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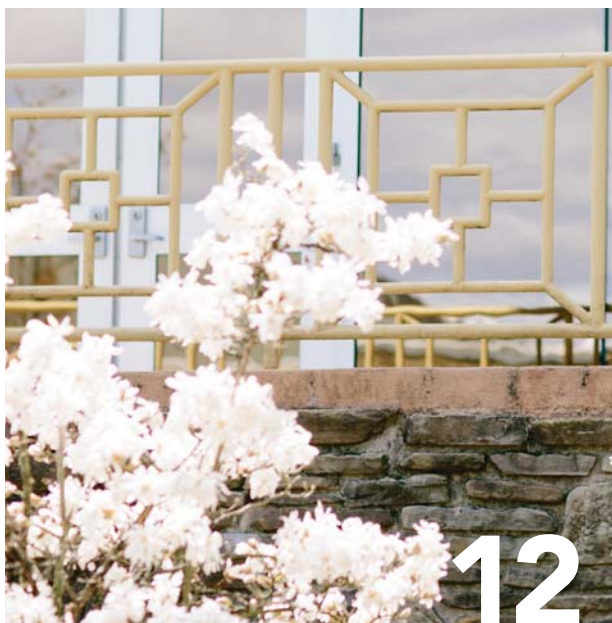
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COMMENTS & CONVERSATION



The Fall/Winter 2015 edition of *Houghton* magazine was an online-only edition. If you missed it, you can access all the articles, alumni notes and obituaries by going to houghtonmagazine.com.

After we launched the online-only edition, we received feedback in many forms: letters, phone calls, emails and in-person responses. We also published an online survey, which generated 134 submissions.

Here is a summary of the online survey responses:

How much of each magazine do you read?

All of it (34%)
Most of it (46%)
Some of it (20%)

How often do you typically read Houghton magazine?

Every issue (71%)
Most issues (25%)
Occasional issues (4%)

In what format do you prefer to read the magazine?

In print (58%)
Online (17%)
Both (25%)

What topics are you interested in reading about in Houghton magazine? (The top four responses are listed in order of preference.)

1. Alumni news
2. Obituaries
3. Campus news
4. Faculty news

The following is a sampling of reader comments (Names are not listed because the online survey was anonymous.):

The current format is so well done. The content, writing, size, graphic design, and print. Currently, the magazine is the #1 way I stay in touch with the school.

A print edition has permanence. I have saved all my old issues and/or downloaded the pdfs. I can access each issue at my leisure and know I have the entirety of what was offered in that issue in front of me.

I appreciate the concept of saving money by replacing print with digital. In my own case, however, it is less likely I will read the online version—or at least all of it.

I know in this day and age print magazines aren't as cost-effective...but I'd much rather have a magazine in my hand.

I enjoy receiving the printed edition, which I think is beautifully presented and offers an important compilation of campus news, academic updates, and alumni stories.

I do love the magazine and have read every issue cover to cover since I graduated in 1982, including the years we lived overseas!

I prefer holding the magazine in my hand. ■

Anniversaries invite us to remember.

Indeed, they compel us to recall once again the events and people that have shaped our lives either as individuals or as communities. Whether it is the anniversary of a marriage or of a major historical event such as July 4th, these designated days on the calendar help us keep track of who we are.

Anniversaries provide occasions for celebration. Shakespeare lovers everywhere are taking full advantage of 2016, the 400th anniversary of the playwright's passing, to remind us how much richer our world is because of *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *MacBeth*, *King Lear*, *Henry V* and his dozens of other plays and sonnets. Protestants around the world are preparing to celebrate 2017 as the 500th anniversary of Luther's 95 *Theses* and the religious reformation they sparked, both inside and outside of the Roman Catholic church.

Anniversaries invite us to reflection. As an historian, I am drawn in this season to rehearse the events that happened a hundred years ago on the streets of Sarajevo, on the battlefields of the Marne, the Somme, Verdun, Gallipoli—the events that have come collectively to be known as World War I. That war turned the course of history as well as that of millions of individuals and families around the world. Anniversaries remind us that seemingly insignificant actions—one assassination in a remote corner of the Austrian-Hungarian empire—can change everything.

Anniversaries call us to gratitude. Birthdays—which are really just anniversaries under another name—allow us once a year to give thanks for the difference that our friends and families have made in our lives.

Anniversaries, especially for the Christian believer, spur us on to hope. As we recall God's faithfulness in our past, we are renewed in hope for our future.

This year is a year of anniversaries for Houghton College. In this issue of *Houghton* magazine, you are invited to celebrate, reflect, give thanks and be renewed in hope as you consider God's constant, creative and redemptive activity in our individual lives, in the life of this college and in our world. ■



Shirley A. Mullen, Class of 1976
President



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FIFTY YEARS OF
INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETICS AT
HOUGHTON

PURSUING

On September 26, 1967, Houghton's cross-country team had the privilege to "officially" represent Houghton College as they traveled to take on five-time state champion Roberts Wesleyan College. Two weeks later, Highlander men's soccer took to the field for the first time, defeating Messiah College 2-1 and launching a storied tradition of success. Cross country also took home its first win that day over Geneseo. Men's basketball began intercollegiate competition that winter with a limited schedule.

50th Anniversary Events



WE NEED YOUR MEMORIES!

A significant part of our 50-year celebration is remembering key moments in Highlander history.

Visit www.houghton.edu/top50moments, and submit the moments that stood out to you during your time at Houghton.

EXCELLENCE

As the athletics program developed, new men's teams were added in baseball, tennis, golf, and track and field. Basketball was the first women's program to be added in 1969 followed by volleyball and field hockey. The women also began fielding teams in softball,

track, cross country and tennis in the 1970s with soccer added in 1981.

The ensuing 50 years has seen a tradition of success for a department that places high priority on fielding competitive teams that are deeply grounded in Houghton's

commitment to Christ, character development and academic achievement. The athletic department motto of Excellence for the Glory of God is lived out by our athletes and coaches in each of these areas on and off the field of play.





PAUL SHEA '69

REFLECTIONS FROM HOUGHTON'S FIRST TWO-SPORT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE

Through a stroke of luck, I had the privilege to end up starting on Houghton's first two intercollegiate sports teams—soccer and basketball—as a junior in 1967.

I played fullback for Houghton's first intercollegiate soccer team in the initial games against Roberts Wesleyan and Messiah along with several unofficial scrimmages. Not bad for someone who had never touched a soccer ball until competing in Purple-Gold games the previous year.

After those few weeks of experience and pre-season workouts the following year, the game grew on me, and I wouldn't have missed those two intercollegiate seasons with Coach Doug Burke for the world. A few highlights included running the dreaded sprints up and down Shen hill or up the ski hill during practice; enjoying the sight of the grace and skill of Daryl Stevenson, Buddy Jowers, and other experienced players in front of me; the comeback win against LeMoyne my senior year; and appreciating Coach Burke's life and philosophy.

