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Standing on the Side of Hope

by Shirley A. Mullen '76

"THEN AND NOW" MOTIFS ARE AN INVITATION, especially to a historian president, to focus on all that has changed at Houghton between 1883 and 2008. Certainly there would be much to write about as you will see in the pages that follow.

I want to focus on one thing that has stayed the same: Houghton's commitment to standing on the side of hope for our troubled world and on the side of hope for each individual who comes into our community.

Recently I traveled with several faculty members to Sierra Leone to explore ways that we might continue Houghton's longstanding partnership with that country, now recovering from a long and brutal civil war. (You may recall that we have had Houghton alumni in Sierra Leone since the late 19th century—planting churches, training pastors and lay leaders, establishing hospitals and schools, running youth camps, etc.)

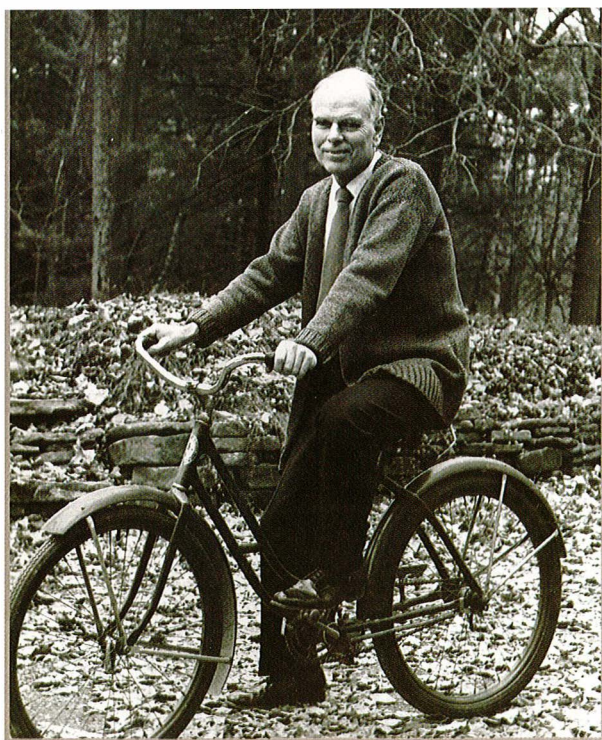
One of our contacts was Richard Konteh, deputy minister of finance and economic development, a committed Christian believer and an "alumnus" of Wesleyan primary education and summer youth camps. We asked what gave him hope for his country in the face of imminent food shortages, massive unemployment, lack of electricity and clean water, war-torn infrastructure, rural and urban poverty and so on. He paused, fittingly, and said quietly that he could only hope in hope itself. He went on to say that it was easier to think in terms of courage and that what gave him courage to face each day was the knowledge that he, as an individual, could make a difference for good. Having seen something of the challenge that he faces each day, we were deeply moved.

I have thought of that conversation often since returning to the United States. It is that same conviction—that one person could make a difference—that inspired Willard J. Houghton to establish a school here in the Genesee Valley 125 years ago. It is that same conviction that has motivated thousands of Houghton alumni through the decades to be agents of God's creative, costly and unrelenting work of redemption in this world, both here in North America and around the globe.

In *Romans 8*, Paul reminds us that hope, by its very nature, requires us to live with the puzzling mix of contingency and confidence—"contingency" because we do not yet see what we hope for; "confidence" because we serve an all-powerful God who has committed himself to the task of restoring a fallen world to its original glory.

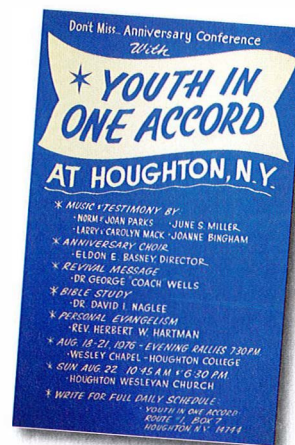
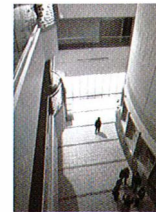
Whether in the midst of post-war Sierra Leone or suburban, Midwestern North America, we as Houghton alumni are invited, indeed compelled, to live on the side of hope. We must work for, and wait for, the coming of the justice and the peace of God—when the Lord of the Universe claims all that is rightfully his and the prophetic visions of *shalom* shall finally come true. May it be so!

Shirley Mullen '76 is president of Houghton College.



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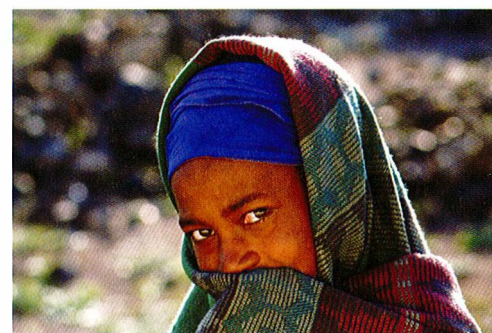
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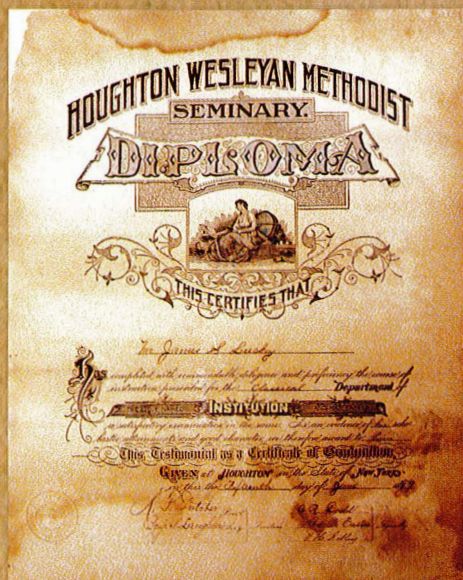
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Celebrating the Journey...



An early diploma from Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary, awarded to **James S. Luckey** in 1889.



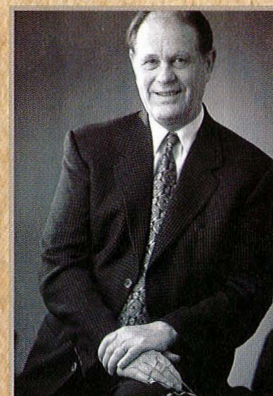
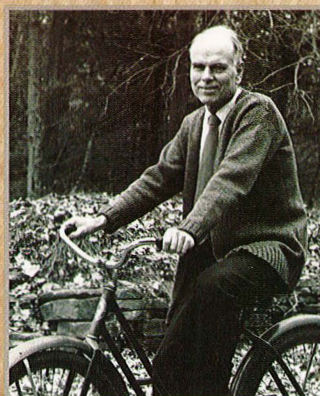
In 1923, the state of New York granted a provisional charter for Houghton College—which had offered college-level course work as early as 1899—began granting bachelor's degrees in 1925. Diploma #1 (pictured) went to **Allen Baker '25**.

WILLARD J. HOUGHTON, founder of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary that gave rise to both Houghton Academy and Houghton College, was fond of signing off from his correspondence with the phrase “Yours for fixing up the world.” In 2008, 125 years after the seminary’s founding, Houghton still has that global perspective at heart.

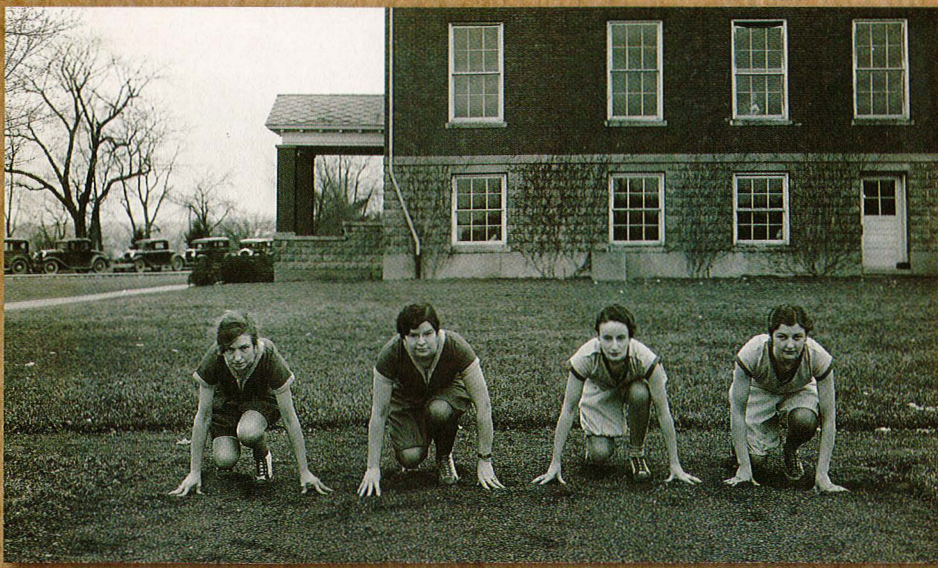
“Houghton College is the type of institution that can effectively frame the Christian liberal arts tradition to the culture,” says **Shirley Mullen '76**, college president, “We

provide the elements that cultivate spiritual formation that transforms students’ lives. They graduate—in a variety of professions—able to meet change and ambiguity with integrity and moral courage, proactive global citizens who encourage and model stewardship of creativity, time and resources.”

