

An abstract painting with a textured, expressive style. The background is a mix of purple, blue, and white. In the upper left, there's a dark, brownish-orange shape that looks like a head or a face in profile. Below it, there's a large, light blue and white shape that also resembles a head or a face. The lower half of the image is dominated by a large, vibrant purple shape. In the bottom right corner, there's a small patch of green and yellow. The overall composition is dynamic and layered.

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### A Context for Competition

Competition is common to all walks of life. Supermarket chains compete for our loyalties and grocery dollars. Activities compete for our time and energy. In my frequent travels for the college, I often take advantage of the competition between airlines, rental car companies, and hotel chains to plan the most cost-effective trip possible.

Joyce and I enjoy the friendly competition of table games with friends and family in our home. From college days as a three-sport athlete, I recall the competition and the lessons learned about leadership, discipline, and self.

This magazine focuses on athletics in relation to Houghton College. While athletics have long been a part of the Houghton experience, intercollegiate competition is only 32 years old this fall. Purple and gold, intramural and intercollegiate competitions have provided an outlet for mind-weary scholars for more than a century. Scores of Houghton students have matched physical skills with each other and/or athletes from other schools.

This past year, our intercollegiate athletes have enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in our history. Athletes from six teams

competed in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championships. Several of our student-athletes were named to NAIA Academic All-American teams. At the end of the fall semester, Houghton was ranked 13th in the Sears Cup competition for NAIA schools.

However, our athletic success is not measured in wins and losses alone. While our teams seek to excel on the playing field, they also seek to use sport as a means of ministry. When our women's basketball team traveled to the Czech Republic in May, they competed for the minds and hearts of Czech young adults and won! Nearly a dozen young people and several children committed their lives to Christ during this trip. The efforts of the team supported the work of Wesleyan missionaries in this crucial part of the world, enabling them to win, too.

Our emphasis on ministry through sport helps remind us of the proper context for athletic competition. Our coaches and athletes seek to win, not only on earthly scoreboards, but heavenly ones as well.

*Daniel R. Chamberlain*

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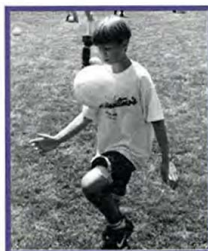
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# Commencement



President Chamberlain and Dr. Richard Allen Farmer



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## Facts

- 107 of the 248 graduates graduated with honors
  - 23 *summa cum laude*
  - 43 *magna cum laude*
  - 41 *cum laude*
- Seventy-two of the graduates made the Dean's Honor List (3.75 GPA or higher) during the spring semester.
- During their Houghton years, class members received \$2,464,205 in grants and scholarships.
- Twenty-five graduates are children of Houghton alumni. Thirteen of those students had both parents attend or graduate from Houghton.
- Three graduates are dependents of Houghton employees.

## Baccalaureate

Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, founder and president of RAF Ministries, Inc., delivered the baccalaureate address on Sunday, May 9. Farmer challenged the graduates to get rid of all they cling to, in order to see God's glory. "May God take from you all the things you think you need, so you are naked; that you may realize all you have is Him," said Farmer. "Then may He be so pleased that He will bring to you all that you truly need."

An honorary doctor of sacred theology degree was conferred on Dr. Farmer during commencement exercises.



## Graduates Challenged

"Scholarship alone can be elitist, self-serving, breeding exclusivity. I want to suggest that the end goal of scholarship is service to others, or social action," shared Dr. Nancy Nason-Clark, during commencement exercises on Monday, May 10.

Nason-Clark, a 1977 Houghton graduate and current professor of sociology at the University of New Brunswick, challenged the graduates to accept the responsibility that comes with scholarship. She reminded them that service to others should be the hallmark of their identifications as Christians.

Later in the ceremony, an honorary doctor of letters degree was bestowed on Nason-Clark, citing the speaker's own success at marrying scholarship and social action through her research into family violence.

## Senior Class Gift

A highlight of the commencement ceremony was presentation of the class gift by senior class president Elizabeth Sherwood of Strasburg, Pa. Dr. Daniel Chamberlain received a picnic basket to represent the marble picnic table that has been placed outside the campus center.

## Top Students Recognized

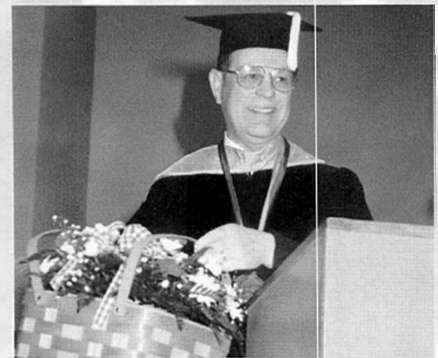
Christina Kay Cook of Ashville, N.Y., was named valedictorian, and Heather Armstrong of Lancaster, Pa., and Melissa Hobbs of Malaysia, were named co-salutatorians. Cook received a bachelor of arts degree in history, Armstrong a bachelor of music degree in oboe performance, and Hobbs a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. It is believed to be the first time that the college has honored co-salutatorians.



Valedictorian Christina Cook



Dr. Nancy Nason-Clark



President Chamberlain receives class gift.



Heather Armstrong and Melissa Hobbs, co-salutatorians





Lori Cilano, P.A.C.E. cohort A-2

## Graduation Meditation

To march or not to march, that is her question, though I think she knew her answer before she raised the issue in conversation. She's

worked so hard, and so long, and wants some sure-handed Robed One to grab her palm (left over right) and present her a ticket to where she wants to be.

God, she's earned this diploma and deserves the respect due a cap and gown. For her, might you roll out a Kodak kind of day? Then, to make the picture perfect, as we praise her, may she thank you, God of all possibility, for her ability, for giving her this opportunity.

—From *Prayers for Girlfriends and Sisters and Me*, 1999 by Evelyn Bence ('74). Published by Servant Publications, Box 8617, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48107. Used with permission.



Dr. Rhea Reed

### P.A.C.E. Honors Grads

A separate ceremony for graduates of Houghton's Program for Accelerating College Education was held on Saturday, as bachelor of science degrees in management were awarded to 30 adult students who took degree-completion classes at the BOCES center in Olean or at Houghton's West Seneca Campus.

Rhea Reed, professor of accounting, was keynote speaker.



Parents of Houghton's newest alumni take a final test too—packing the car for the trip home.





## CEO Shares Keys of Success

"We value our people, we value our work, we value our witness, and we value our word. . . We emphasize quality. That's what our customers deserve and how God expects us to run our business. Our faith drives our values and our values drive our business."

Michael Cardone, Jr., president and CEO of Cardone Industries, Inc., the largest privately-held remanufacturer of automotive parts in the United States, shared these corporate values with the student body during the Cockcroft Forum for Free Enterprise in April.

"Each day you're faced with choices that define what you'll become," he said. "You determine your destiny by the decisions you make today . . . Your daily decision about giving your life to Christ shapes all of life's other decisions. Answer that one question and every other decision is put into its proper perspective."

Mr. Cardone was brought to Houghton as part of a \$10,000 grant to the business and economics department from the Cockcroft Forum for Free Enterprise.

"I've been impressed with Mr. Cardone and how he has proven that it is possible to implement a strong value system and still be successful in the competitive business world," said professor Richard Halberg, chair of the business and economics department. "Cardone Industries is living out what we are trying to teach our students about the way to do business."

Mr. Cardone, a graduate of Oral Roberts University, co-founded Cardone Industries, Inc. with his father, Michael Cardone Sr. in 1970. The company started in a row house in north Philadelphia with three people remanufacturing one product. Today its 4,200 employees produce more than 40 product lines.



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Colloquium

Now in its ninth year, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Colloquium, hosted by Houghton's Pastoral and Church Ministry Program, has brought noted African-American theologians into the community to help us think of strategies for the development of our communities.

At this year's colloquium the Rev. Hosea L. Williams, who served as chief aide in charge of field operations under Dr. Martin Luther King, addressed 145 Buffalo-area church and community leaders. This event also featured seminars examining urban-suburban relationships, the Hispanic voice in urban communities, and the church and human services, and provided participants an opportunity to strategize on solutions to disunity. The "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — Building a Beloved Community Award" was presented to the Rev. Robert Poling Beck, retired pastor of St. Paul's and St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Buffalo, N.Y. The award is presented to the individual or individuals who exemplify "community-building and reconciliation" as primary answers for hope and peace in our time.



Rev. Hosea Williams spoke on the success of the civil rights movement, what led to its downfall, and what is needed to rekindle the dream.



## YAHOO! WE'RE WIRED

Houghton's continued commitment to providing its students and faculty with unparalleled access to computer technology was recognized when the college was cited as one of America's 200 Most Wired Colleges 1999. According to the listing compiled by *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine, Houghton ranks in the top quartile of the four-year institutions surveyed.

Houghton scored particularly well in hardware availability, ranking well ahead of the four other western New York colleges that made the list. The survey noted that all Houghton students receive free e-mail accounts and unlimited access to surfing the Net. They can even create their own Web pages on the college's server.

President Chamberlain commented: "The parent of a new Houghton student recently said to me, 'My son chose Houghton because of its state-of-the-art computer connections and facilities.' That comment captures our twin reasons for becoming a leader in instructional technology. It helps us to attract excellent forward-looking students, and it enables us to serve them effectively once they enroll."

*Yahoo! Internet Life* collaborated with Peterson's, a college guidebook publisher, to produce the Most Wired list. The complete list can be seen online at: [www.zdnet.com/yil/content/college](http://www.zdnet.com/yil/content/college)





## Phonathon Rings Clear

Thanks to alumni generosity and the help of more than 50 student callers, Houghton College raised over \$170,000 for the college annual fund.

The annual effort is divided into two four-week phases — one in the fall and one in the spring. The recently completed spring phase raised \$53,607, surpassing its \$50,000 pledge goal.

"We hold our October and March phonathons not only to gain support for our school and its ministry, but also to maintain personal contact with our alumni," said Barb Bates, who directed the phonathon. "I am especially pleased with this year's callers and the effort they put forth."

Phonathon began 19 years ago as a way to raise extra scholarship money for incoming students; its contribution has since broadened to fund classroom equipment, student and faculty research, technology network, special lectures and concerts, scholarships for deserving students, and campus maintenance.

## Oakerson New Academic Dean

Dr. Ron Oakerson, professor and chair of the history and political science department, has been named academic vice president and dean of the college. "Dr. Oakerson brings a rare and remarkable combination of skills and experience to his new position," said President Chamberlain. "Fellow faculty members value his effectiveness in defining and promoting the liberal arts while recognizing the importance of our professional programs to achieving the college mission."

Dr. Oakerson, who came to Houghton in 1992, first taught at Marshall University, then became senior analyst and later, assistant director for research, at the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. He returned to academe as senior scientist in a workshop in political theory and policy analysis at Indiana University. Dr. Oakerson is a member of the Task Force on Civic Education for the Next Century of the American Political Science Association and the National Rural Studies Council and remains active as a consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development. He holds master's and doctorate degrees in political science from Indiana University.

"As Dean, I plan to continue to extend the integration of Christian scholarship with Christian service that has long been the mark of a Houghton education," said Oakerson.

Dr. Carlton Fisher, who has served as interim dean since last fall, will return to his position as associate dean.