After that first soccer season, I moved right into basketball. We were all "walk-ons" on Houghton's first intercollegiate basketball team. It turned out that several taller and more skilled players couldn't participate for health or other reasons, so this 6'2½" high-school benchwarmer ended up starting at center for the Highlanders under Coach Bob Rhoades. We didn't win any official contests that first year, but it was thrilling to represent Houghton College proudly as we played our home games in the gym at my high school alma mater, Wellsville High School.

I was usually out-matched against opposing centers, especially a gifted Point Park center and Craig Dunham, the 6'8" center at Mansfield State University who had been my high school teammate. I was outplayed but put up a fight. My best double-double game was an away contest against Roberts Wesleyan. That was a proud moment that even brought a little praise from Coach Rhoades in the post-game locker room. A first and last!

I remember proudly wearing the old purple and gold outfits that first season—purple for away games and gold for home games. Our basketball practices were at the Houghton Academy gym because the college had no suitable place to play. Bedford was not regulation size, and my one patented shot, the baseline jumper, always hit the balcony.

Looking back, it was quite a privilege and luck of the draw for a very insecure and average high school athlete to find a role in Houghton's first intercollegiate teams. I treasure such a rich and full college experience that included music, missions, academics, leadership, friends and athletics. Thirty years later, it was an even greater thrill to watch my daughter, **Linda (Shea '01) Knapp**, have similar experiences, but this time all the way to volleyball NAIA Nationals. What a long way Houghton has come since those early years—but we had to start somewhere! ■

ONLINE FEATURE

REFLECTIONS ON THE INAUGURAL SEASON

By Daryl Stevenson '70

A three-sport standout athlete at Spencerport High School outside Rochester, NY, **Daryl Stevenson '70** could easily have worn the red and black of Roberts Wesleyan had he followed the calling of his high school friends and a few rival competitors as high school graduation approached in 1966...



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CHALLENGING BEYOND



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HONORS AT HOUGHTON

Even after twenty years, Houghton's approach to honors remains highly distinctive. We run a series of programs for students in their first year at Houghton, all co-taught, all synthesizing multiple disciplines, all very intense and all with a significant experiential component, whether that's research or travel. Our idea is to take entering students with a lot of ability and curiosity and give them a radical developmental experience—an experience that sets challenges that are initially beyond them. The idea is that, as we help them to rise to these challenges, they become more than they were. They grow further into what God knows they can become.

Benjamin Lipscomb
Professor of Philosophy, Director of Honors



FIRST-YEAR HONORS PROGRAM IN LONDON

Houghton magazine asked two graduates from the very first First-Year Honors Program (FYHP) cohort to reflect on their honors experience. **Erin (Bennett '00) Banks** and **Charles Phillip '00** spent their second semester at Houghton (Spring of 1997) in London with 25 other first-year students and two Houghton faculty: Dr. Cameron Airhart and Dr. Christopher Stewart.

When did you first learn about the FYHP, and what role did it play in your decision to attend Houghton?

Erin: I was intrigued by the idea of studying abroad during my freshman year. I loved the concept of approaching academics in a fully integrated way with a Christian worldview. To this day, I strive to integrate my world and viewpoint in a similar manner. What a revolutionary way to approach higher education!

What was a typical week in London like?

Charles: A typical week included two or three morning lectures, two smaller group discussions, and a chapel time. Most afternoons, we were off on an assignment: go to a museum, listen to an opera, find a particular work of art. This placed a lot of responsibility on an 18-year-old. It made us grow up really fast!

Describe the format and content of the FYHP coursework and curriculum.

Erin: Lots of reading. Writing weekly papers that reflected on how history/literature/science/art/music worked together during a specific era. It was the most interesting and memorable approach

to education that I had ever encountered, creating meaningful connections between all aspects of the humanities in a way that was relevant and engaging.

Describe the relationships among the students in the program.

Erin: My flat-mates quickly became kindred spirits, and to this day, we keep in touch. It was such a transforming experience to travel to London together, live independently, navigate the city, experience the new culture, sightsee and explore, study and learn together, and come back to Houghton together. Some of us went backpacking around Europe after the London semester ended. My FYHP roommate, **Jessica (Fortt '00) Boggs**, continued to be my roommate for all of my years at Houghton.

Describe the interaction between the FYHP faculty and the students.

Charles: Faculty played the role of teacher, friend and parent. They provided a sense of family as their own children and spouses were part of our daily lives. We saw their kids grow up in front of us; when I see Dr. Airhart now, I always ask him how his kids are.

Have you been back to London since?

Erin: Not since then (sigh)! But I have traveled quite a bit, highlighted by trips to China and Korea.

Charles: I've been back to London many times, primarily for business. The last time, I actually went back to where we stayed, found the building, walked up and down the streets we used to go. I visited Edgware Road and the Marble Arch tube stop and tried to find the awesome traditional fish and chips shop I used to visit occasionally.



TOP: Erin (Bennett '00) Banks calling home from an iconic red phone booth on Hyde Park Road (London, England, 1997)



BOTTOM: Chris Luce '00, Allen Hollenback '00 and Charles Phillip '00 backpacking near the Seine River at the end of the FYHP semester (Paris, France, 1997)

When you think back on your FYHP experience, what comes to mind?

Erin: I have a vivid memory of walking to Kensington Palace and looking through the wrought-iron gates. Later that year (after we had returned to Houghton), Princess Diana passed away, and I remember seeing pictures of that very same spot covered with flowers.

Charles: I vividly recall the efficiency and extent of the tube system in London. My good friend **Allen Hollenbach '00** and I would occasionally splurge on an authentic fish and chips meal.

How did FYHP influence the rest of your time at Houghton and beyond?

Erin: I definitely had a broader worldview, better perspective, as a result of FYHP. I also had a richer understanding of how my college courses were connected and made an effort to integrate different areas of my education. I immersed myself in my Houghton education, added two minors (communication and sociology) and even audited classes for pure enjoyment. As an art major, I was able to incorporate aspects of literature, music, history and philosophy into my work.

Charles: FYHP helped me to have a more open mind and understand the impact of the arts and history and philosophy on our day-to-day lives. It also encouraged me to have a love of travel and to find opportunities to travel internationally. I was asked to return to Houghton to interview prospective honors students for the incoming cohort this past spring. It was interesting to see how the program has evolved to include three different streams. It's neat to be on the other side of the table to think of the unique experience these students are going to have. ■

About Erin and Charles

Erin Bennett-Banks '00

Creative Director,
Gibbes Museum of
Art (Charleston, SC)

Major: Studio Art

Graduate School:
MFA in Illustration,
Savannah College of
Art and Design

Family: Married mother
of three daughters

Charles Phillip '00

Commercial Manager,
Corning Incorporated

Majors: Double degree in
Biology (BS) and Business
Administration (BA)

Graduate Degree: MBA
from Western University
(Ontario, Canada)

Family: Married father
of two daughters

REFLECTIONS FROM 3 CURRENT STUDENTS ON THEIR HONORS EXPERIENCES



**"The most challenging
three months of my life..."**

London Honors Program | Emily Vandenbosch '19



**"The clear has become complex—
but the complex has become good."**

East Meets West | Rachel Hummel '18



Rachel Lynn Gula

**"One of the most formative years
of my college experience."**

Science Honors | Olivia Morse '17



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EXPERIENCES** at www.houghtonmagazine.com.