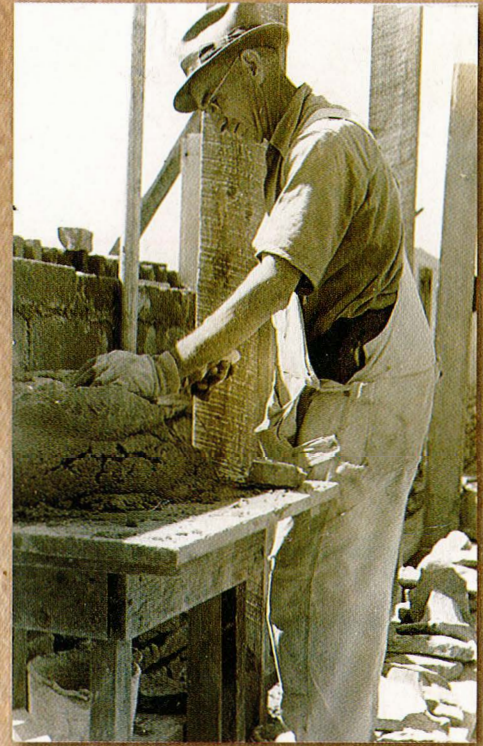
On these pages and those that follow we celebrate the journey of Houghton through its first 125 years and reaffirm its mission to prepare scholar-servants who are equipped to lead and labor in a changing world.



James Luckey '89 (1894-96, 1908-37), **Stephen Paine H'76** (1937-72), **Wilbur Dayton '38** (1972-76) and **Daniel Chamberlain** (1976-2005) preceded Mullen as presidents of the college.



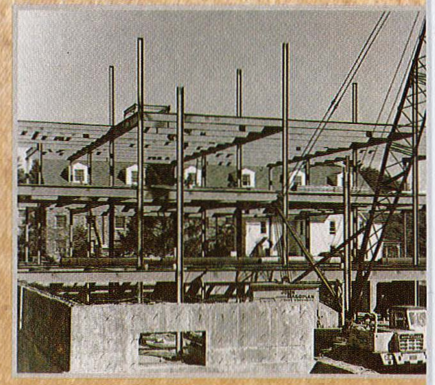
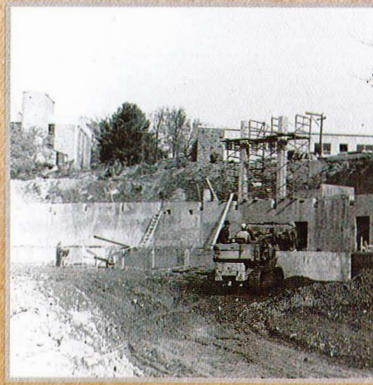
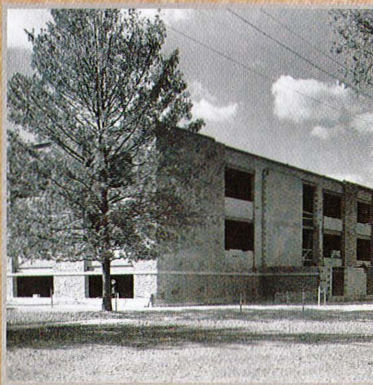
In May 1921 purple and gold divisional competition began; shown here are **Vila (Ackerman '32) Fitzgerald, Louise Minnis '32, Genevieve (Mathews '33) McCabe** and **Velma (Harbeck '32) Hewson**—who participated in women's track just over a decade later. The first intercollegiate contest—cross country against Roberts Wesleyan—took place in the fall of 1967.



A shortage of bricks in the 1930s forced local workman Chester York to use stone from area creeks as a building material for the college's new administration quarters, Luckey Memorial. The college used the plentiful stone for Wesley Chapel and East (now Gillette) Hall as it built the campus, then adopted it as a façade on all subsequent major college construction.



In 1958 the secondary school adopted a new name, Houghton Academy, and began construction on its own campus (Bowen Hall shown here) on Thayer Street, where Vetville once stood.



In just over ten years, from the early 1960s to the early 1970s, the college added five major buildings that changed the campus dramatically: Shenewana Hall, Willard J. Houghton Library, the Paine Science Center (not shown), Brookside (now Lambein Hall) and the Rheinhold Campus Center.



... Transforming the World

BY DEAN LIDDICK '60

HOUGHTON AT 125: Examining the Years since the Centennial

"STILL BUILDING ON THE UNITY OF truth" read the inscription on the graphic symbol designed for the Houghton Centennial in 1983. Those words accounted for and affirmed Houghton's past and made an implicit promise for her future; a quarter-century later the college continues to amplify upon that inscription.

Within a year of its centennial, the college linked its Houghton and Buffalo campuses by microwave technology, enriching classes on both. It also began computerizing the library catalog system and began a successful equestrian program.

In 1985 the college launched a \$13.5 million capital campaign to finance new academic and performing arts facilities, while increasing endowment and underwriting

current operations. Groundbreaking ceremonies featuring a great-great-grand nephew of Willard J. Houghton led off construction of a new men's residence (now Rothenbuhler Hall). In 1986 the college completed five townhouse units at West Seneca, providing housing for student teachers and interns working in the metropolitan area. On the main campus, installation of the Soaring Eagles sculpture in front of the Reinhold Campus Center commemorated the six seniors, members of the Homecoming court, killed in an automobile accident days before that event in 1981.

Between 1987 and 1989 the college demolished 81-year-old Gaoyadeo Residence Hall and 65-year-old Woolsey Hall, then relocated Fancher Hall to Gao's old site, making way for a new building (now called the Chamberlain Center) that unified classroom space and faculty offices for five academic disciplines. During this same time frame, construction projects doubled the floor space of the cramped visual arts building and also installed computerized heating and cooling controls for major buildings, resulting in significant energy savings.

In 1989 the college launched its Program for Accelerated College Education, an adult degree completion curriculum which has enabled more than 1,000 individuals with at least two years of college credit to complete bachelor's degrees while working and/or raising families. The college also took responsibility for an extension campus in Lincoln, OR; although the college no longer sponsors that program, it was a precursor to other significant off-campus programs.



Family and friends gather around the sculpture built to commemorate six members of the class of 1982 to mark the 25th anniversary of their death.



Christian witness has been a stated purpose of Houghton's intercollegiate athletics since 1967, and Athletics Director **H. "Skip" Lord '80** has built upon that mission, emphasizing outreach to "those we play with, those we play against and those we play in front of." Over the past two decades Houghton teams have made 30 sports ministry trips to more than 10 countries while local outreaches include summer camps and clinics. Athletics continue to be an integral part of a Houghton education, with 80 percent of students participating in either intramural or intercollegiate sports. Significantly, athletes are students first: more than a third of class valedictorians and salutatorians during this time have been intercollegiate athletes and in 2008 11 of 12 varsity teams achieved the grade point average necessary to achieve "Scholar Team" status from the National Association of In-

tercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). On the playing fields, more than 30 teams have advanced to NAIA national tournaments and **David Lewis**, head coach of the women's soccer team, has set the NAIA record for career wins (267).

Originating beyond the campus, but affecting it deeply was a 1988 effort by the New York State Low Level Waste Siting Commission to create a nuclear dump in Allegany County. The confrontation lasted two years with various college personnel lending scientific and environmental expertise and moral support to the county-wide battle that successfully opposed the proposal.

In 1994 a dozen new townhouse units introduced "real-life" dynamics for students while giving the college greater flexibility in enrollment planning. The 17-room Inn at Houghton Creek—built as a collaboration of faculty, towns-



In 1988 the college moved Fancher Hall to the site where Gaoyadeo once stood.



Brian Davidson '82 (red shirt) is one of many alumni involved in sports ministry. Here he poses with Head Coach David Lewis (sunglasses) and members of the women's soccer team (black shirts) in Ethiopia.



Professor of Anthropology Jon Arensen leads class in the Houghton in Tanzania program.

people and the college's Willard J. Houghton Foundation—provided visitors a much-needed housing option. In Buffalo, the King Urban Life Center began its inner-city ministry in the restored St. Mary of Sorrows Church. Today, Houghton students volunteer hours there tutoring reading and supplementing the educational program.

The late 1980s to 1995 saw a score of longtime faculty retire and death claim others who had provided long and fruitful service. The once familiar role of "chapel checker" vanished in 1993, supplanted by student IDs swiped through barcode readers. By mid-decade Houghton undertook The Educational Technology Initiative, which provided each student with a laptop computer and the skills to use technology to expand academic, personal and professional horizons. Classrooms now have hard-wired and wireless internet connections, as do college residence rooms.

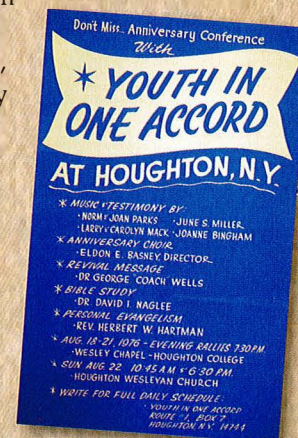
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In 1995 Houghton College and Houghton Academy cooperated on a major building project at the Academy which expanded its academic facilities—new classroom and office space, plus a student commons and the construction of a 280-seat theater-auditorium to benefit both institutions. The college also built a townhouse quadruplex, augmented with four more a year later. (Ten years later these have become the beginnings of a retirement community.) The year also saw the construction and dedication of Stevenson House, the first college-owned

presidential residence.