## Vice President for Advancement Named

Larry Johnson was named vice president for advancement and will coordinate the college's fund-raising efforts and oversee the alumni relations and public relations offices. Mr. Johnson brings ten years of development experience with emphases in major giving and program administration. He also brings ten years of volunteer leadership experience in alumni relations. "We were searching for an advancement professional with substantial, successful experience in leading a development office and in directing major capital campaigns," said President Chamberlain. "Larry Johnson fits our profile perfectly. He understands and supports our mission, and with his broad experience, I am confident he will help Houghton meet its fund-raising goals."

Mr. Johnson was vice president for university advancement at Kettering University in Flint, Mich. For four years he was assistant dean for development for the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and then senior director of development for State University of New York at Buffalo. Other professional experience includes six years as director for Ketchum, Inc. In that position he directed six capital campaigns. Mr. Johnson received bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Vanderbilt in 1973 and 1975, respectively, and a master of divinity degree from Yale University in 1978.





## Pastor of the Year

The Rev. Arlie Davis, pastor of the Christ Wesleyan Church in Milton, Pa., was the recipient of the 1999 Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award. "It's a real honor to be recognized in an area where God has called me," said Davis. "It's a wonderful thing that Houghton College does for the life of the church. It's good for college students to see affirmation and recognition in areas of ministry."



*"It's nice to be recognized for good deeds, but I'll let the glory go to God," said Rev. Arlie Davis upon receiving the 1999 Pastor of the Year award.*

Under Rev. Davis's leadership, his church has grown in attendance and facility. Believing in Christian education as a venue for service, Davis founded and administered the Meadowbrook Christian School where 40 teachers and staff serve 350 students. His community involvement includes serving as vice president and president of the Milton Rotary Club, and on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Billy Graham Association Crusade Executive Committee for the Central Susquehanna Valley Crusade for Christ, and in the Penn-Jersey District Board of Administration. Davis graduated from Bloomsburg (Pa.) State University and completed requirements for ordination in The Wesleyan Church through Houghton College's Equipping for Ministry program and at Indiana Wesleyan University.

The Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award was established in honor of Dr. Claude A. Ries, former student, teacher, and administrator at Houghton College. Ries was a warm friend, a committed follower of God, a leader in the community, and a spiritual role model for his students and colleagues.

## Helping Wesleyan Youth Reach Out

More than 450 seventh through twelfth graders participated in the Central New York District's annual Spring Fling all-nighter in March, while another 300 teens from churches in the Western New York District came to Houghton for the district's annual Youth Sports Tournament in April.

Spring Fling, designed to help youth groups introduce new teens to their local youth ministry, included a concert, "pizza bash" and continued with basketball and volleyball tournaments or swimming, racquetball, movies and hanging out. "Teens love all-nighters," said organizer Kevin Wilson, Northeast Area Wesleyan youth director. "They enjoy the competitive side, and it's a chance to just hang out with old friends and meet new ones."

The WNY District's Youth Sports Tournament included teens from nine churches competing in co-ed volleyball and soccer, boys' junior high and varsity basketball, and girls' basketball. There was even time for a devotion during a midday break in the action.

"It's a chance for kids to come out and have fun and be at a place where the Gospel is presented," said event organizer Wes Wittcop, assistant pastor at Hess Road Wesleyan Church in Newfane, N.Y.

Houghton has been hosting both Spring Fling and the western New York sports tournament for some 20 years.

## New Church Relations Director

Newly named director of church relations Kevin A. Wilson will work to strengthen the college's service to and relationship with the evangelical church in general and the college's sponsoring denomination, The Wesleyan Church. His responsibilities include representing the college at church functions, overseeing student ministry teams, producing communications to keep pastors and churches informed about the college, and guest speaking.

Rev. Wilson, a native of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, comes to Houghton from Buena Vista Wesleyan Church in Canisteo, N.Y., where he served as assistant pastor and minister of youth as well as directed the Northeast Area Wesleyan Youth. He earned a bachelor's degree in religion from Bethany Bible College.

"I look forward to interacting with youth ministries in local churches and with students on campus," said Wilson. "I hope to have a positive impact on students by helping them make the choice for a Wesleyan college."





## Growing a Greenhouse

Paine Science Center is the another campus site to require hardhats. Construction began in May on a new greenhouse positioned at the southeast corner of the center. The \$135,000 structure, which replaces the greenhouse on the roof of the science center, is being funded by a recent gift from the Estate of Margaret Bush. Ms. Bush was a retired elementary teacher and self-taught artist from Silver Lake, N.Y.

The Margaret E. Bush Greenhouse serves to honor an individual who had an appreciation for the outdoors and for local flora and fauna. Much of her artwork focused on scenes of Letchworth State Park.

The greenhouse, mainly used by the biology department for student class projects and for faculty research, is being designed to match the contour of the science building's rounded stair tower. It will be equipped with automatic vents at the ridge and eaves lines and automatic shades to control temperatures. Construction of the greenhouse is expected to be completed in August.



*Framing for the Margaret E. Bush Greenhouse completed in May awaits installation of tempered glass panels in June.*

## Fine Arts Center on schedule...

*A view from the balcony, the 200-seat recital hall was readied for wall treatment in June.*



*Sun streams in the windows of the music library which features sound proof listening rooms and network connections. See page 27 for dedication and celebration plans.*



## Three Professors Earn Doctorates

Horatio Hernandez, assistant professor of Spanish; Paula Maxwell, associate professor of physical education; and Jeffrey Moore, assistant professor of business administration, have completed doctoral degrees.

Hernandez completed his degree in Latin American literature at the State University of New York at Albany. His dissertation examined the religious and philosophical aspects of Cabral's poetry. Cabral was one of three major writers to specialize in Afro-Antillean poetry. Hernandez holds an associate's degree in mathematics and a bachelor's degree in languages from Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. His master's degree in Latin American literature is from State University of New York at Albany.

Maxwell completed her degree at the University at Buffalo in applied physiology. Her dissertation, aimed to answer two questions. If a body is dehydrated, does it enhance or diminish an exercise-induced asthma attack? And is histamine released or neural controlled? Maxwell received her bachelor's degree in physical education from Houghton in 1985 and her master's degree in athletic training from Indiana State University. She also serves as head athletic trainer.

Moore's degree—in business administration—is from the Business School of the University of Nice, France. His dissertation focused on his work with World Vision International in Romania, where he helped develop a business school to assist working class people in starting their own businesses. With WVI he also developed a revolving-loan program to manage \$1.5 million to help grow existing small businesses in Northern Romania. Moore holds a master's degree in business administration from the Business School of the University of Nice, and completed undergraduate work at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash.



## College Recognizes Service of Employees, Honors Three Retirees

The college recently honored the service of 26 employees—representing a combined total of more than 500 years of service to Houghton—at the annual spring Recognition Dinner. Three of those honored are retiring from full-time service to the college.

Retirees for 1999 include William Greenway (associate professor of English), Lana James (word processor), and Eileen Spear (assistant, development office and library).

During his 37 years in Houghton's English department, Bill Greenway initiated courses in American literature and American short stories and was a key proponent of introducing drama to the college. A proud supporter of Houghton athletics, Greenway served as assistant coach for intracampus football, class basketball, intercollegiate soccer and men's basketball, and as head women's basketball coach. He also spent 15 years as sports information director, leading to his interest in sports photography. Greenway's retirement plans include remaining active as a Houghton sports fan and "official" photographer, snapping shots for appreciative athletes, parents, and college publications. (See feature on page 12.)

Eileen Griffen Spear graduated from Houghton in 1952 with a degree in music and then served more than 30 years as a minister's wife. After her husband's death in 1989 she moved back to Houghton and began temporary work in college relations, then in public information. Months later she accepted a part-time job in the development office. Later that fall Eileen accepted another part-time job in the library. She is a member of the Houghton Wesleyan Church choir, participates in a women's writing group, and enjoys attending college cultural events. In retirement she plans to audit college courses, join the seniors' exercise group, remain active in the activities of her grandchildren, and to one day publish a children's book.

Lana Raye James, who grew up outside of Fillmore, spent 23 years as a homemaker, but as her children became adults she had a desire to return to the workforce. She credits a BOCES word processing course for helping her land the job as Houghton College's development office word processor in 1988. In that position, her work has included gift receipting, letters to donors, and compiling the memorial gift list for the *Milieu*. Her retire-

ment plans include spending as much time as possible with her husband, Glenn, and their six grandchildren. She plans to continue her hobbies of drawing, painting, and genealogy, and she and her husband also plan to train one of their four horses to pull a buggy.

"People are the key to any successful organization. Houghton College benefits from fine people, many of whom have served long and well," said President Chamberlain. "While longevity does not guarantee quality, it is impossible to achieve excellence without continuity. Those honored have helped Houghton earn a reputation for providing education that is academically excellent and based upon historic Judeo-Christian principles."

Ina Newcomb (systems analyst), who has served at Houghton for 29 years, was named the second recipient of the Mary Boomhower Award for her commitment to God, servant's heart, exemplary performance, and commitment to Houghton. It is the highest honor accorded staff personnel.



### YEARS OF SERVICE

420 COMBINED

10	Barbara Bates, dir. annual fund	David Frasier, dir. P.A.C.E. program
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	B. David Benedict, prof. pol. science	John Tyson, prof. theology
	John Durbin, dir. W. Seneca Campus	
	Marcia Eustace, data entry	
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	Reda Rozendal, planned giving	Robert Galloway, prof. piano
	James Wardwell, assoc. prof. English	
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		David Howard, prof. history
		Carl Schultz, prof. old testament
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	J. Michael Walters, prof. Christ. min.	
40	James Zoller, prof. English	Harold McNiel, prof. brass
20	Kathleen Brenneman, Info. Center	



## Men's & Women's Basketball Season Wrap-ups

Women's basketball captured the Northeast Atlantic Conference title, earning their second trip to the NAIA national tournament in five years. Though they dropped a first-round decision to Spring Arbor College, the women can be proud of a record-breaking season. They finished 24-6, setting a program record for wins in a season. Before their tournament loss, they had won 16 consecutive games, also a program record.

Sophomore forward Wendy Ivey was named First-Team All-Northeast Atlantic Conference, while leading the Lady Highlanders in scoring (12), rebounding (7.1), assists (4.4), and steals (2.7).

Alicia Campbell, a freshman guard, was selected to the All-NAC Second Team. She averaged 11 points, 5 rebounds, and 3.6 assists per game. She was one of just two freshmen among the NAC's top 10 players.

Janelle Tombs, a junior guard, was named All-NAC Honorable Mention. She averaged 11 points per game. The men's basketball team finished the season with a 5-22 record. A highlight of the season was an 84-68 win over conference rival Daemen College.

Following the season, senior forward Jesse Archer was named to the All-Northeast Atlantic Conference Honorable Mention team. Archer averaged 9.3 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 2.8 assists per game for the Highlanders.

## The Man Behind the Camera

Ah, the ballgames. Athletic director Skip Lord '80 and former men's soccer coach Doug Burke agree that Bill Greenway, retiring associate professor of English, has probably seen more Houghton athletic events over the past 37 years than anyone else. "The athletic program wouldn't be what it is today without Bill's input," says Coach Lord.

Besides teaching a full load, Professor Greenway has toted a whistle as an assistant coach, served as sports information director, and volunteered as sports photographer, not to mention kept his competitive fires burning with fierce games of "Noonball."

Professor Greenway took an immediate interest in athletics, helping with purple-gold football, when he first arrived. He was instrumental in initiating the sports' switch from touch to tackle. "They were playing touch with full equipment," says Professor Greenway, with a laugh. "I used to play tackle without equipment."