THE UNFOLDING FUTURE

by Doug Gaerte
Professor of Communication;
Chair, Department of Communication

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The 10 years that President Mullen has occupied the corner office on the first floor of the Luckey Building have been a time of great change. Her experience of that time has been shaped by hundreds of meetings with campus administrators, leaders from other colleges, donors and alumni, and various boards and civic leaders as well as students at the various campus events she attends when she is in town. My experience of those years has been in the classroom. And yet, from her office in Luckey and mine in the Chamberlain Center, we both look out over the quad in the center of campus and watch as daily life at Houghton unfolds much like it has for generations.

During the last year, I have had several opportunities to hear President Mullen share why she is hopeful about Houghton's future. While her remarks have primarily looked ahead, I have also sensed in her comments that she was taking stock of all that has unfolded thus far in her tenure as president. After all, she is an historian. But while the president and I have experienced the last decade from different vantage points, I've come to the conclusion that we share some very similar perspectives about the many ways that Houghton has changed in the last ten years and, just as important, the ways it has stayed the same.

After a period of relative stability in senior leadership at the college, the inauguration of a new president in 2006 prompted a number of changes in the administration. Given the close friendships that are built in a tight-knit community like Houghton, those losses often hurt. Changes in the faculty have also occurred at an accelerated pace. Nearly half of our current faculty joined Houghton since President Mullen arrived. For some reason, my colleagues look a lot younger than they did 28 years ago when I started teaching here. (Now that I think about it, so do my students. I wonder....) And yet, at our April Retirement and Recognition event, it was again obvious that we have been blessed by the long-term commitment of faithful servants at Houghton. Seven retirees were honored, all with more than 25 years of service to the college.

The last 10 years have been a time of significant change in our broader culture and in the world of higher education, and those changes have left their mark on Houghton. The recession that began in 2007 compounded the enrollment challenges already facing the college as families increasingly turned to less expensive community colleges and to the increasing number of online educational options. Parents and students began to place even greater emphasis on employment prospects after college. These factors have increased the need for colleges like Houghton to sharpen the message about the value and relevance of a strong liberal arts education and that a place dedicated to teaching students how to think and not what to think, as one alumna put it, is needed now more than ever.

In the last decade, we have made curricular changes that have reflected changing student interests, evolving social trends and tough economic realities. Some majors, like French, Physical Education and International Relations, were dropped or reshaped into new programs like Sport, Recreation and Wellness Management. Ever-tighter resources contributed to the discontinuation of the Houghton in

Australia and Houghton in Adirondack Park programs. The PACE adult education program moved online as part of a growing number of online classes available for both traditional and non-traditional students. In the past few years, new majors have been introduced in music industry and data science while the Art and Communication departments collaborated to create the new Bachelor of Fine Arts program in applied design. The Physics department added a new emphasis in engineering while programs in theology, religion and ministry have been reconfigured to better serve the changing church. Several departments are collaborating on a new program in worship arts. Houghton's historic commitment to global engagement has been affirmed with a new major in international development; the establishment of the Center for Faith, Justice and Global Engagement; and a new Houghton Buffalo program that provides education for our newest neighbors—the growing refugee population on Buffalo's West Side. All of these programs reflect a commitment to using new means to accomplish our mission of preparing students to lead and labor in a changing world.

One of the most prominent changes on campus during President Mullen's first 10 years in office is the completion of the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex made possible by a lead gift from **Kim (Kerr '91)** and Terry **Pegula** in response to Houghton's decision to join NCAA DIII and the Empire 8 conference. The new facilities permit the addition of new sports: lacrosse, baseball, softball and tennis. The Kerr-Pegula field house has already helped to draw tens of thousands of visitors to campus for concerts and for numerous indoor track competitions.

During President Mullen's tenure, the college has also devoted increased effort to being engaged in the local community. Leadership Allegany began as a partnership between the county and the college to provide training for local leaders. Wesley Service Corp builds on the tradition of service built by hundreds of Houghton students who have worked for AmeriCorps in Buffalo and around the country. Students give back to the community in a range of service opportunities. All of this reflects the way that Houghton continues to fulfill Willard Houghton's desire to make a positive impact in a hurting world.



Data Science (2015)



Houghton Buffalo (2014)



KPAC (2014)



MUSIC INDUSTRY MAJOR (2016)

In the midst of all the changes, students continue to participate in dorm Bible studies, worship services and class devotions. They pray together before athletic competitions and music performances. Each fall starts with Christian Life Emphasis week, and **Michael Jordan '99**, the Dean of the Chapel, has helped to foster more intentional times for communion and prayer throughout the week. When someone in the community experiences illness or the death of a loved one, we still gather to pray and “bear one another’s burdens,” as Houghton students, staff and faculty have always done.

In one of my communication classes, my students and I explore the concept of organizational culture. Since Houghton is the one organization we all know, I use our own campus as a case study. I begin the class by showing the first part of an old film about Houghton called “Thine is the Power.” Produced in the 1950s, the film focuses on a young man’s experience as a first-year Houghton student. I require my students to take notes during the film, jotting down ways in which Houghton has changed and noting some of the things that look familiar. Once we get past the amazed reactions to

purple-gold football games on the quad and students being served their meals by well-groomed wait staff, we always circle back to the ways in which the Houghton of the 1950s looks very much like the Houghton of 2016. A strong science program. A vibrant music and arts culture. Chapel.

But there are two scenes that students comment on most. The first involves the Dean, who chats with the film’s main character out on a campus sidewalk about the student’s work in a zoology class and how to improve his results. The second involves a classroom shot of a professor sitting on a desk in front of a classroom while the student narrator states that “Dr. Bob knows chemistry, but he also knows you.” In those two brief scenes, my current students see the most important way that Houghton hasn’t changed. It remains a community where administrators, staff and faculty care deeply and personally for the students who come here. It’s why, like President Mullen, I remain hopeful for the next decade at Houghton and for the decades that, Lord willing, will unfold after that. ■



Images from *Thine is the Power*, a 1950s Houghton College promotional film.