As the vision to produce graduates capable of leading in an interconnected world matured, Houghton launched full-semester off-campus programs in Tanzania, in Australia and at the Star Lake campus in the Adirondacks. The First Year Honors Program began in London during the spring of 1997, followed soon after by the fall London program, available to all students. More recently the Eastern-Europe-focused "East Meets West" honors program has grown equally popular.

In 1997 one of Houghton's best-known extension teams, Youth in One Accord, disbanded after 47 years of ministry under the leadership of "Coach" George Wells '47. That same year Kenneth Nielsen retired after more than three decades of



The Herbert and Margaret Stevenson House, presidential residence.

service to the college, most of them as chief financial officer. Nielsen was pivotal in creating the Willard J. Houghton Foundation, which has provided a conduit for millions of dollars used to advance the community's and college's interests. Nielsen's successor, **Jeff Spear '79**, engineered a \$15 million bond issue at favorable rates, which in 1998 financed construction of the long-awaited Center for the Arts and the Alumni Athletic Complex, consisting of a new soccer facility (Burke Field), a six-lane composition track, permanent bleachers, lighting for night events and new tennis courts.

Subsequently, the college has added townhouse units and a 36-apartment complex to provide housing for the anticipated influx of graduate students entering expanding master's degree programs.

The closing millennium brought recognition that the accelerating pace of the previous two decades was the new norm. Rising student expectations, upgraded and new facilities, the mounting cost of technological relevance and support staff, coupled with ever-eroding federal and state scholarship programs, heralded unprecedented need for new money. Consequently, the college launched a five-year campaign, initially seeking to raise \$25 million for Houghton's modest endowment and for operating support.

That same year construction to the Willard J. Houghton Library added a handicapped-friendly main entrance and a three-story rear addition which allowed for re-configured and enlarged stacks, offices and a dedicated archival area. The physical education center received a major facelift and was named to honor Ken and **Doris Nielsen**.

In 2000 the campaign and the college received major impetus and publicity when an anonymous \$15 million gift to endow a master's degree program in music effectively doubled the campaign goal. Despite the economic downturn which soon followed, the campaign progressed so well that trustees extended the effort two years and added a \$10 million capital component to upgrade Paine Science Center and Wesley Chapel, to explore building a new visual arts center and to update the campus center lounge. At the campaign's end in June 2006, the revised \$48.5 million goal was surpassed and \$57 million raised.

Following the successful launch of the Greatbatch School of Music's master's degree program, the college

initiated the processes to add graduate programs in religion and education, slated to begin in the fall of 2008 and 2009 respectively. A new floor atop the library, connected by a skybridge to the Chamberlain Center, has become the religion department's new home.

Freshly underscoring the long cooperation between the college and the Houghton Wesleyan Church, the two organizations agreed in 2004 to commission and operate a state-of-the-art tracker action organ, to be housed in the village church. Nearing completion now, the organ replaces a failing instrument that was purchased in 1935 to serve both church and college.

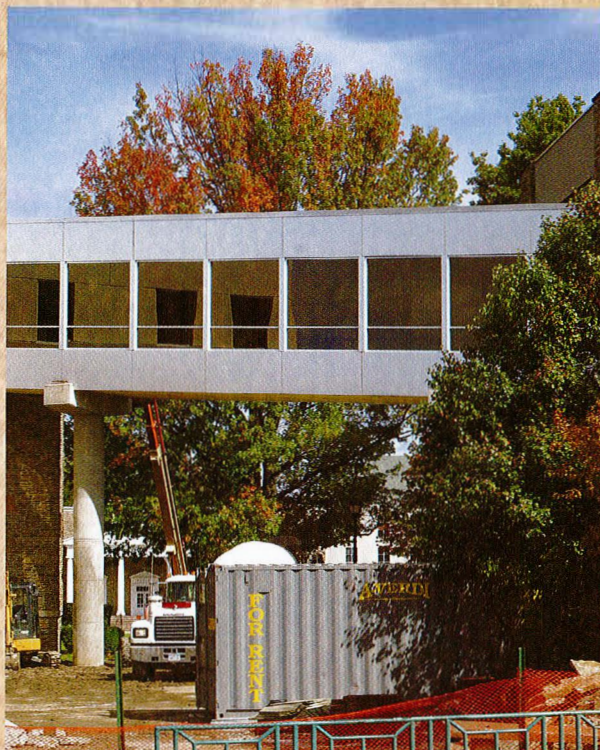
In 2005 the college was re-accredited following the ten-year Middle States review and President **Daniel R. Chamberlain** announced he would retire. In Founder's Day ceremonies, the trustees renamed the academic building the Chamberlain Center in honor of Chamberlain and his wife **Joyce**, both of whom were praised for their personal warmth, for collegiate growth and for strengthening Houghton's sense of community across three decades.

A dozen longtime faculty members retired, while art department founders and sustainers, sisters **Marjorie Ortlip Stockin H'94** and **Aileen Ortlip Shea H'91**, were among

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Groundbreaking ceremony for the Center for the Arts.



The skybridge between Willard J. Houghton Library and the Chamberlain Center during construction.



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those who died. If effectively melding continuity and change is a useful gauge of institutional stability and vitality, some faculty statistics since the centennial are revealing. While 34 *emeriti* professors have retired since 1983—some of them after 40-plus-year careers—39 of the 101 hires since the centennial have accrued 10-25 years of service.

When **Shirley Mullen '76** became president in 2006, college publicity noted that she was only Houghton's fifth president in a century. (Before 1905, Houghton's leaders were known as "principals" of what was primarily a secondary school—the precursor of Houghton Academy.) Like her immediate predecessor, Mullen required multiple invitations before accepting the position, and like President **J.S. Luckey** she might be termed a "local." Despite her Canadian origins, she lived in

Houghton and attended Fillmore Central School for all of her secondary education before becoming salutatorian of her Houghton College class. Also like Luckey, for a time Mullen gave simultaneous leadership at two colleges—in her case Houghton, and Westmont in California, from whence she left her post as provost—a feat which underscored her energy, concentration and sense of duty, and the great assets that jet aircraft and electronic communications can be.

Mullen's inaugural theme, "For such a time as this," was a scriptural phrase with richly layered meaning for the college, for its publics and for its first female president. Two years into her term she has moved decisively to build an administrative team for the immediate and long-term challenges and opportunities she perceives. As she put it to her board of trustees, "our generation has been given a college that has the possibility of being one of a very few truly high quality Christian colleges in the world."

"In order to be an effective Christian liberal arts college for the 21st century, we must be sharper than ever in the sciences and more intentional about our strategy for preparing Christians who are effective in cross cultural settings at home and overseas," Mullen says, "We have a strong tradition and foundation to build on in the sciences and global engagement, but the rapid pace of change in both areas will require concentrated and sustained attention in the coming days to assure our continued strength."

In concluding the 75th and 100th anecdotal histories, editor Kenneth Wilson penned: "Houghton College is a continuing responsibility that simply passes from one generation of loyal believers and doers to another... The substance must grow and the dream must grow, always keeping ahead... Today, we are the generation. Today, Houghton is in our hands. Keep the faith!"

Dean Liddick '60 is a "local" who continues to serve Houghton College in myriad ways, most recently as a major gift officer, despite having "retired" some time ago. He is the founder and past editor of Milieu.

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Then and Now

Two women born four-score years apart
and their respective Houghton journeys

What do you want to talk to me for?" **Edith (Davis '29) Densmore** asks, "I never did anything!" Well, her visitor explains, you've taught school, helped put your husband through dental school, raised two children while he built a successful practice and you're the oldest living alumna of Houghton College. "I don't want any article that delves into the wonderful things I did for humanity," she says with a twinkle in her eye,

then pauses for effect, before delivering her punch line: "I did it all for myself!" Her cackle echoes around her room at the Methodist Home in Franklin, IN, and spills out into the hallway, drawing the attention of a passing nurse, who pokes her head in to make sure Densmore's alright.

"Basically, I'm a slacker," insists **Naomi Christensen '08**, her laughter bouncing around her questioner's office and out into the hallway. Her track and

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field coach recognizes her chortles and sticks his head in to say hello. He is quite familiar with Christensen’s infectious laugh because she’s just completed a highly successful senior year, earning first team All-American status during the indoor season and qualifying for a spot at the national championships at the end of the outdoor season.

She was also the valedictorian of her class with a perfect 4.0 grade point average and a double major in business and accounting—and earlier this summer earned national first team Academic All-American status. “I do everything because I’m extremely competitive—that’s my secret,” Christensen says, “It can be a scary thing sometimes!”

Hard to believe that Christensen

could scare anyone; she’s too personable, with that booming laugh that rolls out easily from her slim body and attracts people instantly. It’s easy to believe that she’s competitive, though: her nine individual college records (she’s also part of five relay teams that hold marks) belie an inner fire that burns hotly and drives her to achieve.

Densmore’s laughter and pleasant demeanor cover a backbone of steel that carried her through an upbringing on a western New York dairy farm, the Great Depression, two World Wars, various economic ups and downs and—Lord willing—all the way to her 102nd birthday on August 16.

Her paternal grandfather emigrated from Wales in the 1850s so that he could have the opportunity to buy land. Her father owned a dairy farm in Freedom, NY, where she grew up. Densmore’s mother grew up on a farm near Cuba, NY. After finishing eighth grade, her mother went to work as an apprentice for her aunt at a millinery store in Cuba, “because [my grandfather] thought that a girl ought to have something besides marriage to choose from,” Densmore says.