After Houghton switched to intercollegiate athletics and interest in football died down, Professor Greenway moved on to the next sport, assisting Coach Burke with the men's soccer program, then served as men's assistant basketball coach for 15 years and as women's head coach for three years. He also started handling media relations duties for the sports teams. Though there were not many contests at first, and thus not a lot of scores to report, Professor Greenway was not without challenges. "It was always difficult trying to make the story interesting by saying, 'we lost again,'" says Professor Greenway.

He hung up his coaching whistle and stepped down from sports information in the '80s. But his involvement with the sports teams continued. In the late '60s he had begun a hobby that has involved shooting some 500 rolls of film to photograph athletic events over the past 30 years.

He usually gets double prints made, giving one to a player and keeping the other for the *Milieu* or the *Boulder*. "That's been my donation to the college, to the players," says Professor Greenway, who puts the photos on display in the gym during home contests. "It's something I've enjoyed doing. I pretty much know the high point of most sports and know what I'm looking for. I'm selective. I try to get pictures of everyone on the team, not just the stars."

A year ago Professor Greenway was forced to hang up his basketball shoes. "I had just made my fourth bank-in three pointer in a row and was getting cocky," he recalls. "Right after I took it, I felt something in my chest, a heavy feeling. I thought I had just strained something." It wasn't a heart attack, but an MRI revealed a split in his aorta.

Today as he's heading into retirement, he still plans to keep shooting... photos, that is. "I should be at most of the games. Besides, I just got a new Nikon."



A real sharp shooter: Professor Bill Greenway (center) surrounded by wife Sylvia, son Bill Jr. '86 and daughter Tara Leibowitz '87



## Dedicated to Climbing

Honoring a man who exemplified a holistic balance of God, family, work, and physical fitness, the college recently dedicated its 18-year-old climbing wall to the memory of alum Dr. Richard Dominguez.

Dominguez, a member of the class of 1964, went on to a successful career in sports medicine before his untimely death in an auto accident in 1995. A Houghton native, he attended the college for only three years when he was accepted at the University of Chicago School of Medicine. He later became an orthopedic surgeon, traveled with the U.S. Swim Team as a supervising physician, served as president of the U.S. Swimming Sports Medicine Society, and was co-founder of SportsMed Center for Fitness, an orthopedic clinic and fitness complex. He was also a noted author of several books on health issues. Dr. Dominguez's son, Matt '95, managed the wall as a student and wrote the mission statement of the wall — to provide a safe, Christ-oriented atmosphere where climbing, leadership, encouragement and hard skills are developed and promoted.

"Dr. Dominguez represented the concern for lifelong physical fitness, combined with Christian commitment and dedication to family," said President Chamberlain.

Recent additions to the wall include tripling the number of holds and constructing a 28-foot-long, eight-foot-high, eight-foot-wide climbing cave. The wall has progressed from a donation-supported service of Houghton's Wilderness Adventures program to a college-sponsored outreach of the intramural program.



*This year's climbing wall staff were on hand to honor Dr. Richard Dominguez at the climbing wall dedication.*

## Athlete Runs to All-American Honor

Senior Krista Ruth ran to a fourth-place finish in the 10,000 meters at the 19th Annual NAIA Women's Track National Championships in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

For her finish among the top six, Ruth was named an NAIA All-American, becoming the first Houghton athlete to earn that honor in outdoor track. Earlier in her career she became the first Houghton athlete to be named All-American in cross country and indoor track.

Ruth, a native of Oley, Pa., finishes her Houghton career with five NAIA All-American honors, including two each in cross country and indoor track. She is also a three-time NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete.

Going into the race Ruth had run the ninth fastest time in the NAIA this season. Her time of 37:59 in the title race shattered by 18 seconds her own school record set earlier this spring.

## Lecturer Shares Spirit of Olympics

Despite the recent problems surrounding the Olympic Games, the "Official Lecturer of the International Olympic Committee" says the games are worth saving because they still represent one man's dream of unifying the human race in peaceful competition.

In lectures sponsored by the Department of Physical Education and Recreation this spring, Dr. John Lucas, a retired professor of kinesiology at the Pennsylvania State University who has devoted his life to the study of the Olympic Games, touched on the current scandal and offered a look at the history and spirit of the modern games.

Dr. Lucas, who narrowly missed qualifying for the 1952 Olympics in the 10,000 meters, later (1960) became manager of the U.S. Olympic team. He has served as a track writer and correspondent for *Track and Field*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and other publications and has written two books about the Olympics.

For his many years of service to the Olympics, Dr. Lucas was awarded an "Olympic Order" gold medal by the IOC at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Still an active runner at age 71, Dr. Lucas begins his day with a 5 a.m. run. He says he has run more than 100,000 miles in his lifetime.







# Little is MUCH

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**S**tephanie Thompson, 1998 District Offensive Player of the Year at Channelview (Texas) High School, recently signed to play volleyball for Houghton College. A two-time all district player and *Who's Who Among American Athletes* veteran, Thompson joins a team which captured conference and Northeast Region titles this year and earned a trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national tournament. "As the best recruit I've brought in, Stephanie was seriously pursued by 8-10 other schools," says Lady Highlanders coach Nancy Cole.

Recruiting is big business with fierce competition. A simple Internet search reveals everything from scouting companies to news magazines with running tallies describing the best prospects, their qualifications, and offers they've received. Recent headlines from *Sporting News.com* are more disturbing. "Feds Investigating Michigan Hoops" and "Minnesota Protected Athletes" spotlight those so eager to nab blue chip athletes, they perpetrated academic fraud, crime cover-up, and illegal payoffs. In this jungle, how can a small Christian school build competitive athletic teams? Why would Stephanie Thompson pass over more lucrative offers and travel across the country to Houghton College?

"Identification is key," says Skip Lord '80, athletic director and women's basketball head coach. "If you try to bring in an athlete who doesn't fit Houghton, you're trying to get someone to do something against her will; but when you identify a good fit, you're helping someone make a good choice."

Finding "good fits" begins with building a base of prospective athletes from recommendations by alumni, coaches, pastors, team members, recruiting services and players who contact the college directly. These individuals receive a letter introducing them to Houghton and a prospective player profile requesting academic qualifications, athletic statistics, church involvement and personal information.

To get the full picture, coaches request videotapes,

call candidates and even make scouting trips. In women's basketball, Coach Lord begins with 400-500 general contacts resulting in 100-150 responses. These are sifted to 25-30 possibilities to finish with 3-4 recruited athletes in a given year.

"With top recruits, I make 50-75 contacts through written messages, e-mails, and phone calls. They also hear from my players," says women's soccer coach David Lewis. The clincher comes with a campus visit. "If we can get a prospect to campus for a visit with the team, they see a unity of purpose unlike anything they have experienced before, and they want to be a part of that," he explains.

Each prospect is evaluated on academic work, athletic prowess and spiritual commitment, as well as particular needs for each team that year. With Houghton's emphasis on excellence, athletes must be prepared to prove themselves in the classroom as well as in competition. Coach Lord relates, "We deal with the perception that athletics and academics are mutually exclusive, yet our athletes regularly achieve a higher grade-point average than the average for Houghton College as a whole."

Coach Lewis often fields concerns about balancing the time requirements of academics and athletics. "I challenge them to go for it because the discipline developed through athletics enables them to be more disciplined in their studies." Apparently so. For the last two years, his team earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award.

"Over 96.4 percent of the people in the United States watch, read about or participate in athletics on a monthly basis; few things have as wide an appeal in terms of witnessing and discipleship," reports Coach Lord. With this philosophy in mind, coaches seek players committed to sports ministry as well as players who would benefit from discipleship. "We think in terms of 'wearing the cross' on our uniforms—showing Christ to other players and bringing glory to God through soccer," says sophomore player David



# BIG BUSINESS of RECRUITING

by Kim (Weaver '96) Maxwell

Bancroft, who traveled from Manchester, England, to join the team.

For top recruits, final decisions often come down to their financial aid package. Coaches work closely with financial aid, combining performance awards, academic scholarships, and government grants to present the best offer possible. Coach Lewis clarifies, "Our niche of landing Christian athletes helps us. The advantages of a Christian school offset some of the additional costs. Typically, packages for our top 2-3 athletes are very competitive with offers from other Christian schools."

Coaches agree that the bottom line in recruiting is prayer. Men's soccer coach Dwight Hornibrook adds, "It's very challenging to recruit the caliber of soccer player we want here. The Lord provides for us—I really believe that's the key. The old saying goes, 'Little is much when God is in it.'"

Judging by this year's statistics, little is indeed much. The Lady Highlanders earned trips to national tournaments in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and cross country. Highlanders men's soccer finished the season 14-4-1, ranking number 16 in the final poll. Among 23 individual Highlanders recognized for outstanding achievements this year, senior Krista Ruth added a fourth-place finish in the 10,000 meters at the NAIA Women's Track National Championships to her very distinguished Houghton career. Overall, Houghton placed 13th among 380 NAIA schools in the 1998-99 Sears Directors' Cup NAIA Fall Standings.

So why did Stephanie Thompson choose Houghton? "Stephanie visited and loved the girls on our team. Coming from a public school setting, she was so excited to experience team prayer and devotions. As she talked with [students at] other Christian colleges, she found prayer and ministry weren't as central to their teams," says Cole. "We recruit successfully by finding high caliber athletes who are looking for what we offer—an academically excellent, Christ-centered environment." ♦

## Decision Time

If I had chosen any college but Houghton, I wouldn't have had half the experience. Our soccer team is a family—if one person has a problem, we all give our support. The emphasis isn't just on soccer, but on playing it for the Lord and witnessing to our opponents.

Initially, I had serious concerns about Houghton because I wasn't a Christian. But my junior varsity soccer coach, a Houghton alumnus, encouraged me to apply anyway. On the first visit, I sensed something different about the people here. The friendliness, good attitudes and unity of the team members attracted me. I also noticed a difference in Coach Lewis. Recruiters from other schools called to talk about themselves. He called to ask about me and seemed genuinely interested in helping me make the best decision for my future. Although still worrying I would be an outsider, I reasoned I could transfer if things didn't work out.

When people here found out I wasn't a Christian, they didn't judge me. Instead, they took the time to listen and help me understand what having Jesus in my life would mean. I had been through a rough time—my father was an alcoholic, and my parents divorced during my senior year of high school. At Houghton, I learned about my Father in heaven.

Through four years of team devotions and asking lots of questions, I've grown so much. During our team missions trip to Australia last year, it was so neat to talk to other people about my faith. Being such a young Christian, it was my first experience with giving my testimony.

At graduation, Coach wrote in my card, "You came without Him and you're leaving with Him." That about sums it up.

—Jennifer Mattison '99





# HEY, Coach!

**M**ilieu scored in the sports arena when we talked to alumni-coaches about the true grit of their out-of-the-classroom learning experience. Here's a look at their "pre-season" warm-up at Hough-ton, their current "game time" roles and responsibilities, their "by the book" philosophy of coaching, and the people who helped in their "conditioning," or in making them who they are today.

—By Cynthia Machamer '85



ROMAN '84

## PETER ROMAN

Wheaton, Illinois

**PRE-SEASON:** majored in English and history; played soccer all four years and JV basketball for a semester

**GAME TIME:** men's and women's soccer head coach at North Park College (Ill.); three seasons without a yellow card; summer Missionary Athletes International coach; liaison for the Norwegian women's soccer team during the World Cup plays

**BY THE BOOK:** "Playing sports is really all about furthering the Kingdom. If we glorify God in practices and in play, we are winners. If awards come, great; if not, that's okay. We try to be as competitive as possible, but I believe what's important is working hard and being in shape. We often win because we are in better physical shape than our opponents."