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Class of 2016

Valedictorian	Luke J. Rosamilia ¹
Salutatorian	Jessica R. Guillory ¹
Total Graduating	246 223 bachelor's degrees 13 associate of arts degrees 10 master's degrees
Address	Astronomer Dr. Jennifer Wiseman, director for the program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. ²
	L to R: President Shirley Mullen, Jennifer Wiseman, and board chair Bobbie Strand
Class Gift	22-tree apple orchard to be used by both the college and the community. ³



CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

First Graduating Class, Houghton College Buffalo

Houghton College Buffalo

Two years ago, seeing a need in the community of refugees and new Americans on the West Side of Buffalo, Houghton College started Houghton College Buffalo in the education wing of the First Presbyterian Church in the heart of Buffalo's West Side. This past May, Houghton was honored to present the first class of 13 students to graduate from this new program.

Twelve of the 13 students graduated completely debt free with a few planning to complete their bachelor's degrees at Houghton's main campus. The program also boasted an 80% graduation rate in two years, contrasting the 4% national community college average.

Houghton College Buffalo started with just 16 students two years ago and now is looking forward to an enrollment of 60 students this coming September.

New Data Science Major

Houghton bounds into the world of technology and big data with a new bachelor's degree in Data Science. The new degree will provide the flexibility to customize with courses in a variety of applied areas such as biology, economics, psychology, business, political science, mathematics, communication and computer science. It will focus on helping students develop the ethical and critical thinking skills needed to deal with complex situations that arise when handling data. Students in this new major will graduate "job ready" with the skills and real-world experience they need to work in data science teams or enter top graduate programs in data science.

Data science students have been able to engage in hands-on learning at Super Bowl 50 in San Francisco, touring and meeting with alumni in Silicon Valley, collecting data at the GolfWeek Amateur National Championships at Hilton Head, attending the Data Storytelling Tapestry Conference in Denver and meeting with leading data scientists on various trips to New York City.

In addition to the new major, Houghton has also launched the Center for Data Science Analytics, a place where students, faculty and partners work collaboratively, developing data solutions that help solve some of the world's most challenging problems. The Center's goal is to equip students to become leaders in this rapidly evolving field, especially with respect to the ethical implications of data.

New VPs



Houghton has recently welcomed two new vice presidents, **Jack Connell '83** and Karl Sisson.

Connell is assuming the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College and comes with eight years of vice presidential experience at Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern

Seminary, most recently as Executive Vice President. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with minors in Bible and philosophy from Houghton College, a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership and Biblical Preaching from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Education in Higher Education Leadership from the University of Rochester Warner School of Education, where he received the honor of Most Outstanding Doctoral Student. Jack, his wife **Wendy (Kipp '86)** and their youngest son, Michael, will be moving to Houghton this summer.

Sisson recently transitioned from his role as director of development at Houghton to vice president for advancement and external relations. A 1994 graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College, he came to Houghton in September 2014 with an established track record in fundraising, marketing and alumni relations. Karl, his wife, Laura, and their four children — Carter (12), Zach (10), Isaiah (8) and Lily (6) — live in Houghton.



New Music Industry Major

In order to prepare students for a world of contemporary worship, mainstream music and entertainment media, the Greatbatch School of Music (GSoM) has launched a new Bachelor of Science degree in Music Industry that focuses on the art, technique and business of music recording and mixing while still maintaining a classical foundation in musicianship and theory.



According to Armenio Suzano, dean and director of the GSoM, "this new program will empower the next generation of music producers, sound and recording engineers, and music managers to impact this world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for the Kingdom of God."

New Mascot

For the first time in its nearly 50-year history of Highlander intercollegiate athletics, Houghton College has an official mascot that will roam the sidelines at home contests while building campus pride at other on- and off-campus college events.

The mascot, a purple-maned golden lion wearing a kilt, was revealed to the student body at the college's traditional spring SPOT variety show.

The mascot is representative of the lion image that appears on the official Highlanders logo, which features a waving flag and a rampant lion similar to what appears on the Royal Banner of Scotland. The lion itself represents authority, strength, power, royalty, justice and courage. ■



ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Houghton College welcomes submissions to Alumni News & Notes. Not all news items or photos may be published, and the college reserves the right to edit submissions for space and content. You can submit updates online at www.houghtonmagazine.com. Please submit photos in the highest resolution available. Thank you for keeping in touch with your alma mater!



1946

Jean (Christenson) and **Harold Inman** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on November 3, 2015. The Inmans would be delighted to hear from friends; email them at noahs.ark88az@gmail.com.

1958

Bob and **Nancy Sabeen** recently celebrated 50 years of Latin American ministry in Costa Rica, where they have been serving with United World Mission since 1965. During their tenure, Bob developed Costa Rica's most well-known camp, Camp Robleato, and co-founded Christian Camping International Latin America, which provides resources, training and support for all the Spanish-speaking Christian camps in Latin America.



1964

The Houghton College Trumpet Trio ('60-'64) reunited in May 2014 at their 50th class reunion to play some of the music they had performed throughout their four years at Houghton. The trio, composed of **Ralph Marks**, **David Manney** and **Don Warren** with accompanist **Charlie Walker**, met with their wives several months prior to the reunion to practice and renew acquaintances. They had such a good time both then and at the reunion that they got together in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, to play at Don's Presbyterian church and at a local

senior center. According to those who listened, these septuagenarians sounded very much like the college team that played over 50 years ago. Lots of shared memories made the reunion weekend a highlight of the year.

1965

Mickey and **Joanne (Lewis '66) Sammons** were honored on April 16, 2016, at Northern Frontier Camp's inaugural Trail Markers Dinner for their many years of service and dedication to the camp located in North River, New York. They received the first-ever Sammons Award.



FIFTY-YEAR REUNION

Fifty-four alumni from the class of 1966 attended their 50th reunion, held in conjunction with Commencement weekend, on May 13-15, 2016. During the weekend, **Clarence "Bud" Bence '66** was honored with Houghton's Alumni Award for Christian Service.

1966

Ken McGeorge was recently appointed co-chair of the New Brunswick Council on Aging by Social Development Minister, Cathy Rogers. Currently, McGeorge is the interim executive director of the Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick and is the former chief executive officer of York Foundation and York Care Centre in Fredericton.

1976

Stephen Thorson published a book titled *Joy and Poetic Imagination: Understanding C.S. Lewis's "Great War" with Owen Barfield and its Significance for Lewis's Conversion and Writings* through Winged Lion Press (December 2015). In the book, Thorson explores an important part of Lewis's coming to Christ—often misunderstood or ignored by Lewis scholars. Lewis had accepted Barfield's form of pantheism before his conversion but rejected his friend's "supersensible awareness" and became an orthodox Christian in the end. The book is available on Amazon.com and at Barnes and Noble. Stephen and his wife, **Becky (Locke '76)**, are in Nepal with United Mission Prayer League, sent by the United Mission to Nepal. Stephen works as a pediatrician at a medical school, mostly coordinating vaccine research with Oxford University sponsorship and also teaches theology at a major seminary. Becky is expatriate coordinator for the United Mission to Nepal and oversees their language and orientation program.