She believes that idea was in the back of her mother’s mind when she encouraged Densmore to go to col-

lege. Densmore’s high school French teacher—who had done three years at Houghton before finishing his degree at Wheaton (before Houghton received its charter and could grant college degrees)—also encouraged Densmore to enroll at Houghton. Her mother took in boarders—teachers from area schools—to pay Densmore’s college bills.

Christensen grew up in Houghton, her parents are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators who spend time in town and overseas. She went to Houghton Academy, where one of her teachers made her apply to a college as part of a class assignment. “Houghton was the easiest,” she says, “I’m good at school, and they had a nice financial package for me, so...” she shrugs her shoulders, “I really didn’t apply anywhere else.”

Christensen qualified for the honors program, which convinced her that she didn’t want to study history or philosophy. “I didn’t want to write very many papers, if possible,” she explains with a laugh. She finally settled on studying business because it would be useful, and “I do like the accounting part—that’s the part I really like. It clicks with my brain.”

It didn’t for Densmore; she failed eighth grade math. “I was always ahead of numbers,” she says with a laugh, “They were too static.” Language was her strength. She’d heard Welsh in church as a girl, studied Latin and French in high school and majored in education and English at the college.

She recalls **Freida Gillette** as a favorite teacher. **Ray Hazlett** was “a most wonderful English teacher,” Densmore says, remembering a spelling list that he required students to pass. She took French from **Pierce Woolsey**—“I loved him,” she says, and describes Professor **Claude Ries**—with whom she studied Greek—as “a friend as long as he lived.” The real story, though, may be that Densmore was more interested in what college life had to offer outside of the classroom.

She played basketball all four years—“We had an awful good time,” she remembers—for the gold team.



Can you pick out Densmore from among her basketball teammates? (Hints: She wears glasses, and her nickname is embroidered on the front of her blouse.)



Naomi Christensen setting the school record for the indoor 600M run.

NAOMI CHRISTENSEN '08

(Houghton students competed in intramural competition between purple and gold teams before instituting intercollegiate play in 1967.) She also played tennis and "did track and field," she says. ("Which events?" her visitor asks. "All of them!" she replies.)

She enjoyed music Professor **Herman Baker**: "He had a wonderful chorus," Densmore says, and she "always sang." Singing was an activity she would enjoy all of her life: Densmore says that she'd sing "for anyone

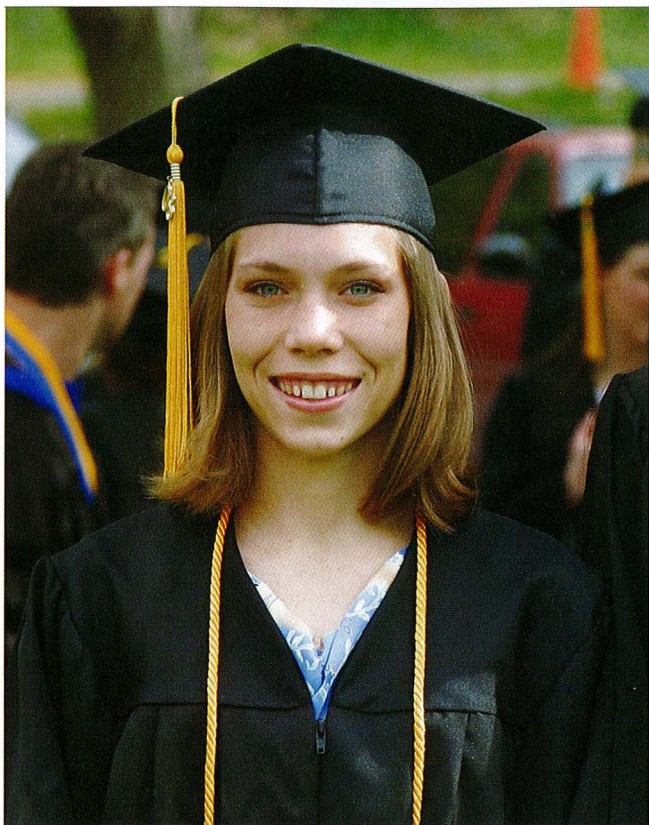
who would let me into their group!"

"What a wonderful college life I had," Densmore says, then, laughing, she confesses: "I didn't have very many free minutes to study!"

Christensen can relate. When asked how she managed to maintain a 4.0 grade point average and still train for her athletic career, she says: "I don't have a lot of friends," and laughs. Then, more seriously, she explains that she would ration her time carefully among her courses in order to

meet her academic goals. "I figure out what I need to do," she says, "If I don't do very well on the first test I'll step it up a notch. If I do well, I'll figure out what I did that worked...I have a rule that I never watch TV during the week and I go to bed by 10:30 every night because you can't run and do well if you haven't gotten your sleep."

"I did have to make some decisions," she says, "I've been taking 15 or 16 credit hours and working five to seven hours in the campus store each



Valedictorian Christensen

week." She decided to cut down the hours she was working, "because I was just getting too stressed out by trying to do everything. I was also getting kind of jealous of my senior buddies who are taking, like, 12 credit hours and have nothing to do!"

Densmore enjoyed the friends she made at Houghton, too. She lived with-

"I want to do something that I feel is useful and that I feel God really wants me to do."

in a 50-mile radius of Houghton until she moved to the home in 2003, so for years she and her husband Alvin would return to campus for alumni reunions. "Houghton always had a claim," is the way Densmore puts it, remembering the faculty and staff members who

would always want to chat with her and see her children. "It was family—a big, Houghton-like family."

There were 50 in her graduating class, and does she keep in touch with any of them now? "All gone," she replies.

Her Houghton education, however, has stuck with her. "It meant a good, sound Christian education," she says, remembering the Bible classes, like Pauline Epistles from **Frank Wright**, she and her husband took. "Between the two of us, we had a very healthy respect for Bible teaching: the knowledge that we are God-made and

that we owe that to him, in service of one kind or another."

Densmore's main service was as a homemaker, although she did teach school for three years when her two children were old enough to be in school themselves. The money she earned went for her husband's dental school tuition. In 1975 her husband retired and they moved from Perry, NY, to Woolcott, NY. He had a stroke and died in 1988, but Densmore stayed. In 2003 her son-in-law and daughter, **Richard** and Annette (Densmore) **Fero '63**, asked her to move to the home in Franklin, near their home in Shelbyville, IN.

Christensen isn't sure yet what her service might be. "I would like to keep involved in sports—I love sports," she says, "but I'm not really sure how. I want to do something that I feel is useful and that I feel God really wants me to do. I don't know what that is, yet, but I'm praying about it—trusting. If I end up in Houghton, I'd like to help coach the sprinters."

Notice that she said "sprinters," not "runners." "I hate to run!" Chris-

tensen says, adding that she refused to play soccer because it required too much running. She had played basketball at the Academy, but was tired of it so she thought she'd try "something new."

She didn't exercise at all her freshman year, "besides walking around," she says. In her sophomore year she decided that she needed to get some exercise. **Bob Smalley '78**, coach of the track and field teams, had been after Christensen to join. Her thoughts? "Why would I want to join track? That's a bunch of running!" But, she reasoned that if she were involved in a sport "I would probably be more inclined to actually [exercise], so..." an All-American career began.

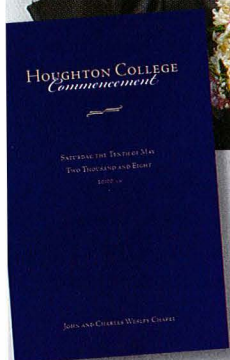
She stuck to the shorter races, though. "I don't think of it as running, I think of it as sprinting," she says, "and that helps!" She did well, setting Highlander records at 55M, 60M, 200M, 400M and 600M indoors and outdoors in the 100M, 200M, 400M and the 400 hurdles.

Her best event was the 600M. "I kind of have the body type for a middle distance runner," Christensen says, "it makes me wonder if I ran the 800M how I would do." No regrets, though, because running the shorter distances kept her out of distance training.

For the time being she'll spend the summer with family in Spokane, WA, and apply to accounting firms there. She'd like to get some experience in the field and see if she enjoys it—seeking her way to service.

Densmore wants to remain independent as long as she can, although she admits that "This business of 'I want to do it myself' gets in the [Lord's] way a lot of times." Does she have a message to her fellow alumni? "I have no idea how I would help them," she says, then adds a single word: "God!"

"You've got to have faith that if you pay enough attention to that voice—the one that doesn't even sound sometimes," she says, "If you could only live that close all the time—what heaven it would be!"



“...Prepared to Handle Situations Around the World”

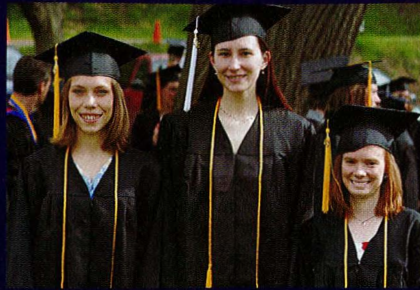
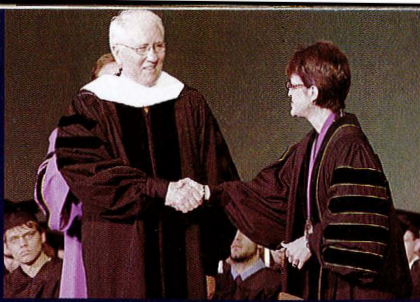
DURING A WEEKEND WITH A GLOBAL OUTLOOK, 305 graduates and their families and friends celebrated commencement May 10. The class of 2008 consisted of 295 receiving bachelor's degrees, five who received associate of applied science degrees from the Pastoral and Church Ministries Program and five recipients of a master's in music. The valedictorian was **Naomi Christensen '08**, who earned a bachelor's in business administration. Co-salutatorians were **Ashley Casey '08**, who earned a bachelor's in education, and **Sarah Garber '08**, who earned a bachelor's in English.