**CONDITIONING:** "I warmed the bench a lot, but Coach Doug Burke made sure we knew we were all important to the team. He taught me some good life skills: hard work, perseverance, ability to keep going till you've got nothing left—the results are up to God. There are some great memories too—playing in the Academy gym before the college's gym was ready, traveling with the team, winning two national titles."

## LORI SHEETZ

Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

**PRE-SEASON:** physical education major; 1992-93

NAIA Academic All-American in women's basketball; captain, field hockey and basketball; physical education major of the year; broke all-time school scoring record (field hockey); 1,000-point scorer; district all-star (basketball); traveled with Christian Outreach International to Czechoslovakia to do sports ministry

**GAME TIME:** full-time girls' varsity basketball, track and field coach/teacher at Delaware County Christian School (Pa.); head of physical education department; assistant field hockey coach, Philadelphia College of Bible; pursuing master's in sports administration at Temple; all her teams have won the conference championship every year since she began coaching

**BY THE BOOK:** "Coaching is a ministry. It's a tool to reach out to others."

**CONDITIONING:** "Coach Skip Lord taught me that sports can be used for ministry. I'm excited about this summer when my girls' basketball team and I will be traveling to Venezuela under the auspices of Christian Outreach International. I always ask myself, 'Are my kids walking with the Lord?'"



SHEETZ '94

## MEL LEWELLEN (second from right in photo)

Venice, Florida

**PRE-SEASON:** history major; after serving in U.S. Navy during World War II he decided to coach basketball

**GAME TIME:** retired head varsity boys' basketball, baseball, track and cross country coach for 28 years at Bemus Point (N.Y.)

Central School, as well as director of athletics and instructor of physical education; active coach with the most wins in western New York; basketball team in the sectional playoffs 22 of 28 years, won eight league championships, four sectionals, three unbeaten sea-





sons; 1978 honor award from the New York State Coaches' Association; now retired and enjoying senior softball

**BY THE BOOK:** "I love kids; in coaching them, I was just doing my job."

**CONDITIONING:** Shaping factors included the great intramural program (no intercollegiate sports at that time) and Prof. J. Whitney Shea: "He was a great man, a role model for me."

## PHIL MERRILL

*Houghton, New York*

**PRE-SEASON:** played intramural indoor soccer and floor hockey



**GAME TIME:** assistant headmaster and coach, girls' varsity volleyball and basketball at Houghton Academy in Houghton, N.Y.; in 1996 his teams won the sportsman-

ship award; the girls' volleyball team has been to state finals three times, winning in 1996, the same year the girls' basketball team went to states; eight-year Little League coach

**BY THE BOOK:** "I try to get as many kids to participate as I can. Our sports program is an outreach. I see this reflected in the positive way other teams, coaches, and refs react to my players."

**CONDITIONING:** "My student teaching experience has been invaluable to my work at the Academy. And when I thought I couldn't afford to return to Houghton, Dr. Kay Lindley provided firm direction for me, encouraging me to have faith."

## CARL HOLMES

*Cuba, New York*

**PRE-SEASON:** a physical education major; played soccer and basketball; participated in intramural soccer and basketball

**GAME TIME:** K-12 physical education teacher in the Cuba-Rushford school district, Cuba, N.Y., for 14 years; since 1991 he's coached varsity girls' basketball; 1987-1991 varsity boys' soccer coach; teams have won four awards for sportsmanship; girls' basketball team won sectional championship in '96 and have been Allegany County champions for six years; voted Coach of the Year in section 5; the '97 soccer team earned a sectional title

**BY THE BOOK:** "I try to help my players prioritize their lives like this: 1. God, 2. family, 3. school, and 4. sport. Attitude is important—sure, we all want to win,

but if we stick to our principles, winning is very likely to follow."

**CONDITIONING:** "At Houghton I had the freedom to make choices; the Christian environment helped me make good choices. Besides my wife, my parents strongly influenced the path of my life by nudging me on to college. At Houghton, Doris Nielsen (retired physical education professor) impacted me greatly. She believed in me and believed I could make something of my life."

## SARAH STRAIN

*(center in photo)*

*Schenectady, New York*

**PRE-SEASON:** a physical education major; played women's varsity volleyball as outside hitter; played intramural volleyball, basketball, soccer

**GAME TIME:** teacher of K-12 health at Schenectady Christian School in Schenectady, N.Y.; coach of girls' varsity basketball and volleyball; she's also coaching a local public school softball team; volunteers time to special Olympics; this summer will be the second time she's brought a group of her players to Houghton for a week of basketball camp

**BY THE BOOK:** "Winning is important but I try to instill in my girls that if they really want to be winners, they need to develop teamwork, character, and sportsmanship."

**CONDITIONING:** "The one person who influenced me the most has to be Doris Nielsen. She showed me where the heart of teaching is: she showed me that it's relationships that matter, not just the knowledge."







## BRUCE O'BYRNE

*Oswego, New York*  
**PRE-SEASON:** majored in physical education; played intramural indoor soccer and floor hockey; served as

student assistant men's basketball coach

**GAME TIME:** varsity girls' basketball coach at Cato-Meridian High School, substitute teacher for four school districts; 50-32 record as a varsity high-school coach; coached over 200 high-school and collegiate basketball games

**BY THE BOOK:** "I believe in discipline, fundamentals, sportsmanship, teamwork, and conditioning. One is not more important than the other—if one of these is taken away, there will be a deficiency in the program."

**CONDITIONING:** "Coach Lord gave me direction in my choice of a career path. Coach George Wells (professor emeritus of physical education) pushed me to be my best and to be professional . . . Steve Brooks (former men's basketball coach) showed me the importance of intensity in coaching and pushed me to pursue my graduate studies."

## MARK ASHLEY

*Landisville, Pennsylvania*

**PRE-SEASON:** physical education major of the year; NAIA All-American; P.E. Club president; captain, men's soccer team; student senate athletic committee; Houghton soccer camp staff for two years

**GAME TIME:** health and physical education teacher at Hempfield Central School in Hempfield, Pa., his *alma mater*; head coach varsity boys' and girls' soccer; the girls were champions four times, third in the state twice; Mark honored as Coach of the Year in 1995 and 1996

**BY THE BOOK:** "My team plays together. No one gets isolated. I try to utilize everyone's strengths. Physical fitness is important; if the team members are fit, they are less likely to make technical errors."

**CONDITIONING:** "Coach Burke was very influential in my life. He instilled in me a lot of what I try to teach my players today. (Former professor) Dr. Spud Wentzell helped me develop as a coach/leader and my soccer teammates influenced me too; we often talked about going into coaching after college." ♦



The fans are on their feet as the young runner rounds third base. The catcher, a kid twice his size, positions himself to receive the throw from the outfield to put an end to this competition. Tucked away in back pockets, sports camp registration forms are forgotten as parents shriek, "You can do it." The coach is cheering at the top of his lungs . . . or is he yelling?

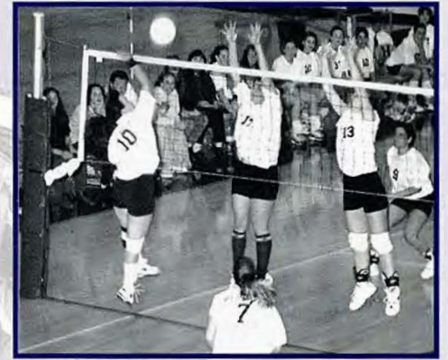
# Good Sports

by H. Skip Lord '80

When it comes to kids and sports, parents wrestle with questions such as the role of athletics in their child's development, how much exposure to athletics is healthy, and how to encourage a talented child without pushing him. I apply an adapted "liberal arts" perspective to these issues. This summer, when parents sign up their kindergarten through third-graders for a basketball day camp at Houghton, baskets will be lowered and individual and team skills will be taught. They won't have to worry about intense competition or whether their child is exceptionally talented. They won't have to wonder whether ridicule or affirmation will motivate their child. The focus will be on developing important life-long benefits ranging from physical health to mental, emotional, and social well-being. Exposing them to a wide range of positive athletic activities enables kids to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically.

A peek inside our toy boxes and garages speaks volumes about our activity priorities. We can create a home environment where "fitness" and an active lifestyle are modeled and enjoyed in the context of family fun together. For me, this included bringing my children to the gym, sometimes to jump rope on the sidelines and later to run drills with the teams I coached. For other families, the preferred pastime may be a game of catch in the back yard or a bike ride





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around the block. Whatever you choose, opportunities to enjoy physical activity from the earliest age, regardless of gender, are important for your children.

The physical education curriculum in school should support these same attitudes being taught at home, including exercise and gender equity. Teachers should emphasize development of a vigorous "lifestyle," mastering skills and rules, and learning to enjoy a wide variety of physical activity. Participating in more than one sport at a young age can be more beneficial than specializing too soon. Variety develops athleticism, exposes young athletes to the positive traits of a variety of coaches, and helps them to avoid burnout. In fact, many professional athletes were multi-sport participants in their youth.

When your child does begin to take interest in a particular sport, a sports camp or clinic can offer a good setting for exploration and skill development. While providing the opportunity and encouragement to your child is beneficial, forcing participation is never healthy. Youth programs and teams where everyone gets to play and affirmation is not limited to the few "stars" on the team are worth the search. The coach who encourages "nice try" or "you got your glove on the ball this time" goes a long way toward helping a child enjoy the game for its own sake. The coach who treats each game like the Superbowl can have lasting negative effects—there is no room at this level for people who are too quick to count wins and losses. Look for coaches and supervisors who love kids and love sports. The best developmental programs are often the ones run by your school because

coaches understand the educational value of athletic involvement.

If you notice a particular talent developing, it's time to decide, in the context of your family, how much time and finances should be invested in helping this "gifted" youngster. Sensitivity to siblings and establishing guidelines play a part in maintaining a balanced lifestyle. Even as participation becomes more intense, self-discipline learned through athletic activities should reveal itself in other areas, such as academic work. Decreased efficiency in the classroom signals the need for adjustments allowing success in both areas. Good social skills and teamwork should also be the by-products of athletic participation, not poor sportsmanship or a "superior" attitude, even if the predominant pressure from peers or school systems suggest otherwise.

When and if your child reaches the stage where advanced training is desired, seek out programs that build on the ideas stated above. Remind children that athletics is only part of a balanced lifestyle, and use these situations to help them learn to set priorities and establish goals worth working hard to achieve. Properly handled, this approach can result in character development carrying over into spiritual, academic, and social growth for a lifetime.

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*H. "Skip" Lord '80 will discuss these and other related issues on Saturday, August 7, during Summer Alumni Weekend. He serves as associate vice president for conferences and intercollegiate athletics.*





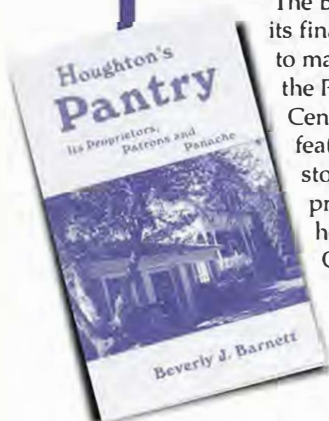
## Class Notes

Your classmates would love to hear about you. To share your news, write to Alumni Office, Houghton College, Houghton NY 14744 OR e-mail your news to [milieu@houghton.edu](mailto:milieu@houghton.edu). Don't forget to send any interesting photos; they may find their way into print.