FORTY-FIVE-YEAR REUNION

Forty-five members of the class of 1971 gathered on Houghton's campus in June for their 45th reunion. **Diane (Phillips '71) Stevens** and **Lyn (Sheldon '71) Harter** were honored for their service to the class in keeping The Rag (class newsletter) going for more than 40 years.

1980

Mark Nabholz was recently appointed artistic director of the Jackson Choral Society in Jackson, Mississippi. He is associate professor and director of choral activities at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, where he conducts the award-winning MC Singers and other choral ensembles and teaches studio voice and choral conducting on the undergraduate and graduate levels. Mark and **Fran (Edwards '81)** live in Clinton, where Fran teaches voice through the Taylor School (community education division at Mississippi College) and in her home-based studio. They have four children:

Chris, recently married; Tim, a junior in college; Will, a senior in high school; and Laura, a sixth-grader.

1985

Jonathan "Todd" Barlow was recently named director of addictions services at New Vitae Wellness and Recovery's recently acquired Mitchell Clinic, located in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. New Vitae The Mitchell Clinic offers various intensive outpatient services to support individuals seeking behavioral health supports, those seeking recovery from drug and alcohol misuse, and those diagnosed with both behavioral health and substance use challenges.

Denise (Wood) Mathewson recently received her MSW from SUNY Binghamton (now Binghamton University) and was inducted into the Phi Alpha Honor Society.

1998

Karey (Derr) Killian is an elementary school library media specialist in the Milton Area School District in Milton, Pennsylvania, and was recently selected for the Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert program for 2015-2016. As a part of that program, she was one of 15 participants chosen to represent the United States at the Microsoft E2 Global Educator Exchange, an annual global education event that was held this year in Budapest, Hungary, on March 7-10, 2016. Karey lives in Millville, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Mike, and their daughters, Eleanor (4) and Adelynn (13).



2001

Shawna (Lee) and Matt **Coleing**, along with their three children, recently set off from their home in Australia for an overseas adventure. They spent two weeks in New Zealand working with a church near Auckland and then flew to the US, where they purchased a vehicle for a road trip across the country. Shawna and Matt have been invited to

A FEW LIFETIMES OF LEARNING

by Evan Szymanski '16



If you were to look into Houghton professor Peter Meilaender's "Living Like a Narnian" class this semester, you'd see three generations of Spears, stacked in a line by one wall, ears tuned.

In front is **Eileen Spear '52**; behind her is her son, **Peter Spear '77**, a local pastor; and behind him is his son, **Ryan Spear '07**, the current Director of Admission at Houghton.

For some time now, Eileen has been trying to take a class with each of her Houghton-educated grandchildren. Ryan is the last piece of Eileen's puzzle, but it took until now, after his graduation, for them to end up in the same classroom.

"She basically accused me of never taking anything interesting," jokes Ryan, who majored in philosophy and psychology.

When they heard about "Living Like a Narnian," a class on responsible citizenship, however, they knew it was time. Peter came along as well since their family have always been major C. S. Lewis buffs.

"I get a kick out of it," says Professor Meilaender. "Obviously, [this] isn't something that happens too often."

Eileen began taking classes with her grandchildren to "be part of their lives and education" and has fond memories of every one. She recalls: "A grandson and I took an 8:00 class together. He had a habit of oversleeping. I took notes for him.... In another class, a granddaughter and I were the only women. I told her to look around the class for an available man. She did marry a student who had been in the class, but they didn't date until after college."

Now that her collection is complete, however, she isn't stopping.

"I certainly intend to keep taking classes," she says. "One student asked me, 'Why are you doing this?' Apparently, it is hard to imagine that someone my age would still want to learn new things." ■

minister in several churches along the way, and Shawna will be homeschooling their children while they travel. Follow their journey at www.alifeoutsidethebox.com, or contact them at ba_kome@hotmail.com.

2002

Rebecca (Neubert) Dominguez

was recently named director of development at the Shasta Family YMCA in Redding, California. Husband, **Ben ('02)**, is in his second year at the ministry school associated with Bethel Church. Becky and Ben love hosting guests from around the world and would be happy to welcome any Houghton folks who may be in Redding to visit Bethel.

2004

Robert Joubert was recently named the 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year for Shawnee High School in Medford, New Jersey. Joubert is the director of choral activities and teaches vocal music at Shawnee. In addition to classroom teaching, he advises the extra-curricular Shawnee Men's Choir and has served as the vocal director for the all-school musical since 2010. He also is the associate conductor at First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

2005

Katrina (Lao) and Paul Shaffner '06 recently moved to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, where Katrina teaches middle school language arts to international students at Morrison Academy and does occasional freelance journalism. Prior to moving to Taiwan, she was a public radio journalist at WPSU, State College, Pennsylvania, where she won several awards, including the regional Edward R. Murrow Award, a regional PAPBA Award and a



Katrina (Lao) Shaffner

national PRNDI Award. "I grew up in Taiwan," says Shaffner, "so moving back is somewhat like returning home." Katrina and Paul have two daughters, Anna (7) and Lucy (4).

2007

Adam Potter (MM '09) recently earned his PhD in choral conducting and music education from Florida State University College of Music. His dissertation was titled, "Sight-singing Systems in Collegiate Choral Curricula: An Examination of Conductors' Best Practices at Degree-granting Institutions of the National Association of Schools of Music." He is director of choral activities, assistant professor of music and program coordinator for choral music education at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

2011

Veronica Caldwell received a Master of Science degree in occupational therapy from the Sage Graduate School of Health and Sciences and passed the board exam in February of 2015. She currently resides in Auburn, New York, and works as an occupational therapist for preschoolers at Little Lukes Childcare Center in Oswego, New York.

Cliff Chandler has released his second album, *Waiting for You*, featuring eight original contemporary gospel songs with a Caribbean flavor.



Chandler children

His first album, *Time After Time*, was released in 2013. Both can be found on CDBaby.com. Cliff and his wife, **Eurisca (Hippolyte '03)**, live in St. Lucia with their three children, Chris (8), David (4) and Esther (1). Cliff is a high school IT/business teacher, preparing children for CXC (Caribbean Examination Council) exams. Eurisca is the station manager at YES FM, a local Christian radio station, and does consulting work in business process engineering.

THE LECOM CONNECTION

Several recent Houghton alumni to continue their education at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM).



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WEDDINGS



Ashley (Hackett '09) married Jonathan Petzoldt on October 23, 2015. The couple lives in Lockport, New York.



Rochelle (Cecil '14) married George Steketee on September 18, 2015. The couple lives in Hanover, Maryland.



Victoria (Bachman '15) married **Clayton Danner '15** on November 28, 2015. The couple resides in Westland, Michigan.