Graduation speaker **J. Brady Anderson H'08**, former head of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), challenged the graduates to look for hope in the world. "America has found strength in diversity," said Anderson, "and it is up to you to find...the values...that draw us together in spite of our differences." Anderson stressed the importance of loving God and loving one's neighbor. "In the world today 29,000 kids die from curable

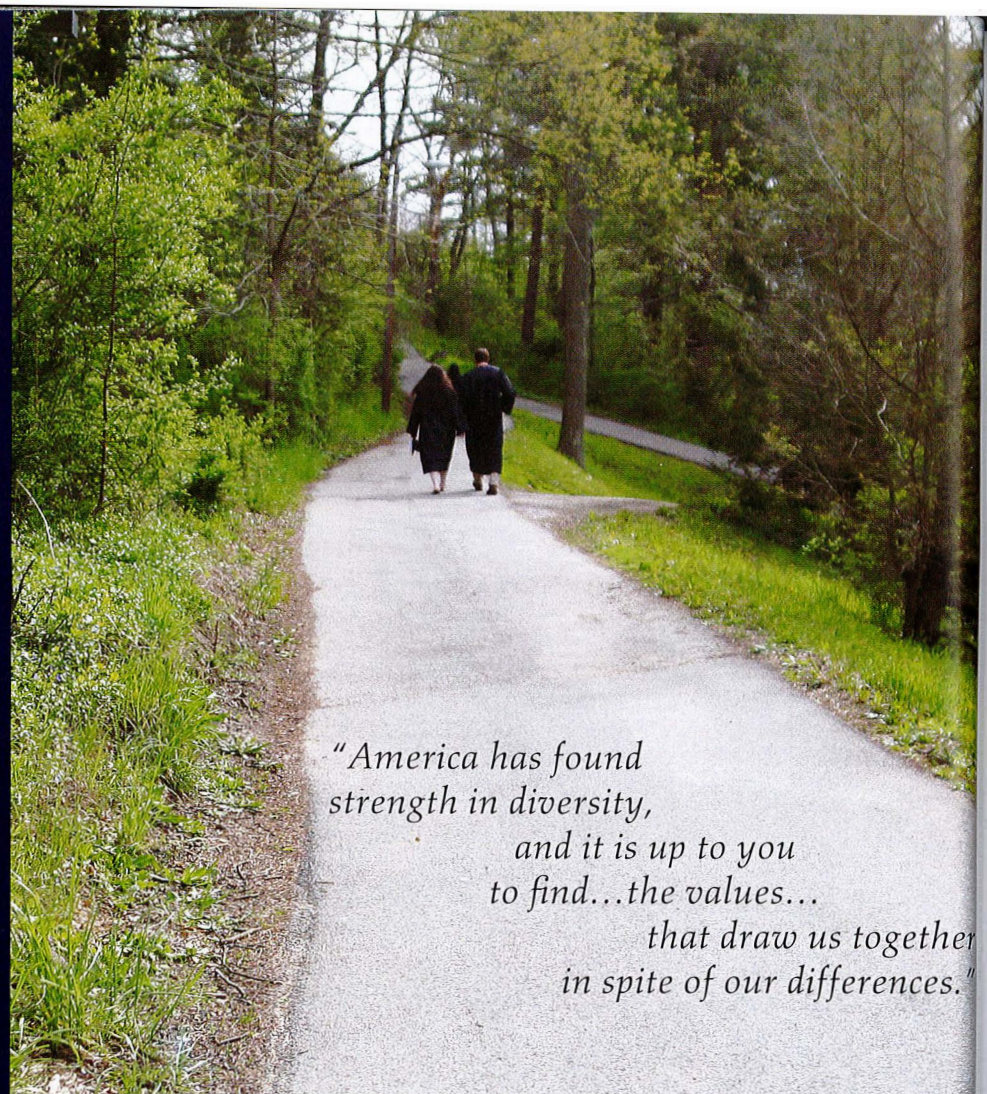
diseases. Are they your neighbors?" he asked, "Are the boys and girls who are forced into sex trafficking in Cambodia your neighbors? It is up to your generation to answer these questions."

"Do not let there be a barrier in your mind that you cannot make a difference, because one person can make a difference," Anderson went on, "With your liberal arts education from Houghton College you are well prepared to handle situations around the world. You have not only learned 'how' and 'what,' but are equipped with the knowledge to answer the question of 'why.' Invest yourself in the lives of other people, for their good and [for] God's glory. Look for ways to instill hope in others."

President **Shirley Mullen '76**, who presided over the ceremony, presented Anderson with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Anderson is a member of the Council of American Ambassadors, vice chairman of the board of World Vision and chairman of the board of Wycliffe Bible



TOP TO BOTTOM: (1) **J. Brady Anderson H'08** accepts congratulations while receiving the hood that marks his honorary degree. (2) Valedictorian **Naomi Christensen '08** and salutatorians **Ashley Casey '08** and **Sarah Garber '08**. (3) Professor of Education **Chuck Massey** gave the address at the 30th commencement for its Program for Accelerating College Education (P.A.C.E.) on April 26, recognizing 47 for successfully completing their bachelor's degrees. Graduates **Barbara Dee Counts**, **Heather Anne Morin**, **Jennifer Eberth Brown** and **Kelly Sue Cook** shared responses during the ceremony. (4) President **Shirley A. Mullen '76** talks with Houghton Medal recipient **Amory Houghton, Jr. H'83**. (5) The Houghton ROTC program held its commissioning on Friday, May 9. Remarks by **President Mullen** preceded Lieutenant Colonel **Richard C. Trietley's** official commissioning of **Ben Groen '08** as a second lieutenant.



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Translators. In 1994 he was appointed by President Clinton to be the United States ambassador to Tanzania. In 1998 Clinton appointed him to be the administrator of the USAID, where he directed programs of crisis relief and long-term development in 80 countries. Earlier, Anderson served in the U.S. Navy, earning the Vietnam Service Medal and Navy Commendation Medal. He also served as assistant attorney general and assistant to Clinton, at that time the governor of Arkansas. For eight years, Anderson and his wife lived and worked in Africa, conducting sociolinguistics research in indigenous African languages for the Summer Institute of Linguistics and assisting the Ethiopian Ministry of Education in the creation of a national bilingual education program.

At commencement, Mullen also presented the first Houghton Medal to **Amory Houghton, Jr. H'83**, retired New York state congressman. The newly established medal honors individuals who have sought to be agents of life and hope in the world, who have demonstrated what is possible when one takes to heart founder Willard J. Houghton's self-description as being "yours for fixing up the world."

"Amory Houghton, you were chosen for this award because you have shown us what is possible in the world when one seeks to be an agent of change," said Mullen, adding that Houghton has demonstrated a life of "caring for the poor and marginalized by doing works of mercy and by working to change the social structures, attitudes and habits that perpetuate poverty and justice."

Houghton was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1986 and served as a representative from New York's 29th Congressional District until 2005. During his service, Houghton was supportive of funding for the arts and education, civil rights and environmental protection.

President Welcomes New Members of the Academic Dean's Office

PRESIDENT SHIRLEY MULLEN '76 has named **Ronald Mahurin** academic vice president and dean of the college and **Linda Mills '74 Woolsey** as associate dean.

Mahurin comes to the college from the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU), where he was vice president for professional development and research.

"Mahurin brings to Houghton a deep commitment to faith-based liberal arts education, widespread experience in faculty development and a heart for connecting learning to the real world," said Mullen, "We believe that his coming will further Houghton's commitment to make this campus a center of intellectual, cultural and spiritual enrichment for western New York, and a more effective partner in the critical conversations in our culture on the nature and value of education for the 21st century."

In his position with the CCCCU Mahurin provided leadership in professional development for over 100 college and university campuses across North America, expanded professional development programs to annually serve over 1500 and coordinated major national research projects on student retention, quality and spiritual formation. Additionally, Mahurin built a network of business, higher education, pub-

lishing and non-profit organizations to partner with CCCCU and worked with national journalists to help raise the profile of Christian higher education.

Before his tenure at CCCCU, Mahurin was the director of foundation and corporate relations at Gordon College from 1995-99. In that role he managed approximately 40 foundation and corporate accounts during a \$42 million capital campaign. In 1996 he received a Circle of Excellence Fundraising Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Prior to that, Mahurin spent time leading a seminar on the topic of conflict and change in the Middle East for the CCCCU's Middle East Studies Program and served as a Malone

Fellow with the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, studying in Kuwait and Syria. He is the co-author of *Saints as Citizens: A Guide to Political Responsibilities for Christians*.

Mahurin has also consulted for various organizations, including the Association for Christian Schools International (ACSI), the PBS documentary project "Jews and Christians: A Journey of Faith," Regent University, Robertson School of Government, The Pew Charitable Trusts and The John Templeton Foundation's "Expanding Humanity's Vision of God" program.

Mahurin holds a bachelor's in political science from Gordon College and master's and doctoral degrees in political science from Miami University in Ohio.



Ronald Mahurin

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Linda Mills '74 Woolsey

"As a political scientist by academic training, Mahurin is committed to preparing undergraduates to be national and global citizens for our time," said Mullen.