### Alumni Author

*Houghton's Pantry, Its Proprietors, Patrons and Panache*, by Beverly Barnett '49, Pine Tree Press, Penn Valley, Calif., 1999, 87 pages. This vivid story takes readers back some 50 years to when The Pantry became the social center of students' lives at Houghton College. The story extends from 1940 to 1951 — from when the Pantry was a bustling ice cream parlor, then a book repository, to the "re-birth" of the tearoom called

"The Bent Cent" and its final dismantling to make room for the Paine Science Center. The book features personal stories of its proprietors and a host of patrons. Contact Beverly Barnett at [bever@telis.org](mailto:bever@telis.org).



**43** *The Best Years*, a supplement to Fort Dodge, Iowa, newspapers, recently profiled Lois Craig. A retired community college professor, Lois has befriended dozens of international students and is very active in the Nazarene Church. She founded a local historical society, published historical writings, and is working to land local sites a spot on the National Register of Historic Places. Lois currently serves as a regional VP of the Iowa Local Historical and Museum Association.

**44** Dick Elmer works part-time as assistant librarian in Lynchburg, Va., General Hospital's Health Sciences Library. He reports that he has joined the e-mail community and would be pleased to hear from friends. His address is [Elmerril@aol.com](mailto:Elmerril@aol.com).

**49** Calvin Tingley and his wife, Doris, divide their time between New England and Florida. They enjoy winter months spent at the World of Life RV Park in Hudson, Fla., where Calvin volunteers. He is retired from a teaching and administrative career.

**50** Bob Dingman went into semi-retirement several years ago due to the lengthy illness of his wife, Jan (Meade '52), who died last October. He has resumed work with his executive search firm, which specializes in seeking out leaders for Christian organizations. Bob recently joined the board of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

**51** A retired United Methodist pastor, Jackson Parsons is very involved in the ministries of Wattsburg, Pa., United Methodist Church. In addition to four children, he and his wife, Lola, have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**53** Edward Danks is serving as chaplain and adjunct professor for the Presbyterian Church of East Africa Pastoral Institute in Kikuyu, Kenya. Among his current efforts is the development of the institute library as well as satellite libraries for the PCEA's five regions.

REUNION **54**

**55** James Chen is a medical biologist at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine. He's presently working with clinical faculty members on projects related to thrombosis and hemostasis. James attends the Evangelical Presbyterian Northshore Community Church and is on the minutes committee of the Presbytery of the Southeast. He is also president of Knoxville's Taiwanese American Christian Fellowship. The group meets weekly for Bible study in Taiwanese.

REUNION **59**

**65** Dale and Sage (Krause '66) Brook reside in Gastonia, N.C. Sage is a nurse-midwife in private practice; Dale is an entertainer/minstrel specializing in Irish harp and bubbles.

REUNION **64**

**67** The February 1999 issue of *Small Business Times*, a southeastern Wisconsin business publication, cited Alan Bagg in an article on "branding." Alan is president and CEO of Corporate Images, a marketing and public relations firm. Alan notes, "We're proud to be the only Racine firm quoted in the otherwise Milwaukee dominated article." His company's web address is [www.corporate-images.com](http://www.corporate-images.com); Alan's e-mail address is [corpinnag@execpc.com](mailto:corpinnag@execpc.com).

**68** Fire protection engineer Dean Wilson has joined the consulting firm of Hughes Associates of Baltimore, Md. He'll continue to work out of his home in Windsor, Conn. Dean and a colleague publish a fire alarms systems newsletter, *The Moore-Wilson Signaling Report*.

REUNION **69**

Democrat Walter Mayo has been elected to the Springfield Township, N.J., town council. A resident of Bordentown, N.J., Walter is an executive with retailer Saks & Company. He and his family are active in Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Joy VanSkiver operates The Writing Exchange, a business writing and training consulting firm she founded in 1978. The company counts among its clients Fortune 500 corporations and major international organizations. Joy recently published her third book, *Simple Steps to E-mail Success*, through WREXpress, a division of The Writing Exchange. Joy lives in Chatham, N.J., and may be reached via [WritingEx@aol.com](mailto:WritingEx@aol.com).

**70** Carol (Lepper) Christian is a general-assignment reporter for the Houston Chronicle. She is a member of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church. Friends may e-mail Carol at [carol.christian@chron.com](mailto:carol.christian@chron.com).



# Alumni Board Election Profiles

The Houghton College Alumni Association Board of Directors is an elected, 19-member volunteer group which advises and assists the alumni office on a variety of issues and projects. An appropriate balance of age, gender and occupation is sought through the board's bylaws and election process. This year, four director spots will become vacant. The candidates for these four-year terms are:

## Greg Bish '95—Warrenton, Mo.

Greg is director of relief and overseas personnel for World Hope International. He works with churches and college student groups in identifying and managing missionary and economic development projects abroad. A former Red Cross and Youth for Christ volunteer, Greg currently attends Warrenton Wesleyan Church. He holds a master's degree from Alfred University.

OR

## Kim Nichols '96—Catonsville, Md.

A physics major, Kim is an applications software engineer with Lockheed Martin in Gaithersburg, Md. He currently serves as technical lead of both the Web Center of Excellence and United Kingdom Census Project; he expects to complete a master's degree in engineering this fall. Kim attends Chapel Gate Presbyterian Church, where he is involved in Sunday School and a men's Bible study.

## Kristen Roth Allen '90—Arkport, N.Y.

A history and Bible major, Kristen earned a master's of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. She and her husband, Bill '89, co-pastor the Arkport and Bishopville United Methodist Churches.

Kristen has been involved with Habitat for Humanity since 1991, working on projects around the US and starting the HFH chapter in Alfred, N.Y. She and Bill have one daughter.

OR

## LuAnne Miller Brubaker '90—Houghton, N.Y.

An education major with a master's degree from Syracuse University, LuAnne taught college level ESL (English as a second language) courses and pre-school before her two children were born. She is now an at-home mother and does occasional ESL work. LuAnne and her husband, David '90, attend Houghton Wesleyan Church. Her activities include choir and home Bible studies.

## Katherine Nightengale Seawright '59—Macedonia, Ohio

Katherine attended Houghton for two years, before completing a nursing degree at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a staff nurse and supervisor for 33 years, while also helping her husband, Richard '58, in his pastorates. She has taught Sunday School, started a church day care, and served on the board of a social service organization.

OR

## Joan Gillette Whitehead '58—Canaseraga, N.Y.

A certified art teacher and former businesswoman, Joan substitute teaches regularly for districts near her home. This year she has initiated The Gateway, a community outreach ministry which includes Bible studies, work shops, tutoring and teen programming. She is active in her local church and Women's Aglow. Joan and her husband, Dale, have two children, both Houghton grads.

## Joyce Clifford Wunderlich '49—Rochester, N.Y.

Now retired, Joyce taught music for 47 years; 15 at the high school level and 32 at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. She has a master's degree from Ithaca College and a doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University. Joyce has been involved in various church ministries and the Mansfield University Campus Ministry. She helped to start a support program for the visually impaired. She has three children and five grandchildren.

*Running unopposed*

Please note your choices on the bound reply card found in this *Milieu* and return by August 1, 1999. Two voting boxes have been provided for the convenience of alumni couples. Please note that the board's bylaws limit voting to Houghton College alumni (former students, both graduates and non-graduates).

*The mission of the Houghton College Alumni Association Board of Directors is to serve Houghton College and its alumni as a link with the past for the benefit of the present to build for the future.*



**73** The March 1999 issue of *American Artist* featured the work of painter **Linden Frederick**. The Belfast, Maine, artist was noted for his skill in capturing rural landscapes, "the everyday places people live and work." Linden is represented by galleries in New York City and Santa Fe, N.M.

**REUNION 74** Fort Myers, Fla., resident **Tina Blanden** is enjoying her 24<sup>th</sup> year in the classroom, 23 of which have been devoted to kindergartners.

In March, **Carolyn Leach** marked her tenth year as a specialty advertising consultant for the Vernon Company. A Newark, N.Y., resident, Carol is active in a local

church, and the Rochester Chapter of Business and Professional Women, and serves as Second VP of the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce.

**Gregg Vossler** is executive director of International Schools of China. ISC is developing a system of private International schools on the Chinese mainland. Gregg and **Nancy (Hawkswell '75)** have four children, including **Krista '98**, and expect to relocate to York, Pa., this summer. The Vosslers can be e-mailed at [gvossler@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gvossler@worldnet.att.net).

As associate director of employee and labor relations for Syracuse University, **Deborah (Nelson) West** serves as the primary human resource contact person for 800 union employees and 150 supervisors and

managers. She works to ensure compliance with campus, state and federal regulations, represents the university at workers compensation and unemployment insurance hearings, and tries to "exhibit Christ-like compassion and understanding in highly volatile situations ... my job requires much praying for wisdom!"

**75** Ordained in 1979, **Phillip Perkins** is now in his 20th year of ministry in The Wesleyan Church. He is currently pastor of Lexington (Ky.) Stonewall Wesleyan Church. Phillip is also pursuing a doctorate in missiology through Asbury Theological Seminary.

**76** Cincinnati, N.Y., resident **Peter Bush** pastors the Taylor Wesleyan Church, works as a teacher assistant, and serves on the Cincinnati School Board. He and his wife, Judy, can be reached via [goots3@juno.com](mailto:goots3@juno.com).

**78** **Phil Bence** is directing a new doctor of ministry program for McMaster Divinity College of Hamilton, Ontario. This offering focuses on ministry in the small-church setting. Appropriately enough, Phil is also pastoring two small United Methodist churches near his home in Houghton, N.Y. Friends may reach him at [pbence@houghton.edu](mailto:pbence@houghton.edu).

A professor of music and choral conductor at Liberty University, **John Hugo** has been appointed Chorus Master of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra. John recently starred as Vangelier in the Lynchburg Fine Arts production of *Hello Dolly*. His e-mail address is [johnwillhugo@juno.com](mailto:johnwillhugo@juno.com).

**REUNION 79** On April 24, **Marc Maffucci** received his doctor of ministry degree from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Portland, Oregon. His dissertation examined pastoral transition in the North American Baptist Conference. Marc is senior pastor of Cascade Park Baptist Church in Vancouver, Wash.

**Debbie (Ludington) Stocker** is an administrative assistant for Xerox. Her husband, Jim, is human resource manager for Ormec Systems. The Stockers have three sons and live in Webster, N.Y. They are actively involved in Browncroft Community Church. They can be e-mailed at [jstock@frontiernet.net](mailto:jstock@frontiernet.net).

**81** **Bill Lamberts** has completed a Ph.D. in biology at the University of Minnesota. His dissertation discussed the role of viruses in killing blue-green algae. Bill is an assistant professor of biology at the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, near St. Cloud, Minn. Among the courses he teaches are aquatic ecology and plant diversity. Friends may e-mail Bill at [wlamberts@csbsju.edu](mailto:wlamberts@csbsju.edu).