Alexandra (Fisher '15) married Robert Wilson on September 26, 2015. The couple lives in the Richmond, Virginia area.

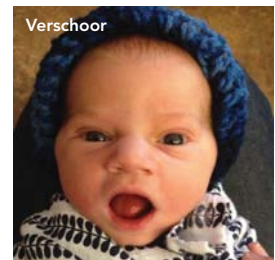
NEW ARRIVALS



2.1.15 | EVELYN GRACE IRWIN
ElizaBeth (Shields '06, MM '08)
and **Carl Irwin '02**

The Irwin family resides in Dansville, New York.

4.21.15 |
MICAH VERSCHOOR
Emily (Sacher '11) and
Broc Verschoor '11

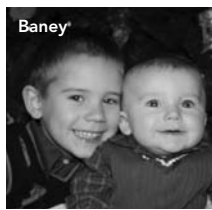


6.12.15 | TITUS JOSHUA BANEY

Jennifer (Rimer '02)
and **Brian Baney '03**

Siblings: Simeon James (4)

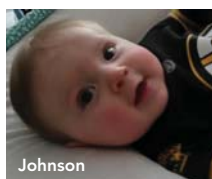
The Baney's live in Grand
Island, New York.



7.4.15 | JULIA DOROTHY JOHNSON

Sven and Jessica **Johnson '00**

Siblings: Michael Truitt, Julian
Truitt, Sofia Johnson



7.7.15 | TESSA CELIA DELLEA
Kerry (Moon '01) and **Paul Dellea**

Sibling: Rachel Jeanne (3)

The family lives in
Chadwicks, New York.



8.17.15 | MIKIAIAH EZEI JONES
Lauren (Staley) and **Jeffrey Jones**

The Jones family is currently on
home assignment from the mission
field and hope to return to the field
by January 2017.

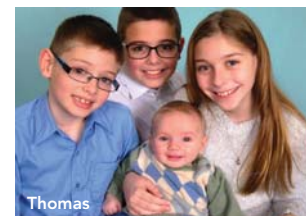


8.22.15 | CHRISTIAN JAMES THOMAS

Abigail (Gurak '03) and
James Thomas '03

Siblings: Cordelia (12),
Zachary (11), Jacob (8)

The family lives in
Hamlin, New York.



8.25.15 | JUDAH GARY
ROBERT ALEXANDER

Karin (Davidson '96)
and Gary **Alexander**

Sibling: Asher

Karin and Gary are living and
working in Central Asia.



10.6.15 | JOSEPH
YASENTI STASCHIAK
Tamarah (Czebotar '04)
and Dan **Staschiak**



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IN MEMORIAM

1940

Thelma (Havill) Johnston, 96, died June 16, 2015. Thelma was a high school English teacher in New York State and Vermont and, following her retirement, volunteered for many years at Wycliffe Bible Translators in North Carolina. She is survived by her four children, **Paul Johnston '69**, **Theresa (Johnston '71) Loveless**, **Sheryl (Johnston '76) Wilkins** and **Craig Johnston '80**; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, **W. Leon Johnston '51**.

1941

Mary Jane (Hall) Heimburg, 95, died September 21, 2015. Mary Jane was an elementary school teacher and guidance counselor in Florida for 29 years. She is survived by her three sons, Charles, John and David Heimburg; nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; a sister, Carol Montaldi; a foster sister, Nancy Cook; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, **Chester "Chet" Heimburg '41**.

1943

Harriet (Kalla) Hall, 95, died March 2, 2016. She taught third grade and special education at Fillmore Central School. Harriet is survived by daughters, **Lucy (Hall '66) Novak**; **Elizabeth Hall '69**; and **Cyndi (Hall '73) Rigby** and her husband, **Peter Rigby '72**, as well as four grandsons, including **Matthew Rigby '02** and his wife, **Heather (Mann '02) Rigby**, and **Nathaniel Rigby '05** and his wife, **Dorothy (Markle '04) Rigby**, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by

her husband of 69 years, former Houghton professor of philosophy and religion **Bert "Doc Hall" Hall '43**, and her brother, Joseph Kalla.

1947

Kenneth Kouwe, 93, died February 26, 2016. Ken, a retired attorney, attended Browncroft Community Church and was very active in Houghton events. He was a US Army veteran serving during WWII. He was predeceased by his wife, Karla, and daughter, Elise Kouwe. He is survived by three sons, Bill, Bob and Dave Kouwe; four grandchildren; a sister, **Marcia Kouwe '58**; several nieces and nephews, including **Sharon (Markell '77) Fien** and **Elisabeth Markell '86**; and dear friends, Azur and Irene Bergado and their son, K.C. Jordan.

1949

Victoreen "Vickie" (Ashker) Kraft, 87, died on September 15, 2015. Vickie began her career as a chiropractor in Brooklyn, New York. She married fellow chiropractor Frederick Kraft, who joined her practice. In 1968, they were called

to Dallas, Texas, to work with Child Evangelism Fellowship. In 1985, Vickie received a master's in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary and was the first director of the women's ministry at Northwest Bible Church. Vickie is survived by daughters, Alison Victoria and Helene Cronin; sons, David and Robert Kraft; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, and their son, Stuart F. Kraft.

Edward Sakowski, 88, died October 24, 2015. Ed served in the First Cavalry Division of the US Army as First Sergeant and earned a master's in education from SUNY Buffalo State. He was an educator and administrator in Erie, Wyoming and Orleans counties. He was a member of Post 527, American Legion in Hamburg, New York, and volunteered at Millard Fillmore Hospital and for the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Group. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, **Geraldine (Schuster '44) Sakowski**; three children, Mark Sakowski, **Janine (Sakowski '72) Witte**, and Jonathan Sakowski; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Norva (Bassage '38) Crosby died March 1, 2016. She was 100 years old.

Norva and her husband, **Rev. Robert Crosby '38**, were missionaries to Colombia and, later, Puerto Rico, where they founded the first Wesleyan congregation.

Norva played a huge role in establishing Wesleyan Academy, a Christian preparatory school, still in operation today.

Norva is survived by her four children, **Priscilla (Crosby '63) Piersma**; **Robert Crosby, Jr. '65**; **Stephen Crosby '69**; and Susan Crosby, as well as nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert.





HORACE EMMONS

Horace Emmons, former manager of the East Hall kitchen and dining hall and longtime Houghton community member, passed away on December 19, 2015. He was 96 years old.

With an infectious laugh, that memorable twinkle in his eye, and his booming voice calling out, "Come in! Come in!" Horace Emmons—in his distinctive Maine accent—invited students, family, friends and neighbors to experience the joy of living since his arrival in Houghton in 1963.