Joining Mahurin in the academic dean's office will be Professor of English **Linda Mills '74 Woolsey**, who has been appointed associate academic dean by the president.

"It is both an honor and a challenge to be asked to serve the college as associate academic dean in this time of transition," said Mills Woolsey, "I am conscious of the responsibility being entrusted to me, and excited by the prospect of working with Ron Ma-

hurin, who brings strong experience to his role as academic vice president and dean of the college."

"Mills Woolsey brings to this position a strong record of teaching and service on the faculty, as well as experience at several institutions of higher education," said Mullen, "We are grateful she has consented to serve the faculty and the institution in this way."

"I see my new role as focused on serving the faculty, the dean and the president by fostering constructive communication, engaging in creative problem-solving, and maybe even helping to renew our sense of the great adventure of educating students to

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Since 1999 Mills Woolsey has taught in the English department. She has published poems in *The Cresset*, *The Sow's Ear* and *The Midwest Quarterly*. She has also published essays, short stories and encyclopedia articles. Two of her essays on the ballad novels of Sharyn McCrumb are included in Kim Holloway's *From A Race of Storytellers*. Mills Woolsey is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She holds a master's degree from SUNY Binghamton and a doctorate from Drew University.

First-ever NAIA Championship Highlights Highlanders' Spring Season

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES IN TRACK and field—including Houghton's first NAIA national championship ever—highlighted the second semester in Highlander athletics. **Naomi Christensen '08** (see the article on page 11) and **Kaitlin Fadden '10**—who set four college records and won an NAIA national championship—dominated the headlines.

Fadden ran an impressive 2:57:10 to win the women's marathon at the NAIA outdoor national track and field meet in Edwardsville, IL, on May 24. Fadden's win was the first NAIA championship by any Highlander—team or individual. Another runner passed Fadden with approximately four miles to go, building a lead of about 15 meters. "I thought she looked really strong and I was a little worried," Fadden said, "Then I thought, 'Well, I should at least try.'" Try she did. Fadden came back and caught the runner, passing her with less than two miles to go and going on to win by less than 200 meters.

"It's a great championship vic-

tory for her," said **Bob Smalley '78**, the track and field head coach, "It was an impressive effort—and to finish in a sub-three [hour] time is special, especially her first time out." Yes, you read that correctly: it was the first time Fadden had ever run the marathon.

She set college records at the 5K (18:03.44) and 10K (37:52.04) distances during the outdoor season. She'd also run a 10:32.88 to take 11th place in the women's 3000M at the NAIA indoor national meet in February.

The indoor national meet had yielded the most All-American efforts ever by Highlander track and field athletes, with six earning the honor (by finishing in sixth place or better). Leading the group was **Rachel Rhodes '08**, who took second place in the women's 3000M race walk. (Rhodes finished fourth in the same event at the outdoor meet to repeat as an All-American.)

Another All-American performance at the indoor meet came from Naomi Christensen, who ran a 1:35.45 in the women's 600M to take fourth place. Finally, the Highlander's distance

medley relay team of **Johnny Kimani '11** (opening leg—1200M), **Steve Scott '09** (400M), **Josiah Snelgrove '08** (800M) and **Dan Ballard '09** (1600M) went to the meet ranked 17th, but ran a 10:19.59 to take sixth place, and earn All-America status for all four members.

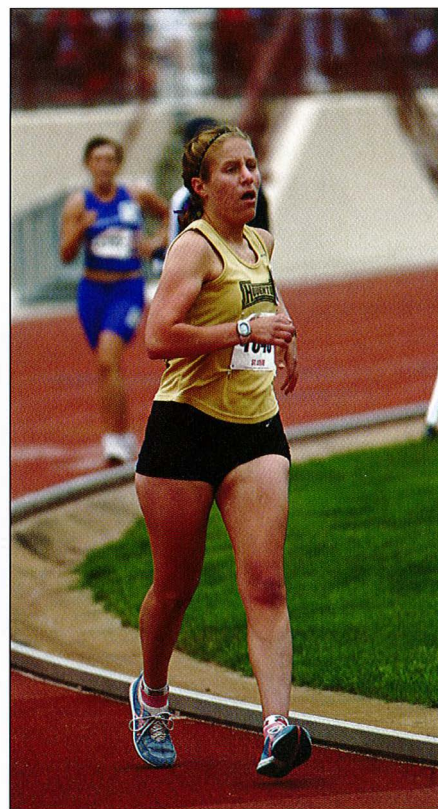
In addition to their performances on the track and field, five Highlanders won recognition from the NAIA as Scholar-Athletes, indicating that they are juniors or seniors with a grade point average of 3.50 or better: Ballard, **Jesse Braswell '08**, Christensen, Scott and **Sarah Whipple '08**.

BASKETBALL

Earlier in the year, the men's and women's basketball teams enjoyed



Yannick Anzuluni '10 (far left, with ball) and **Mada Abdelhamid '10** (third from right, in white) combined for more double-doubles (26) than any other teammates in the country.



Rachel Rhodes '08 on her way to fourth place in the 3000M race walk at the NAIA outdoor national meet. Rhodes had already earned All-America status with a second-place finish in the same event at the indoor nationals.

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strong seasons. The women's team finished the regular season at 15-11, including an 8-7 record in the tough American Mideast Conference's (AMC) North Division. That qualified the team for a playoff game—at Roberts Wesleyan College, which the Highlanders lost.

An early-season win over Milligan College provided a highlight of the season: the 300th victory of Head Coach H. "Skip" Lord's '80 college career. In a pre-game ceremony the next time the Highlanders played at the Nielsen Center, the team's tri-captains—**Becky Kallal '08**, **Cassie Merrill '08** and **Ashley Scudder '08**—noted that "Coach Lord...has modeled integrity, humility and a strong Christian faith for us. Our playing days will soon be past, but the friendship we have enjoyed with him will be part of our lives for many years to come."

"It has been a privilege to serve Houghton College for the last 21 years," Lord said later, "I've appreciated the support that I've been given through the college's administration

and the help of my colleagues in the athletic department. And, of course, it has been a pleasure to work with so many wonderful student-athletes over the years—they're the ones who win the games."

The AMC North honored three members of the women's team, naming **Ashley Dupler '11** its Freshman Player of the Year and giving her a spot on the All-AMC North, Second Team. **Leah French '10** and Scudder earned honorable mentions. Dupler, a 6'1" center from Jamestown High School, led the Highlanders in both scoring (13.9 per game) and rebounding (8.1) and blocked 73 shots to smash the college single-season record of 60. French, a 5'11" graduate of Owego Free Academy in Owego, NY, was second on the team in scoring, averaging 10.6 per game, pulled down 4.2 rebounds per game and led the team in steals with 45. The 5'8" Scudder split time between guard and forward while averaging 5.6 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. She was third on the team in steals with 35 and second in assists with 54. The senior from Fredonia High School started every game in her Houghton career and is the only player to serve as captain of the team all four years.

Four of the women achieved NAIA Scholar Athlete status: Kallal, Merrill,

Jody Tripler '09 and Scudder.

The men's team struggled for consistency, showing bursts of strong defense and tough rebounding, but turning the ball over too often and suffering from cold shooting at inopportune moments on their way to a 7-19 record. The team enjoyed a 7-9 start, only to struggle with a tough AMC North schedule.

There were bright spots. The team contended; it lost five games by 10 points or less—and three of them by five points or fewer. **Mada Abdelhamid '10** and **Yannick Anzuluni '10** earned their way onto the All-AMC North Second Team and **Ben Kopp '10** received honorable mention. Between them, Abdelhamid and Anzuluni made a potent one-two punch. No two teammates in the NAIA's Division II combined for more double-doubles (26); Anzuluni was tied for ninth in the nation with 14 and Abdelhamid had 12.

The 6'6" Abdelhamid, from Auckland, New Zealand, led the team in scoring with 15.2 per game and was the team's second-best shooter, at 49 percent. He was second on the team in rebounding, with 9.1 per game. Anzuluni, the 6'8" Ottawa native, led Houghton in rebounding, pulling down 9.5 per game and was second on the team in scoring at 14.3 per game. His 53 assists were second on the team.



Kaitlin Fadden '10 leads the women's marathon at the NAIA outdoor national meet on her way to Houghton's first-ever national championship.



Joan and H. "Skip" Lord '80 accept a game ball commemorating his 300th college coaching victory from his team's tri-captains.



In these pages, you will find news items from recent events and issues on campus. Because there are so many items to report on and due to space limitations, these items will be brief. Longer stories with further details on each of the items will be available through the Milieu section of the Houghton College Web site, www.houghton.edu/Milieu.

Sierra Leone

Connections: For many years—generations even—Houghton has had connections with Sierra Leone. During May, a group of Houghton College faculty and administrators, including Ken Bates '71, Jeff Carter, Andrew Gallman, Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82, Dan Minchen, Shirley Mullen '76, Ron Oakerson, Daryl Stevenson '70, Dan Woolsey '77 and others, visited Sierra Leone on an exploratory journey intended to strengthen connections and, perhaps, establish new programs and joint ventures. Guiding the group were members of World Hope International, which conducts relief work in the country. The delegation met with Sierra Leone President Ernest Bai Koroma, a member of The Wesleyan Church, who welcomed cross-cultural efforts. Stay tuned.