## Future Alumni



Warren & Karen (Buck '89) Abbott  
Jeffrey & Pamela (Hayes '89) Anderson '86  
Tod & Ann (Morris '81) Baker '82  
Richard & Carol (Dixon '79) Bierwas  
Jim & Janet Bolich '90  
Jamie & Erma (Mekeel '84) Boswell '83  
Jonathan & Rachel Bradley '84

John & Sylvia (Sadler '82) Christensen '92

Edward & Trisha (Demperio '94) Cook  
Mark & Michele (Freeborn '91) Couser '91  
Norbert & Kris (Calcutt '89) Ehrich '88  
Jeff & Lenora (Wenger '89) Fry '87  
Michael & Laura (Brown '78) Hernandez  
Greg & Charlene (Kliwer '92) Hitchcock '92  
Tim & Jennifer (Kreidler '86) Kitchen '86  
Mark & Denise (Servello '81) Knox '84  
Bill & Maria Malay '96  
Bruce & Lisa '89 Moseley  
Tim & Olga Nichols '81  
Bruce & Joy (Roe '90) O'Byrne '88  
Nick & Brangwynne (Caves '91) Purcell  
Ken & Gwendolyn (Richardson '89) Roewer  
Ivan & Karen (Hillman '92) Rocha '92  
Paul & Deborah (Marsh '88) Schuliger  
Darren & Laura Sherland '84  
Andre & Cathy '89 Stoner  
Peter & Carolyn (Pugh '89) Tang '89  
Mike & Kelly (Knott '89) Walker  
Samuel & Janelle (King '94) Walsh '93  
Chuck & Jennifer (Miller '89) Wheeler '89

Julie Joy 3-26-99  
Caleb Jeffrey 10-27-97  
Colin William 4-2-99  
Gabriel 7-25-98  
David Carl 2-14-99  
Michaela 5-1-97  
Nathan Paul 3-14-97  
Jacob Daniel 9-2-98  
Lydia Grace 3-30-99  
Micah Joseph 3-30-99  
Jeremy Carlton 6-8-97  
Rachel 5-20-95  
Andrew Gideon 3-20-98  
Joseph Allan 3-10-99  
Brent Matthew 3-28-99  
Caden Quinn 1-30-99  
Joshua Timothy 3-11-99  
Benjamin David 10-13-98  
Jon-Michael 5-4-99  
Joel 11-1-98  
JohnDavid 5-1-99  
Sean Brendan 10-10-98  
Finn Nicholas 10-8-98  
Justin 5-7-98  
Micah Andrew 2-28-99  
Owen Altman 9-12-98  
Colin Carl 4-22-98  
Matthew 7-16-98  
Emma Joy 7-10-98  
Elizabeth Mae 3-6-96  
Megan Marie 5-13-98  
Joel Charles 2-24-99

## Down the Aisle

Gregory & Stephanie (Snow '97) Amos 4-3-99  
Paul & Lenise Baxter '90 10-17-98  
Edward & Trisha (Demperio '94) Cook 10-7-95  
Jason & Kathy (Faw '95) Fiorenza 9-26-98  
Shawn & Ruth Gee '94 5-15-99  
John & Erika (Manthey '95) Holmes '95 11-7-98  
Jim & Linda (Betzold '94) Kirk 3-13-99  
Milan & Karen (Shannon '87) Mrksich 5-9-98  
Scott & Carmen Reitnour '96 5-8-99  
Joseph & Kristen (Olsson '87) Schmidt 8-15-98  
Bradley & Karen Snyder '87 12-19-98  
Jason & Alyssa (Vans '97) Weaver 10-3-98





**83** Jack and Wendy (Kipp '86) Connell live in Canandaigua, N.Y. Jack is senior pastor of Canandaigua Wesleyan Church and has been named an adjunct faculty member at Asbury Theological Seminary; he'll teach one course per year in the seminary's doctoral program. Wendy is on the CWC staff as director of children's ministries. Their e-mail address is [jwconnell@juno.com](mailto:jwconnell@juno.com).

**REUNION 84** Manager of sales systems for Nabisco, Jonathan Barnett was presented the company's President's Award by CEO Rick Lenny last November for his role in the Nabisco Enterprise Retail Pen Pad Project. A Y2K initiative, this 13-month effort upgraded the company's order management process. Jonathan, who led an 18-member team, traveled over 150,000 miles in training Nabisco's 2700 sales professionals. He and his wife, Tracy, have two children and live in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Mark Knox works as an information systems project manager with MetLife's institutional billing unit. In 1997, Mark worked as an analyst/programmer and project leader of a team developing the company's corporate billing system (CBS). Entered in Microsoft's Windows World Open competition, CBS finished third, worldwide, among several hundred submissions. MetLife's CBS has been recognized in national trade publications, including *Insurance Technology and Information Week*. Mark, Denise (Servello '81), and their two children, live in Clarks Summit, Pa., and can be reached at [kniozy@aol.com](mailto:kniozy@aol.com).

Terry and Lori (Rice '83) Ruhl and family anticipate a summer move to Altoona, Pa. A physician, Terry has been named associate director of Allegheny Family Physicians' family practice residency program, which is affiliated with the Altoona Hospital Center for Medicine. The Ruhls have three children and can be reached via [truhl@usa.net](mailto:truhl@usa.net).

Joanne Tompkins will soon be moving to The Gambia, West Africa, as a career missionary. She previously spent two years there on a short-term project. Joanne will be working with the Wolof people and specializing in adult literacy.

**86** Westfield, N.Y., residents Tim and Jennifer (Kreidler) Kitchen traveled to the Kenya highlands in 1998 for a four-month stint at Tenwek, a 300-bed missionary hospital. A physician, Tim cared for patients through a serious malaria epidemic and the region's first-ever cholera outbreak. Jennifer provided practical support in a variety of ways, including caring for hospital guests and teaching children's church. The Kitchens recently welcomed their fourth child (see *Future Alumni*). Their e-mail address is [tkitchen@pol.net](mailto:tkitchen@pol.net).

**87** Eric Gray and his family recently moved from suburban Chicago to the Ozark National Forest region.

Eric has been named senior pastor at Fellowship Church in Russellville, Ark.

Kristen (Olsson) Schmidt is educational coordinator of the group home program at St. Joseph's Villa in Rochester, N.Y. She is volunteer curriculum coordinator for the KATS—Kids Adjusting Through Support—and is pursuing a master's degree in education.

Bradley Snyder completed his master's degree and teacher certification through D'Youville College. He reports that he received a job offer from the Buffalo, N.Y., Board of Education the day after his wedding (see *Down the Aisle*). He is now teaching a third- and fourth-grade special education class.

**REUNION 89** Andrea Marston is an associate producer with Angelsea Productions. Her projects have included Martha Stewart Television, an award-winning documentary, and the feature film "Sleepers." Andrea enjoys pottery and crafts and attends Faith Baptist Church. She can be contacted at [alm@angelsea.com](mailto:alm@angelsea.com).

A project director with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Brian Osterhus is responsible for ensuring that organization's Y2K compliance for several mainframe and server applications. He and his wife, Pam (Lewis '88), live in Westwood, N.J., attend Pascack Bible Church, and are enjoying raising twin sons. Contact the Osterhus family via [briano123@aol.com](mailto:briano123@aol.com).

Coral Gables, Fla., is now home to Thom and Kathy Faust-Satterlee. An English composition instructor at the University of Miami, Thom received the 1998 Translation Prize from the New York City-based American Scandinavian Foundation; he was cited for his translations of Danish poet Henrik Nordbrant. Kathy teaches sixth grade in the Miami-Dade public school system and helps care for her ailing father. Friends may e-mail Thom and Kathy at [KTSatterlee@aol.com](mailto:KTSatterlee@aol.com).

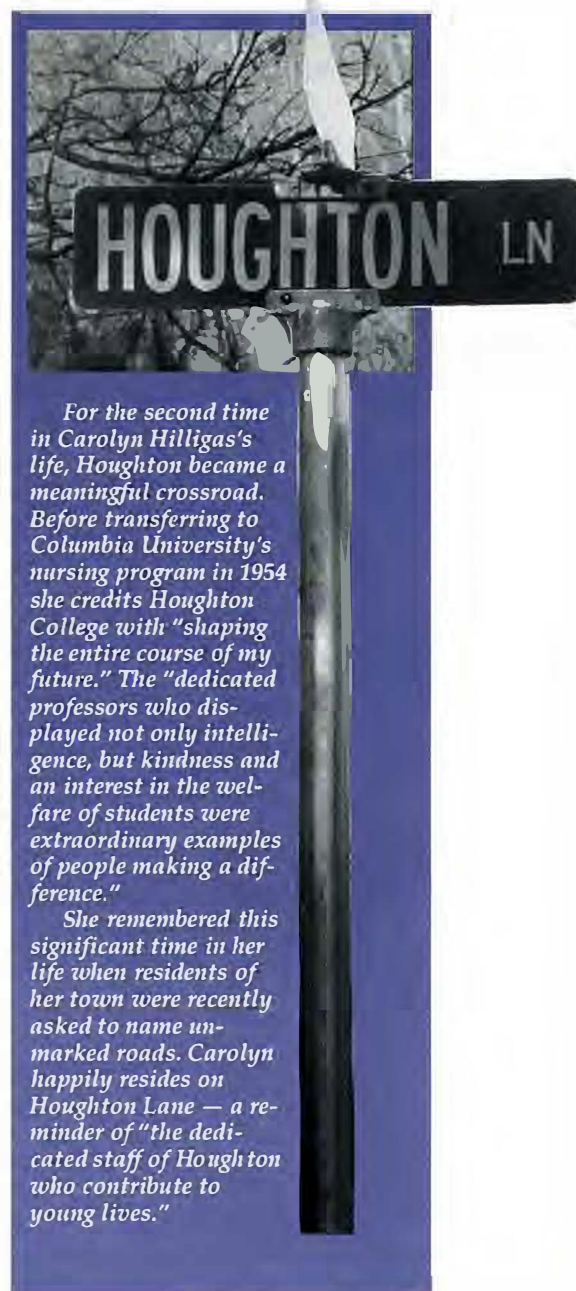
**90** Carrboro, N.C., is home to Paul Baxter and his wife, Lenise (see *Down the Aisle*). Paul operates a cleaning/janitorial business. He is very involved in their church, conducting a male a cappella choir and coordinating music for a "grad and career" group. Paul can be reached via [pdaxter@mindspring.com](mailto:pdaxter@mindspring.com).

**91** As manager of legal services and compliance for Lewan Associates, a Denver, Colo., office technology reseller, Steve Alderman oversees the firm's legal and human resource areas. He and his wife, Kara Horst-Alderman, and their two daughters live in the Denver suburb of Aurora.

Melissa Macdonald lives in Williamsville, N.Y., and works as a news producer for WIVB-TV in Buffalo. She anticipates a summer 2000 wedding. Melissa's e-mail address is [rjeiii@aol.com](mailto:rjeiii@aol.com).

**92** Joe Galli has been named chief of staff to the supervisor of Maricopa County, Ariz., a rapidly-growing area which includes Scottsdale, Mesa, and Gilbert. He anticipates involvement in an effort to preserve Spur Cross Ranch, a pristine and historically important 2200-acre site, from development. Joe enjoys soccer and golf, is active in Scottsdale Bible Church, and plans to volunteer with several upcoming political campaigns. Friends may reach him via [JoeGalli@aol.com](mailto:JoeGalli@aol.com).

Educators Greg and Charlene (Kliwer) Hitchcock reside in Mentone, Calif. Greg is academic dean at Cedu School, a



*For the second time in Carolyn Hilligas's life, Houghton became a meaningful crossroad. Before transferring to Columbia University's nursing program in 1954 she credits Houghton College with "shaping the entire course of my future." The "dedicated professors who displayed not only intelligence, but kindness and an interest in the welfare of students were extraordinary examples of people making a difference."*

*She remembered this significant time in her life when residents of her town were recently asked to name unmarked roads. Carolyn happily resides on Houghton Lane — a reminder of "the dedicated staff of Houghton who contribute to young lives."*



school for at-risk teenagers. He recently completed a master's degree through University of Redlands. Charlene is pursuing a master's degree in special education at California State University. After three years teaching in a bilingual elementary program, she will be staying home to care for their new son (see *Future Alumni*).