Horace and his first wife, Mertice, considered their work in Houghton's food service to be a calling from God, and they poured their lives into the students who made up their staff. "Mr. and Mrs. E. called us 'The Loved Ones' and then ACTED as though they meant it!" exclaimed former student worker, **Diane (Lytle '74) Emmons**. "The kitchen was a blessed refuge from the academic world outside: a place to laugh out loud, enjoy some food and receive Godly counsel."

"He was like a father to us," remembers **Jerry Westbrook '66**. In fact, he and his wife, **Joyce (Lawson '66)** called him "Father Emmons." "He was one of the most influential men in our lives. His quiet wisdom, compassion and guidance helped us through our years at Houghton and well beyond."

"Horace had an amazing ability to make every student think he was a dear friend while maintaining a strong sense of accountability and discipline with the scores of students who were employed under his leadership," offered **Clarence "Bud" Bence '66**.

Horace is survived by his wife of 42 years, **Diane (Lytle '74) Emmons**, and his children, Robert Emmons and his wife, **Harriet (Patten '73) Emmons**; **Virginia (Emmons '71) Cross** and her husband, Leonard; Alfred Emmons and his wife, LeeAnn; and **Beth Emmons '83** as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and many special friends. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mertice Wentworth Emmons.

James C. Watson, 96, died on December 28, 2015. Jim supervised building artillery gun-sights during WWII. He went on to earn a Master of Divinity from New York Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts from Union Theological Seminary. He served as a United Methodist pastor for 35 years. During his ministry, he served as president of the Long Island Council of churches and was awarded several honors for fostering brotherhood and social justice. Jim is survived by three children, Dennis Watson, Ellen Dore Watson, and Doc Watson; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ann Caton. He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 65 years, Marion.

1950

Robert "Bob" Dingman died February 17, 2016. Bob served his country in WWII and was an executive search consultant for more than 40 years. In 1981, he was Houghton's Alumnus of the Year. In 1989, he published a book, *In Search of a Leader: The Complete Search Committee Guidebook* (Lakeside Books, Westlake Village, California). Bob is survived by his second wife, Irene O. Dingman; three children, Laurie, David and Dan; two stepchildren, Stephanie and Dana; and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 47 years, **Janice (Meade '52) Dingman**.

Grant Sension, 87, died on April 22, 2016. Grant spent his early years in India, where his parents were missionaries. He went on to earn a Master of Divinity from Northern Baptist Seminary, and a master's in guidance and counseling from Illinois State University. Grant was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chenoa, Illinois for 35 years. He also taught math and science, and worked as a counselor in the Chenoa School system. Grant is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marita; two daughters, Debra Hall and Sherry Arevalo; two sons, Michael Sension and Scott Sension; seven grandchildren; a sister, **Virginia (Sension '52) Smetana**, a brother and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

1952

Dorothy (Miller) Crocker, 85, died on February 25, 2016. She was a certified nurse anesthetist and volunteered at Akron Children's Hospital and the Haven of Rest Ministries in Akron, Ohio. Dorothy leaves behind her husband of 63 years, **Forrest Crocker '53**; son, Norman Crocker; daughters, **Alene (Crocker '78) Rayl** and her husband, **Dan Rayl '78**, and **Valerie (Crocker '80) Stark** and her husband, **Jeff Stark '79**; thirteen grandchildren including **Kyle Crocker '05** and his wife, **Nadine (Mitchell '06) Crocker**; thirteen great-grandchildren; and sister, **Margie (Miller '49) Barnett** and her husband, **Beverly Barnett '49**.

George Huestis died on February 13, 2016. Rev. Huestis served the people of Brazil as a missionary for more than 43 years. He is survived by a son, Steve Huestis; a daughter, Rebecca Segovia; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Esther.

Dorothy Meyer died January 18, 2016. Dr. Meyer earned her Ph.D. at Boston University and was a professor at UMass Lowell, Newton College and taught at Wellesley Junior High School. She was president of the Massachusetts Teacher Association and a member of the National Education Association and served on the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. She was also highly involved with the Evangelical and Ecumenical Women's Society. She is survived by a brother, John Meyer.

Albert Sadler died Sunday, March 6, 2016. Albert was a veteran of World War II, earned three master's degrees from Tennessee Temple University, and was working on his Doctorate



Wilma Jean (Houghton) Rossette died June 19, 2014. She was 77 years old.

Wilma Jean was an elementary school teacher for 32 years and a devoted church organist. She was a member of Fellowship Wesleyan Church in West Seneca, New York.

In addition, Wilma Jean was a member of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, the Eastern Erie Retired Teachers' Association and the Fern Leaf Reading Club.

She is survived by siblings **Ruth E. Houghton '57** and James Houghton, two step-children, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Rossette, and her parents, **Willard E. Houghton '35** and **Nellie (Cole '36) Houghton**.

of Ministry. He was an avid learner, scholar and farmer. Surviving are three children, **S. Jeannette Sadler '80**, Hamilton Sadler, and **Sylvia (Sadler '82) Christensen** and her husband, **John Christensen '91**; eight grandchildren including **Paul Christensen '06**, **Naomi Christensen '08**, **Bethany Christensen '10**, **Philip Christensen '12** and his wife, **Rebecca (Sass '12) Christensen**; one great-grandchild; two sisters-in-law including **Jeanne (Hotaling '53) Sadler**; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Bessie (Hall '48) Sadler**, and his brother, **Richard Sadler '53**.

Betty Lou (Fleming) Schafer, 84, died on December 7, 2015. In 1966, Betty worked as a nurse for the San Juan Regional Medical Center in New Mexico and later was instrumental in founding and developing the nursing program at San Juan College. She retired in the late 1990s after 40 years of nursing and teaching. Betty is survived by her best friend and husband of 60 years, David Schafer; daughter, Kimberly Stephens; son,

Kevin Schafer; foster daughter, Diana Schmitt; three grandchildren; one foster granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Giles Fleming; and nieces and nephews including **Sandy (Schafer '84) Merrill**.

1953

Bill Fountain died on July 21, 2015. Billy earned a master's from Cornell University and spent most of his career at Rochester Midland Corp. In later years, he worked with Churches Alive and Young Life. Billy is survived by his second wife, Barbara Fountain and his children, **Jim Fountain '80**; **Cindy (Fountain '81) Piper** and her husband, **Glen B. Piper Jr. '81**; **David Fountain '91**; and Cheri Husted as well as eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Nancy (Triechler '54) Fountain**.

Lois "Voegie" (Voegie) Griffin, 83, died on February 9, 2016. Lois earned her master's from New York University in 1955 and spent most of her career as a computer programmer. She was one of the first woman programmers hired

JAMES E. BARCUS



Dr. **James E. Barcus Jr., '60**, former professor and division chair of English and speech, died February 20, 2016, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 77 years old.

If you were a student at Houghton College between 1964 and 1979, Dr. Barcus may have been your first college professor in a Principles of Writing class. The end-of-class pizza party at his house more than made up for all of the hours of sleep you lost typing those papers.