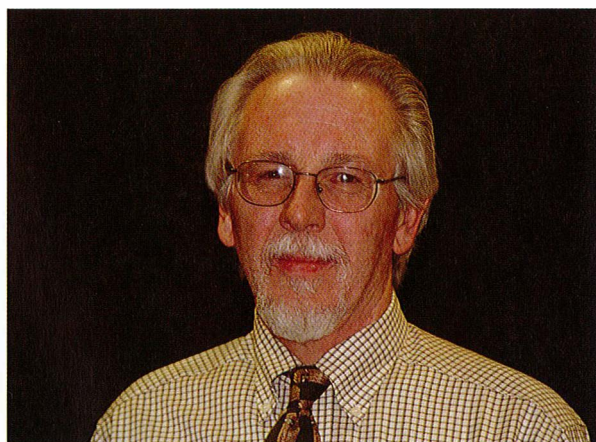
The Houghton delegation that met with Sierra Leone President Ernest Bai Koroma (center, in blue) and his advisors.

Service Recognized: The college recently honored the service of 31 employees at a special reception. Professor of English John "Jack" Leax '66 led the list, with 40 years of service. (A complete listing of all those recognized and their terms of service is available on the Web.)

In addition, eight employees were honored on the occasion of their retirement:

Bruce Brenneman (26 years; assistant professor of English), **Kathie (Wimer '64) Brenneman** (28 years; information center director), **Sandy (Carlson '64) Roederer** (27 years; academic records administrative assistant), **Reda (Hunt '73) Rozendal**

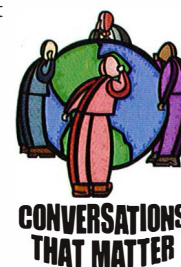
(19 years; advancement administrative assistant), **Bonnie Saylor** (30 years; library serials assistant), **Connie Van Slyke** (23 years; Greatbatch School of Music secretary), **Martha Whiting** (18 years; academic departments coordinator), and **Bob Whiting** (27 years; mechanic).



Poet-in-residence Jack Leax '66 led the list of employees honored for their years of service.

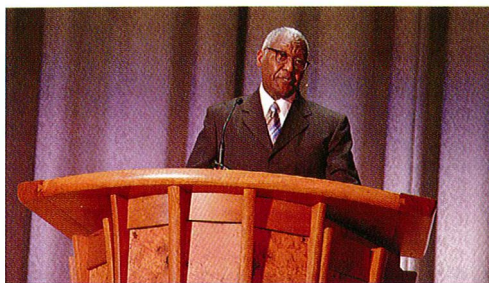
"Conversations That Matter:"

The college and Christ United Methodist Church in Olean joined together to present a series of four lectures and discussion exploring current topics. Entitled *Conversations that Matter*, the series was held at the church and open to the public. In January, Professor of History Meic Pearse explored "Life in an Age of Global Rage: Culture & Conflict in the Post-9/11 World." In March the topic was "Perspectives on Homosexuality: Psychology, Scripture and the Church," featuring presentations by Professor of Theology Richard Eckley, Professor of Psychology Paul Young '76 and Professor of Christian Ministries J. Michael Walters '86. "Gods of War: Is Religion the Primary Cause of Violent Conflict?" was the topic in April, with Pearse again the primary presenter. In May, "Stem Cell Research: Navigating the Moral Maze" was the topic, presented by Ben Lipscomb, associate professor of philosophy.



Ferdinand Named Pastor of the Year:

The Rev. Pierre Ferdinand, founding and senior pastor of Brooklyn Pilgrim Wesleyan Church, received the 2008 Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award. Ferdinand started the Brooklyn church in 1972 with a small group and has guided it to become one of the most vibrant and remarkable churches in metropolitan New York City. The church has been instrumental in planting five new congregations in the New York City area and one in Philadelphia. Prior to coming to the United States, Ferdinand served as a pastor, national leader and evangelist in his home country of Haiti and is a leading influence in the Haitian community of Brooklyn. He is largely responsible for the creation of The Wesleyan Church in Venezuela. Until his retirement, Ferdinand also worked full-time as a social worker.



The Rev. Pierre Ferdinand

Seen at One Willard:

- C.S. Lewis Scholar Louis Markos, professor of English at Houston Baptist University and author of the book *Lewis Agonistes: How C.S. Lewis Can Train Us to Wrestle with the Modern and the Postmodern World* gave a lecture addressing the importance of Christians reading the classics, in particular the pagan classics of the ancient world.
- Artist Lisa Deboer, assistant professor of art at Westmont College, examined the role of arts in Christian worship from a historical perspective, looking at the theologies and functions that images have

played in the main Christian traditions. In a second lecture, she focused on how theological ideas of "church" and wider social institutions having to do with "art" influence one another today.

- Islamic Missiologist Phil Parshall, author of nine books on Islam including *Bridges to Islam: A Christian Perspective on Folk Islam*, gave the Chamberlain Lectures. Parshall spoke on "Muslim Anger and Christian Response" and then addressed "The Clash of Civilizations—So What?"
- Jay Richards, research fellow and director of Acton Media at the Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich., gave two lectures.

Richards spoke on "Myths Christians Believe about Wealth and Poverty" and "What Should Christians Think about Global Warming."

- Ravi Zacharias Ministries' Director Joe Boot was the speaker for Christian Life Emphasis Week. Boot's books *Why I Still Believe* and *Searching for Truth* have been published in Europe and North America. Boot addressed questions about suffering, truth, morality and guilt.
- Duffy Robbins, professor of youth ministry at Eastern University, led a conference for youth ministers, entitled "Youth Ministry for a New Generation."
- Speakers at the business department's Guest Executive Dinners included:

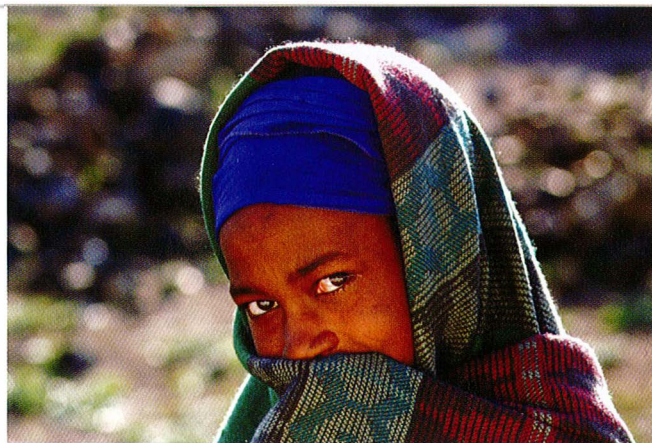
Emerson Fullwood, corporate vice president of Xerox Corporation and executive chief staff and marketing officer for Xerox North America. Fullwood is responsible for marketing Xerox's entire portfolio of products including office systems, digital production equipment and business services.

Bradley Van Riper, senior vice president and chief technology officer of Truck-Lite Co. Van Riper is responsible for the development of technology integration plans, intellectual property monitoring and regulatory standards monitoring for the global Truck-Lite organization.

Student Photographers:

Claire Essley '09 won an award at the 42nd Annual TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) International Convention in New York City for her project, "Through a Refugee Lens: Communicating Through Photography." As part of Arts Bridging Cultures, a summer education and enrichment program for recently arrived refugee youth in Buffalo, Essley worked with 13-17 year old refugees to document their life through photography. "Photography has long been used to document the lives of marginalized communities. Providing cameras to individuals within identified communities enables them to record and share their life as only they know it," said Essley.

Three photographs by Katie Doner '08 are featured in the book *Do Justice: A Social Justice Road Map*, published by Culture is Not Optional. Students from across the country were encouraged to submit original work for the publication as part of the Faith and International Development Conference at Calvin College. Doner submitted some of the photos she took while spending a semester abroad with Food for the Hungry's GoED Africa program. From Beaverton, Ontario, Doner is a double major in intercultural studies and art, with concentrations in development and photography.



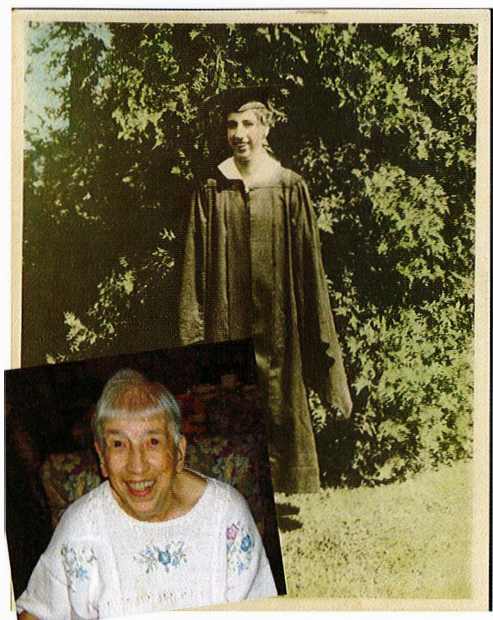
This photograph of a young Ethiopian girl in South Gonder was one of three taken by Katie Doner '08 to be included in a recently published book.

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33 Marjorie (Mulnix) Plotts Rettino attended Houghton during the tenure of President **James Luckey** and earned a bachelor's degree with majors in history and English. After graduating,



Marjorie (Mulnix '33) Plotts Rettino today (foreground) and at her Houghton College commencement.