After teaching in the Philippines, Keith and Amaris (Orlemann '94) Lynip have returned to North Carolina and Appalachian State University. Amaris is pursuing graduate study in public history and is assistant editor for *Albion*, a journal of British studies. Keith is book reviews editor and is teaching history at the university. They can be e-mailed at [lynipk@appstate.edu](mailto:lynipk@appstate.edu).

A retirement specialist with T. Rowe Price, Lisa Mattoon has recently relocated to Colorado Springs, Colo. She completed her MBA at Loyola College, Baltimore, Md., last summer. Lisa's e-mail is [lmattoon@hotmail.com](mailto:lmattoon@hotmail.com).

Ivan and Karen (Hillman) Rocha live in St. Michaels, Md., with their infant son (see *Future Alumni*). Karen recently completed a master's degree in library and information science through the University of Maryland. Ivan has been promoted to systems manager of the digital imaging service center for Cadmus Journal Services.

**93** The April 4, 1999, issue of *Vista* featured the poem "Lilies," penned by Paula Marolewski. *Vista* is a publication of The Wesleyan Church.

Bensalem, Pa., resident Doug Mbire has completed a master's degree in counseling at Philadelphia College of Bible and is now studying clinical psychology at La Salle University.

**REUNION 94** Marshall Pet Products of Wolcott, N.Y., has promoted Isaac Ball to manager of management information systems. Isaac previously served the company in sales and internal auditing capacities. Isaac and his wife, Lynn, live in North Rose, N.Y., with their two children. They attend Christ Community Church.

Trisha (Demperio) Cook lives in Baldwinsville, N.Y., with her husband, Edward, and their son. She teaches Spanish at Baldwinsville Central School and is also a certified equestrian instructor.

Tim DeTellis has launched Next Level Communications, a consulting firm specializing in client relations. Next level runs training seminars, produces an audio program, Next Level Solutions, and hosts monthly breakfast and lunch gatherings for business leaders. An Orlando, Fla., resident, Tim is a featured speaker for area Chambers of Commerce and consults with Orlando Metro, a large, weekly Christian gathering. Danika (Timura '96) assists Tim with Next Level and cares for their young son.

Stephan Munyard completed a master's degree from Syracuse University in 1997. He is now living in Victoria, Australia,

and teaches chemistry at Maranatha Christian School.

**96** Denise Delp works in the marketing department of Hatfield (Pa.) Quality Meats. She anticipates a summer wedding.

**97** Alyssa (Vans) Weaver (see *down the aisle*) is currently working as a substitute teacher. This summer she begins work toward a master's in education at State University of New York at Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, N.Y. for certification in art and elementary school teaching.

Washington State University awarded Jason Weins a master of science degree in exercise physiology at its May commencement. A former Houghton track and cross country athlete, Jason has served WSU as a volunteer coach. Jason will be working in one of the university's science laboratories while he considers long-term options for work, graduate study and seminary. Friends may contact him at [jweins@wsunix.wsu.edu](mailto:jweins@wsunix.wsu.edu).

**98** Rick Kiddy pastors the United Church of Friendship (N.Y.), a congregation formed by the joining of American Baptist and Assembly of God churches. He also serves on the steering committee for Friendship Central School's after-school program.

**99** Erin (Warren) Elliott and her husband, Tom '95, anticipate a summer move to Omaha, Neb. Tom will be teaching and coaching at Mission Middle School; Erin will be a dental student at Creighton University.

## P.A.C.E.

Program for Accelerated College Education

**P1** Cindy Bradfield of Yorkshire, N.Y., has been promoted to P.A.C.E. program coordinator at the West Seneca campus and will continue to be site coordinator for the program's Arcade location. In her new capacity she will advise students on credit completion plans and life learning assessment.

**A2** Lori Cilano of Williamsville, N.Y., has been appointed as coordinator of admission for the West Seneca P.A.C.E. program. Her prior experience includes marketing responsibilities with L'Oreal Corporation.

**H2** Charlene R. Brosius of North Tonawanda, N.Y., has been appointed administrator of Glenwell, a new DePaul senior living community in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

**V2** Katie Buvoltz of Randolph, N.Y., is serving as Twin Tiers coordinator for P.A.C.E. Her experience includes human resources at Bush Industries, and 10 years of involvement in training and management with Covenant Players. She will be responsible for the Olean site, and the development of additional sites in the Southern Tier.

## In Memoriam

'26 Clair E. Carey, 97, passed away on December 27, 1998. He was a member of Houghton's second-ever degree-receiving class. Clair majored in mathematics, served on Boulder and Star staffs and was class and student body president. He moved on to Harvard University where he earned a master's degree in math. Much of Clair's teaching career was devoted to Greenville (Ill.) College. He taught there for 24 years, serving concurrently as admissions director for 13. He was noted for his Christian character, love for his discipline, and teaching excellence. Greenville awarded him an honorary doctorate upon his retirement in 1971. A college icon, he continued to live near the campus and stayed involved in college life. He was the patriarch of Greenville's emeriti. Clair is survived by his wife, Gyneth, two children, and four grandchildren.

'29 Physician Clifford A. Kingsbury, 92, died on March 18, 1999, in Ballston Spa, N.Y. Clifford came to Houghton to prepare for a medical career. He lived in Bowen House, part of an athletic group of fellows calling themselves the "Bowen Bachelors," and played on the purple basketball team. College records suggest that Clifford went directly to Albany Medical College after just two years at Houghton—a career path that was not unusual at that time. He completed his medical studies in 1932 and his residency in 1934. Clifford then established a family practice in Ballston Spa, which he maintained for 63 years; he retired in 1997. His civic involvement included the Ballston Spa Rotary Club. Clifford is survived by Mary, his wife of 52 years, two children, four grandchildren, and two siblings, including Catherine (Brooks) '39.

'30 Willet W. Albro, 94, passed away on November 28, 1998, in Wynnwood, Pa. Bill studied economics and history at the college while participating in intramural sports; he was purple captain from 1929-30. He taught at Chautauqua, N.Y., Central School. He earned a master's degree from Cornell University in 1937, before returning to accept a position at Rushford Central School in 1939. He served Rushford Central as teacher and principal for 33 years. Bill's community activities included the Rushford United Methodist Church, the Masons, and the historical society. He and his wife, Ruth (Brandes) '39 (see following obituary), who survived him briefly, enjoyed many winters



in Clearwater, Fla. In addition to descendants, Bill is survived by his sister, Alta (Griffith) '28.

'33 Ruth (Brandes) Albro, 86, died January 5, 1999, in Philadelphia, Pa. Ruth majored in Latin and French and was involved in campus musical clubs. She joined the faculty of Rushford Central School, serving as teacher and librarian through 1969. She completed a master's degree at Geneseo State College. Ruth was a member of the Rushford United Methodist Church, the Cynthian Club, Rushford Historical Society, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Rushford Free Library. She is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and three sisters, including Ardith Burns '39 and Mae Loomis '34.

Ellsworth LeRoy Brown, 91, died on January 12, 1999, in Olean, N.Y. After graduation, Ellsworth began a teaching, counseling, and administrative career spanning 43 years. He also pursued graduate study, earning a master's degree from Cornell University. After retiring in 1973 he served as a local historian and penned two church histories and a family genealogy. He was a member of Kiwanis and a lifelong, active United Methodist layman. His first wife, Gladys (Brown) '29, passed away in 1981. He is survived by his second wife, Marie, three children, including Nancy (Manning) '63, three step-daughters and four siblings, including Marian (Bennink) '38, 17 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

'31 Marjorie "Mary" Boyd Bain, 94, passed away on March 31, 1999, in Medina, N.Y. Mary studied English at Houghton, in preparation for a teaching career. She was among the college's early "non-traditional" students, married (to Howard Bain '28) and graduating at age 27. After graduation, she lived and worked in Wy-



oming County, N.Y., for 17 years before moving to Oakfield, N.Y., where she taught sixth grade for many years and lived until her death. Mary was a member of the Oakfield Presbyterian Church, the NYS Retired Teachers' Association, and the Oakfield Book Review Club. She is survived by one son, a brother, and two grandsons. Howard predeceased her in 1988.

'32 Retired clergy Lyle W. Donnelly, 88, passed away on April 15, 1999, in Bridgeton, Mo. Lyle graduated from Houghton's school of music's then-new public school music course. He married Betty Smith and pastored Free Methodist churches in Pennsylvania, New York, and Kansas. In 1950, following Betty's death from TB, Lyle pastored the Greenville Col-

lege Free Methodist Church in Illinois. He served there for 11 years before moving to Oklahoma City, where he established the pastoral care office at Deaconess Hospital. He retired as full-time chaplain in 1976, but served part-time for another five years. His second wife, Lois, two children, and several grandchildren survive. In a 1996 letter to the Houghton alumni office, Lyle reported, "Even after 60 years, my heart still skips a beat when something reminds me of dear old Houghton!"

'32 Louise (Zickler) Hurd, 86, passed away on March 6, 1999, at her home in Peoria, Ariz. Louise graduated from Houghton Seminary (now Academy) and continued at the college, studying English and French in preparation for teaching. She married Glen Hurd in 1933 and celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary shortly before her death. Together, they enjoyed four decades of ministry, establishing a C&MA church and devoting 20 years to work among the southwestern Navajo. In retirement, Louise taught and tutored at an Indian school near her home. In addition to Glen, she is survived by two children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

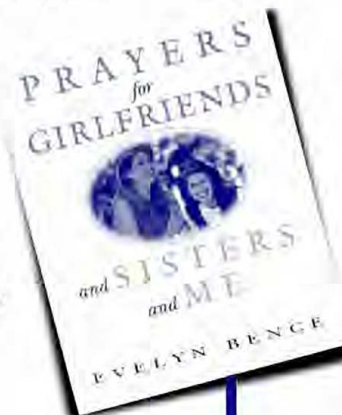
'35 Retired Wesleyan pastor Alvin C. Barker, 86, of Coldwater, Mich., died on January 19, 1999. Alvin studied religious education and Greek while lending his energies to athletic, musical, ministerial and literary activities. He entered the ministry of The Wesleyan Church after college and served a total of 43 years, all in the western Michigan district. He also served as district treasurer for 45 years. Alvin organized the Western Michigan Chapter of the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship and went to Sierra Leone with Wesleyan Gospel Corps in his retirement. He led three Holy Land tours in the mid 1970s. Alvin is survived by Pauline (Stairs) '37, his wife of 65 years, three children, including Garreth '65 and Kathryn (Carmer) '61, 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

'38 Retired schoolteacher Josephine (Baker) George, 82, died on July 23, 1998, in Warsaw, N.Y. Josephine completed her studies in social science and English and then returned to her hometown of Arcade, N.Y., for her entire 28-year career. In 1952, she completed a master's degree at Buffalo State College. Josephine was involved in the Arcade Monday Club, the NYS Teachers' Association and the United Church of Christ Congregational. She enjoyed quilting, reading, and collecting antiques. Josephine was predeceased by two husbands, George Hudson and Paul George; a son, Stephen, survives, along with three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

'38 George L. Johnson, 84, died March 30, 1999. After college, he embarked on a teaching career, devoting most of his time to Jasper, N.Y. Central School where he served as principal. He earned a master's degree from the University of Buffalo. George retired in 1977 and returned to the Jamestown

## Alumni Author

*Prayers for Girlfriends and Sisters and Me*, by Evelyn Bence '74, Servant Publications, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1999, 160 pages. This gift book celebrates the special friends who transcend time, age, and distance. Through the times of life like birthdays, anniversaries, losses, successes, creating a home, starting something new, or facing surgery these "conversations with God" get to the heart of supportive relationships and offer direction for lifting up friends in prayer.



area. George's activities included Steuben County School Administrators, Masonic Lodge, Jasper Presbyterian Church and Zion Covenant Church. Survivors include six children, seven grandchildren, two siblings, and his wife of 52 years, Doris. In a letter advising the Houghton alumni office of her husband's death, Doris noted "he always had the highest regard for Houghton College, and many good memories."