You may remember the day you were introduced to the writings of the Oxford Christians and trace your love of the writings of C.S. Lewis to Dr. Barcus's mesmerizing lectures. Or maybe you were the junior Biology major who stepped into his office to tell him you were changing your major to English and received the reply, "What took you so long? We've been waiting to hear that!"

Perhaps Dr. Barcus was your class advisor, or you knew him through your association with his wife and assistant professor of English, Nancy. You may have admired Houghton's own "power couple," affectionately dubbed by some as "The Barci," and the example they set of how to love well in a marriage could still impact you today.

Mostly, though, you probably remember how Dr. Barcus cared deeply for his students, the way he and Nancy radiated joy in everything they did.

Dr. Barcus is survived by his daughter, Heidi Anne Barcus; his son, James Hans Barcus, and his wife, Carissa; two grandchildren, Caitlyn and Jimmy; a nephew, Jeffrey Thomas, and his daughter, Lauryn; and a sister, **Mary (Barcus '62) Stamp**. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, former Assistant Professor of English and the love of his life, Nancy Ellen Barcus.

by IBM in the '60s. She retired from the Texas State Comptroller's office in 1994. She is survived by her son, Frank Griffin, and his family. She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Voegel; two sisters, **Carol Voegel '48** and **Ruth (Voegel '58) Willcock**; and her infant son, Daniel Griffin.

Richard Ross, 89, died November 28, 2015. Rev. Ross earned a Bronze Star Medal in World War II and served as a second lieutenant in the Korean War. After graduating from Houghton, he went on to Dallas Theological Seminary and spent his career serving in the Presbyterian Church. Richard is survived by his wife, Carolyn Briesse; daughters, Elizabeth Ross and Kathryn Ross; grandson, Alexander Landrey; and stepchildren, Valerie, Melissa and Tony Briesse; and siblings Janet Smith, Jean Neuman, William Ross, **Julia (Ross '64) Strophe** and **Jane (Ross '67) Downton** along with many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, **Jean (Tutton '53) Ross**, and his brother, Robert Ross.

1955

George Parsells died on April 6, 2016. George earned his Master of Divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and spent his early working years in ministry with the United Methodist and Baptist churches. In 1971, he began a career in government relations and associations management. George is survived by his wife, Pearle Hundley Kamp Parsells; four sons: Paul, David, Glenn and Mark; six grandchildren; a nephew, William Neal; and two grandnieces. He was preceded in death by his sister, Peggy Neal.

Erma (Robinson) Vosseler, 89, died on September 25, 2015. Erma taught music for the Iroquois Central School District for over 60 years. She earned National Piano Foundation, Piano Musicianship and Pedagogy certificates in 1976. She is survived by her husband, Merold Vosseler; two children, Philip Vosseler and **Bryan Vosseler '86** and his wife, **Doris-Ann (Iradi '85) Vosseler**; a grandson, Thomas Vosseler; and siblings, Iva James, Courtney Robinson and Lloyd Armstrong.

1956

William Christensen died on September 6, 2015. "Pastor Bill" served for 50 years in four churches. Bill is survived by his wife, **Joyce (Milligan '57) Christensen**, and their three children, David Christensen, Susan Crowe and Amy Christensen as well as six grandchildren and his twin brother, Theodore Christensen.

1964

David and Edna (Lovestrand '64) Orser, married for 51 years, died within four days of each other on September 13 and September 17, 2015, respectively. David was a chemist for more than 30 years, working with General Electric and Martin-Marietta and finally retiring from Lockheed-Martin. Edna taught elementary school more than 30 years in the Liverpool School System in Liverpool, New York. The Orsers were members of First Baptist Church of Leesburg, Florida, where they both volunteered with the church's mentoring and counseling ministry. They are survived by three sons, **Don Orser '87**, Thomas Orser and William Orser; eleven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, including **Linda (Fleth '88) Thompson, Edward Fleth '90** and **Louis Lovestrand '90**. David is survived by his sister, **Janet (Orser '61) Fleth**. Edna is survived by three brothers, including **Paul Lovestrand '66**, and two sisters.

Douglas "Doug" Wiemer, 73, died November 13, 2015. Doug was a retired Lt. Col. of the US Army and spent 42 years at Seeger Metals and Plastics in Toledo, Ohio, where he retired as Vice President. He also served for a time as president of the International Association of Plastic Distributors and was an active member of Collingwood

Presbyterian Church in Toledo.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Sue; children David Wiemer and Elizabeth Freeman; seven grandchildren; and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his sister and a nephew.

1972

Gerald Haines died on September 29, 2014. He was the pastor of Fellowship Church in Machias, New York, for 60 years and was an elementary school teacher with the Pioneer school system in Arcade, New York, for 20 years. Over the years, Gerald and his wife took in 35 foster children. Surviving are his wife, Frances, and daughters, **Joy (Haines '80) Burch** and **Pamela (Haines '81) Temons**; a son, Jared Haines; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; 5 brothers, Lloyd, Quentin, Harold, Dale and Paul; and a sister, Katherine Colby-Talbot. He was predeceased by his sister, J. Ardith Jacobson.

1998

Oliver "Butch" Mousseu, 48, died on March 25, 2016, after sustaining a traumatic head injury at a hockey tournament in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Butch served as a professional hockey referee since 1998 with various leagues including with the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), the Colorado Springs-based National Collegiate Hockey Conference and USA Hockey. In addition, Mousseu worked an NHL preseason game, and, as he was the league's only Native American referee, his NHL officials' sweater and skates are in the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. Mousseu is survived by his wife, Macaire, their three children, Sam, Abbie and Olivia; his parents; and four siblings, including **Francine Mousseu '96**.

2000

Harold Nichols, 53, was killed in Jamaica, West Indies, on April 30, 2016, while serving with TEAMS for Medical Missions. Harold and his wife, Teri, had been serving with the organization in Jamaica since 2002, where they built houses for the poor and ran a Bible club and breakfast program for Jamaican children. In addition to his wife of nearly 25 years, Harold is survived by four stepchildren, Philip Stephenson, Rebekah Stephenson, Joshua Stephenson and Elisabeth Stephenson-Luby; a foster son, Arthur Baker; five grandchildren; and two siblings.

Friends

Longtime Houghton community member **Vernelle Shannon**, wife of former chemistry department chair and academic dean Dr. Fred Shannon, died November 21, 2015. Vernelle was a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University and the University of Akron. She served 34 years as a public school teacher, in Akron, Ohio, and Rushford and Fillmore, New York. She spent most of her adult life living in Houghton and was an active member of Houghton Wesleyan Church as well as the Houghton Area Senior Citizens group and the Fillmore Central School retired teachers' group. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Fred; a son, **Dale Shannon '82** and his wife, **Robynn (Kelly '81) Shannon**; four younger sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

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