Rehearsal
Alumni Volleyball Game
8:00 College Choir Concert

Saturday, October 8, 2005

8:00 a.m. Alumni Association Annual Meeting
9:00 Equestrian Dressage Competition
10:00 Grand Parade
Women's J.V. Soccer vs. Niagara
Men's J.V. Soccer vs. Alumni
11:30 Equestrian Cross-Country Competition
Picnic Lunch
12:00 p.m. Field Hockey vs. Ithaca
12:30 Chamberlains' Celebration Luncheon*
1:00 Volleyball vs. St. Vincent
2:00 Women's Soccer vs. Carlow
Equestrian Stadium Jumping Competition
3:45 Athletic Presentation
4:00 Men's Soccer vs. Walsh
7:00 Student Banquet
9:00 Spot

*Limited tickets available, see above



Would you like to share a word or two of appreciation with President or Mrs. Chamberlain as they prepare to retire? Go online at <http://campus.houghton.edu/orgs/president/> or send a letter to Milieu, Houghton College, One Willard Avenue, Houghton, NY 14744. The college will include as many comments as possible in special publications and public displays being prepared to honor the Chamberlains during the coming year.

HAVE YOU SIGNED up for the Online Community yet? It's free, and it's a great way to connect (or re-connect) with fellow alumni. Just go to www.houghton.onlinecommunity.com/. After you've signed up (or if you're already a member), be sure to click on the "Alumni Directory" tab. When you do, you will have the opportunity to participate in a Milieu survey—just one question!—asking which direction you believe the editorial content of the magazine should take. Please take a few seconds to give us your answer.

YOUR OPINIONS MATTER to Houghton, and we listen when you share them. That's why this year's phone-a-thon calling for The Houghton Fund will be done by Houghton College students, not an outside firm. Be ready to talk to a student when we call this fall—and please prayerfully consider a donation to this annual fund-raising effort that is so vital to filling the gap between what students pay and the total cost to run the college.

ONE POPULAR METHOD of participating in the capital portion to refurbish the Chapel of *The Campaign for Liberal Arts at Houghton College* is to sponsor a seat in honor or memory of a loved one or a significant figure from your Houghton experience. Now you can go online to track the progress of the seat-sponsorship program, and you can sign up to sponsor a seat of your own (for a pledge of \$1,000) while you're there—you can even choose the row and seat number you want to sponsor. Visit www.houghton.edu/campaign/participation/ or call 585.567.3400 to find out more.

THE ADVANCEMENT SERVICES office has recently completed a change of database software to a state-of-the-art program called The Raiser's Edge. As a result of converting data to this new software, and of using it for preparing the Milieu mailing list for the first time on this issue, you may notice some anomalies in your address or salutation. If you do, please send the addressed portion of your back cover to Milieu, Houghton College, One Willard Avenue, Houghton, NY 14744 with a brief note describing the problem and we will do our best to correct your information as quickly as possible.

Using Green to be More *Green*

by Jeff Spear '79

PART OF OUR HERITAGE AS CHRISTIANS IS TO RESPOND TO GOD'S INSTRUCTION to take care of the earth. At Houghton College, we have a long history of good stewardship of our resources: there are at least 11 buildings we use today that are more than 25 years old, seven of them are over 40 and four are over 50! Still, as that twentieth-century philosopher, Kermit the Frog, once sang: "It's not easy being green."

Sometimes, it takes money—and for Houghton College, often the challenge is finding enough green to become more green. All of us have been confronted with explosive energy costs over the past two years. Gasoline and natural gas prices have doubled and tripled, while wages and other prices have moderated. Consequently, families are struggling to pay their energy bills. So are colleges.

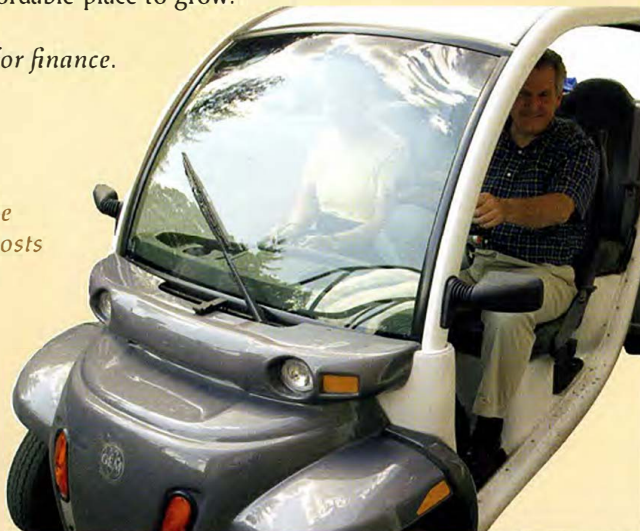
However, there may be a green lining. Higher energy bills mean being green helps save more green in the long run. Investments in energy-saving windows that historically took five years to recover may return their total cost in only three years now. Something as simple as reducing the speed of an exhaust fan in the Nielsen Phys. Ed. Center cut electricity costs in excess of \$20,000 this year. Replacing older chillers and boilers, installing better insulation, repairing doors and windows, even purchasing more fuel-efficient fleet vehicles (including two hybrid electric cars) all add up to reduced energy usage—and welcome savings—for the college.

Like many worthwhile endeavors, it usually takes an investment of money today to realize savings like these in the future. We try to be wise stewards of the resources with which the Lord has entrusted us to make those types of decisions. For example, elsewhere in this issue you have read about the addition of a third floor to our 40-year-old library and the re-routing of a campus road. While we are excited by the aesthetic and utilitarian characteristics of both projects, they also will improve our energy stewardship for years to come. Those traveling down the hill by the Paine Science Center will no longer have to come to a stop before heading right or left around campus. The library project will introduce (at long last!) modern climate controls to the building, allowing a larger facility to be heated for less money than we spend on heating the (smaller) building now.

It may not be easy, but we will continue to make annual, incremental investments in energy-saving and maintenance projects so that future alumni can enjoy a comfortable and affordable place to grow.

Jeff Spear is vice president for finance.

*The electric Gem car—
donated to the college by the
manufacturer—saves fuel costs
and helps transport visitors
around campus.*



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Pilgrim

It has been years since I entered the elevator
and rode its tiny room in the direction of heaven.

I can hear it clank and murmur still, coming
from that long vertical shaft that sends us up like prayers.

It is only human to let machines do what a body might—
even to wait on it to save some small effort.

I take to the stairs instead, its shaft a ziggurat
by which I climb, incrementally, closer and closer to God,
up and up, one grey tread at a time, each grey landing
like itself and all others, the handrail a ribbon, blood red.

No virtue attends my decision to climb as I
watch the young stand near the sliding door

waiting transport, except as muscle and blood embody faith.
Were this prayer, though it is not, I would bear it myself.

James Zoller

*James Zoller is professor of writing and literature and holds
the Van Gorden chair in communications and writing.*

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