'39 Retired United Methodist minister William H. Jessop, 84, died March 7, 1999. William graduated from Houghton with a degree in religious education and continued his study of theology at Boston University. He entered the ministry of the United Methodist Church, devoting his life to congregations in western New York. William was named pastor emeritus at St. James Church, Niagara Falls; his most recent charge was Emmanuel UM Church of Grand Island, which he served after his formal retirement. Among William's survivors are his wife, Carol, one daughter, and several siblings.

'42 Myron "Mike" Holloway died on February 8, 1999, in Quinlan, Texas. Mike attended Miltonvale Wesleyan College, where he sang in a touring men's quartet,



before coming to Houghton. A Houghton schoolmate recalls him as an excellent athlete and popular campus figure. Mike worked at the local eatery/gathering place, The Pantry. World War II interrupted his Houghton education during his junior year. Mike stayed in the service through 1953, achieving the rank of captain. He lived in the eastern U.S. for many years, moving to Quinlan upon retirement. He had two children. Mike's last year was highlighted by a reunion of his Miltonvale Wesleyan College quartet.

'44 Retired pastor **William S. Calkins** of Perry, N.Y., died on April 3, 1999, in Tuscon, Ariz., after a brief illness. Bill majored in religious education, sang in college choirs and ensembles, and participated in evangelism while pastoring a small local church. He later completed a master's degree at Drew University. Bill and his wife, Marjorie, enjoyed more than 40 years of ministry in United Methodist churches in the greater Rochester area, serving beyond his formal retirement. He was a barbershop quartet singer and maintained a lifelong interest in missions. Bill raised money to purchase two fire trucks for Kentucky's Red Bird Mission and then, during a sabbatical, built a fire hall to house them. The Calkinses continue to assist Houghton students through a ministerial studies scholarship they established. Bill was highly regarded by classmates and served as a class-reunion leader; he was working on his 55<sup>th</sup>-class reunion at the time of his passing. In addition to Marjorie, Bill is survived by four children, including **William** '70, **Robert** '73 and **Janet**

(**Ciarvella**) '76, and eight grandchildren.

'50 **Charles Inkster, Jr.** of Ocean City, N.J., died on April 18, 1999. Charles double-majored in chemistry and zoology. He played purple-gold baseball, basketball, football and volleyball and also was on Star and Boulder staffs. Following college he served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; he later joined TWA as an international pilot. Charles was an elder and active member of First Presbyterian Church. One sister, two nieces, and a nephew survive him.

'50 **Jean Marie Lusher Rasmussen**, 74, of Wenonah, N.J., passed away on March 3, 1999. Jean attended Houghton from 1946-1948 before transferring to Bob Jones University where she completed her degree. An accomplished artist and poet, Jean had seen over 500 of her writings published in Christian periodicals, including *Decision*. She is survived by her husband Kenneth.

'52 **Harold Polanski**, 72, died December 22, 1998, after a brief illness. Harold received a master's degree from State University of New York at Cortland and a doctorate of education from State University of New York at Buffalo. A lifelong educator, he served at Niagara Community College, teaching biology and chairing the department and division. Later, he was academic dean and chief academic officer at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, Pa. Harold was active as deacon, trustee, youth leader, and Sunday school teacher. Besides **Virginia** (Gregg) '56, he is survived by two daughters, two grandchildren, and one brother. He was predeceased by brother **Stephen** '52.

'56 **Nancy M. Brink** of Dunmore, Pa., died on April 20, 1999, following a seven-year battle with cancer. She completed her nursing degree at Cornell University and later added a master's degree in nurses' education from Syracuse University. During her career, she held positions as both a staff nurse and teacher of nurses. While serving the Bath, N.Y., VA hospital, Nancy was commended for establishing a portable oxygen system. Nancy was active in Dunmore United Methodist Church and Nurses' Christian Fellowship. She is survived by her sister, **Ruth** (La Forge) '52, two nieces, and two nephews, including **Wayne La Forge** '80.

'62 **Norman Eugene Strum**, 62, passed away suddenly on March 26, 1999, in Fredericksburg, Va. Norm's college years were marked by involvement in Christian outreach and athletics. He was a member of Torchbearers and FMF and earned varsity letters in both football and baseball. He majored in history and psychology. After college, Norm joined the Ticonderoga, N.Y., School System, to which he devoted the next 33 years teaching social studies. Norm served on the Hague, N.Y., town planning board, was a 31-year volunteer with the Hague Volunteer Fire Department and an active member of the Hague Wesleyan Church. Norm provided leadership for the college's North Country alumni chapter. After retiring, Norm and his wife, **Lois** (Van Cleve) '62, established a second home in Fredericksburg, Va. Norm is survived by three children, including **Norma** '89 and **Richard** '85, two brothers, including **Dwight** '57, his step-mother and a granddaughter.

'65 Physician **Stephen G. Wood**, 55, of Watsontown, Pa., died January 30, 1999, of injuries sustained in a traffic accident. Stephen studied zoology and history at Houghton and was involved with pre-med and science clubs. He went on to earn a DO from Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and certification as a family physician. Stephen worked in group settings until 1979, when he established a solo practice, which he maintained until his death. He was associated with Bucknell University's health center and was sports physician for Warrior Run High School. He enjoyed gardening, sports and civic involvement, and served First Presbyterian Church as an elder. Stephen is survived by his wife, **Edith**, siblings, and two children.

'69 **Donald C. Stetson** passed away on December 27, 1998, following a long illness. He embarked on a business career, eventually managing N.Y. and New England sales activities for Sperry and Hutchinson. Donald maintained a life-long interest in athletics, enjoying intramurals in college and town and church sports leagues through his adult years. An active layman, he served the church in various capacities, including teacher, deacon and elder. He is survived by his wife, **Vera**, daughters **Tonya** (Noonan) '91 and **Nicole** (Buffum) '94, two granddaughters, his mother, and a brother.

## Memorial Gifts as of 5/13/99



**Thomas C. Armstrong** by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Armstrong; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Armstrong

**Frederick M. Ballinger and Elaine H. Ballinger** by Estate of Elaine E. Ballinger

**Chet and Ruth Barker** by Mr. Brian S. Brennen

**Rev. William Calkins** by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Pask; Rev. Victor L. Smith; Mrs. Marjorie Calkins; Ms. Ethel L. Flannery; Mr. and Mrs. John Godfrey; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Niebch; Miss Priscilla R. Ries

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**AUGUST**

- 31** First Day of Classes  
 \*Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for the Fine Arts Center

**SEPTEMBER**

- 5—9** Christian Life Emphasis Week—Dr. Steve Wingfield  
**29** Heritage Chapel—Houghton in the '50s, Dr. Stanley Sandler '60

**OCTOBER**

- 1—3** Homecoming—Echoes of the Century  
*see insert card for full weekend schedule*
- 1** \*Founders' Day Convocation—Patrick Kavanaugh,  
 Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship  
 \*Ortliip Art Gallery Opening and Dedication—  
*Seldom-Seen Paintings*, Willard and Aimee Ortliip  
 \*Artist Series – Moscow Chamber Orchestra
- 2** Groundbreaking for Athletics Legacy Wall
- 8—10** Upperclassmen Parents' Weekend
- 9** College Choir and Philharmonia Concert
- 22—24** First-year Student Parents' Weekend
- 22** Symphonic Winds Concert
- 23** Artist Series—Piffaro—Early Music ensemble
- 28—30** \*Fine Arts Center Dedication Weekend
- 29** \*Day Without Art  
 \*Dramatic Reading
- 30** \*Alumni Recital  
 \*Dedication Concert

**NOVEMBER**

- 20** Philharmonia Concert

**DECEMBER**

- 2—4** Madrigal Dinners
- 10** Symphonic Winds Concert
- 12** Christmas Concert

## CELEBRATING ARTS IN THE CENTER



*"The Ortliip Legacy," opening exhibit of the art gallery, will mark works from family, Houghton College and private art collections. To assist the Ortliip family in an inventory of the art, or if you have an Ortliip piece to consider for inclusion in this historic opening, contact Roselyn Danner, Gallery Director, Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744 by September 3, 1999. You may also e-mail [rdanner@houghton.edu](mailto:rdanner@houghton.edu); 716-567-2766.*

**ARTS IN THE CENTER**

*\*Formal celebration of the fine arts center began with a groundbreaking ceremony in April 1998 and will continue this fall with a series of special events. From cutting ribbons to dramatic readings and from an exercise in art deprivation to a gala concert, "Arts in The Center" is planned for celebrating—the gift of the arts, the outstanding facility, and those who have been part of the building of Houghton College. Watch your mail for details.*





## Velma Harbeck Moses Hewson

**A** close checking guard . . . a high point woman . . . the fastest girl ever to perform on Houghton's cinder path . . . a thorn in the side of the purple team" —*Boulder*, 1932.

Not bad for the little girl who loved jumping over logs as hurdles and who had never played organized sports until coming to Houghton College. About her years as an athlete at Houghton, Velma Harbeck Moses Hewson '32, now 87, recalls "the cheers of the gold team's fans as the girl's basketball team took the floor in Bedford Gym for the purple-gold championship game; setting a relay team record that still stood when my son enrolled at Houghton; the coach who said 'Hold back, save a little for the end' of the 220-yard race. I lost to a purple team competitor and I never held back again."



*Velma Hewson, 1932 captain of the gold women's team, still makes sure the positions on her "team" are covered.*

She never held back as a community servant either. After three years of college, Mrs. Hewson began teaching Latin and algebra and coaching a girl's basketball team. She then served as office manager for her husband's business, E.S. Moses and Sons Cheese Company before working as a substitute teacher and raising their three children. Her local chamber of commerce recognized her as "the point person" in the historical society, PTA, girl scouts, and community chest drive. She provided tireless leadership to the United Methodist Church and to Houghton College as alumni board president, fund raiser and member of the President's Advisory Council on Excellence.

Of her interests and drive, Mrs. Hewson comments, "I've always been a volunteer. My reward is knowing I took part, I was 'in the game,' and did well for my team." In fact, her philosophy of life has been shaped by this concept. She explains, "To this day, living as part of a team has been the order of my life, whether the team is my family, my community, or my alma mater. I believe our actions affect others. Teammates should depend on each other because cooperation is key to success."

Although the golf course and bridge table now replace the basketball court and track, Mrs. Hewson continues to apply her mother's advice to her sport and her life— "Do the best you can, it's all you can do."

**Velma Harbeck Moses Hewson.** Outstanding athlete. Team player. Honored volunteer. Houghton College commends her and all its alumni making a difference around the world.

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