Rettino taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Sullivan County, PA. After she married Kenneth Plotts in 1936, she gave up teaching to raise her family and was a housewife on the family farm in Estella, PA, until her husband passed away in 1955. She moved to Philadelphia in 1958 to be close to her daughter Vada and then remarried. After her second husband, Anthony Rettino, passed away in 1971, she traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. She was an active member in the Order of the Eastern Star for many years. Since 1986 Rettino has lived in the Philadelphia Protestant Home, currently in the assisted living section. She has volunteered there for most of those years, helping her fellow senior citizens in many ways. She celebrated her 98th birthday in June. Rettino has two daughters, Vada and Eileen, and a son, William. She has 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

58 John and Gladys (Wakkinen '56) Andrews celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 7, then hosted the Watchung Senior Citizens' Picnic on June 11. He sings bass in the Wilson Memorial Union Church Choir, the Wilson Men's Quartet and the Crescent Avenue Choral Society.

63 Louise (Bortree) Seaman joined with Wheel Power Christian cyclists for their 12th Across America mission trip. The team of 13 cycled from southern California to Virginia, staying in churches that provided meals and Sunday school rooms for their air mattresses. (A support vehicle carried the luggage.) Each day the team traveled in groups of three, stopping to present the gospel one-on-one. Seaman reports that the most frequent questions were "Who are you?" and "Where are you going?" "What a wonderful opportunity to let people know about our Lord and what He has done for us," she writes.

83 Glenn and Priscilla Chase ('84) Thibault have one daughter—**Ruzena '11**—attending Houghton College, and a son—**Cameron '12**—starting in the fall. He is a family physician at the Pulaski Health Center in Pulaski, NY. He is also a captain in the Navy Reserve, serving as the senior medical executive for Portsmouth Naval Medical Center's 22 reserve units. A veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Thibault wrote the recently-released book *Sword in the Lion's Den*, detailing his experiences as a Christian doctor serving with the Marines in Iraq.



Glenn Thibault '83 served as a doctor with the Marines in Iraq.

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66 Bill and Marilyn (Burroughs '65) Francis have returned to North America after serving four years at The Salvation Army's



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International Headquarters in London. He is territorial commander and she is territorial president for women's ministries in the Canada and Bermuda territory.

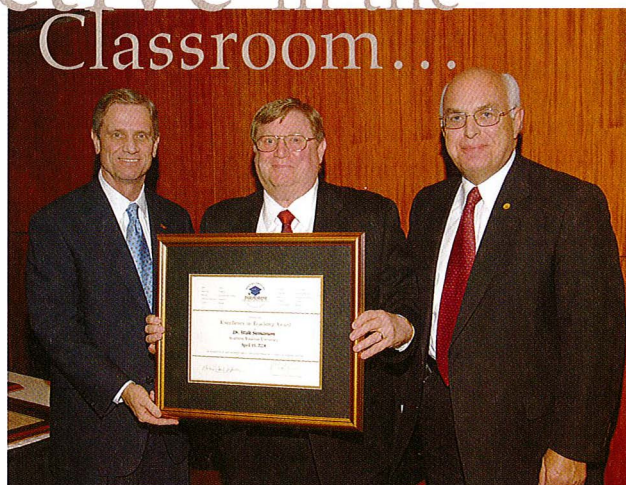
77 Samuel Cheung has been manager of the New York City Department of Education's Bilingual Pupil Services Program since October 2007. He is also the senior warden of the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in New York City and a member of the Episcopal Church's Commission on Liturgy and Music. He performed in recital as an accompanist at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall last September and went on a concert tour to Italy with his parish choir in late December, performing at Ravenna's Basilica di San Vitale, Venice's Basilica di San Marco, Rome's Chiesa del Sacro Nome il Gesu and the Basilica di San Pietro at the Vatican. He plans to be an accompanist at a benefit concert for the American Cancer Society in June at Rutgers University.

78 Mark Caruana was the subject of a recent broadcast on the PBS program *Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly*. Caruana pastors the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Utica, NY, which has welcomed more than 400 immigrants into its congregation. You can read a transcript of the broadcast at www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week1134/feature.html.

86 President Bush has named Bill Wichterman to be his special assistant and deputy director of public liaison. Wichterman

"Effective in the Classroom..."

Mike LeFever, president of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (at left) presents the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2008 to Walt Sinnamon (center) of Southern Wesleyan University while SWU President David Spittal (right) looks on.



...in the laboratory or around the conference table."

The South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities has honored Walt Sinnamon '69 with its Excellence in Teaching Award for 2008. The award follows recognition from Southern Wesleyan University (SWU), which chose Sinnamon as Professor of the Year and gave him its Ken Dickens Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2007-2008. Sinnamon also received a Governor's Distinguished Professor Award for 2007.

Sinnamon spent eight years teaching at Houghton Academy—and assisting Thom Kettelkamp in coaching the college baseball team—in the 1970s before earning his doctorate in zoology from Clemson University in 1985. He recently completed his 26th year of teaching biology, zoology, ecology, microbiology, human anatomy and physiology and comparative/environmental physiology at SWU.

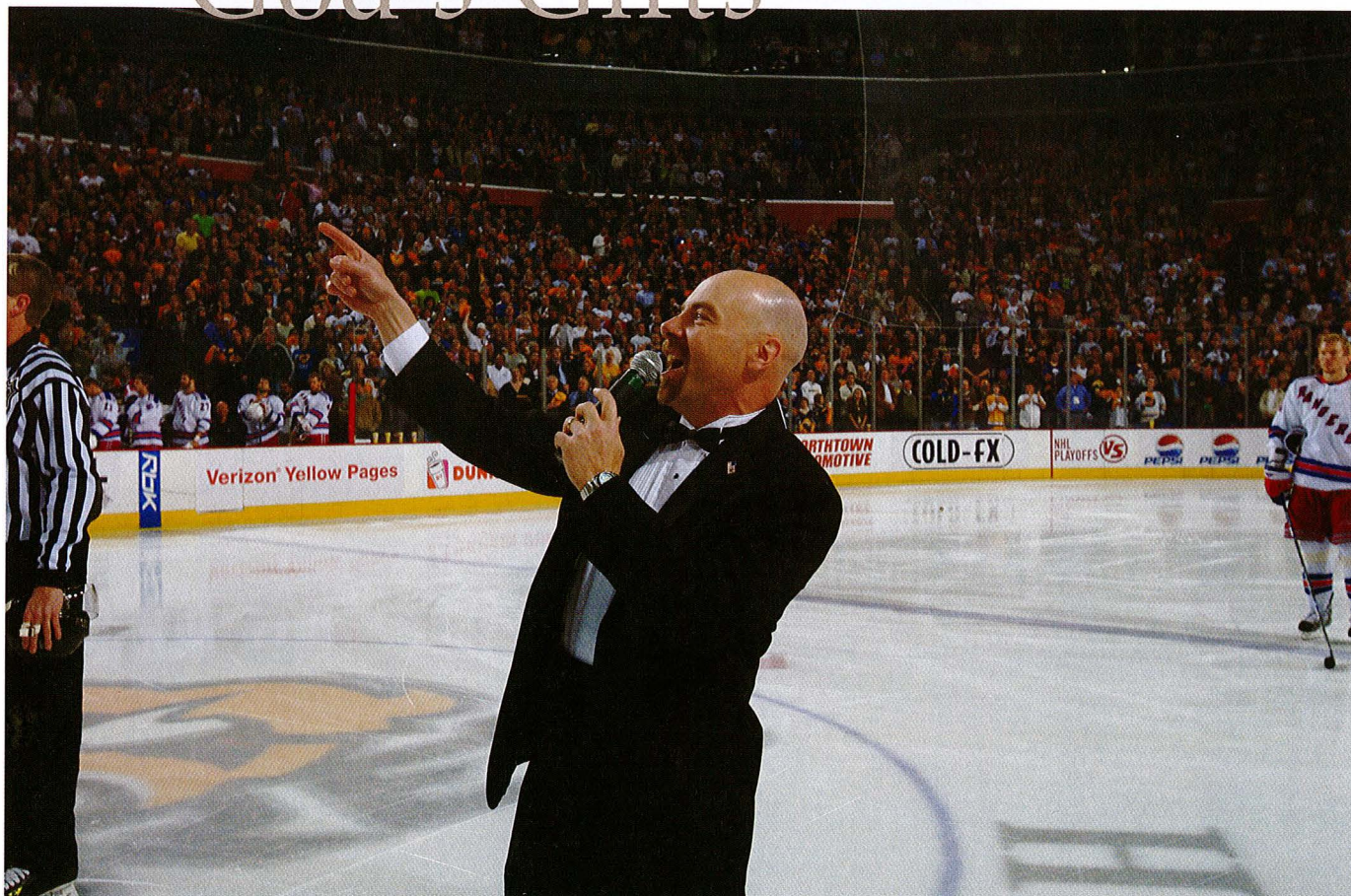
SWU Provost Keith Iddings said: "Dr. Sinnamon's contributions to the enhancement of Southern Wesleyan's teaching-learning community cannot be over-stated. He is equally effective in the classroom, in the laboratory or around the conference table."

Sinnamon has served SWU in a number of administrative positions and on numerous committees while continuing to teach. He was special assistant to the president for institutional effectiveness from 1993-2003, overseeing planning, assessment and institutional research. He served as the director of the accreditation reaffirmation process from 1997-99. In 2003 he became the chair of the science division and in 2005 became the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences—positions he still holds. Sinnamon has also written a number of grants and was the university's grants coordinator for two years. He started SWU's baseball program in 1985 and coached for six years, taking the team to the National Christian College Athletic Association's national tournament in 1989.

Sinnamon has served as a volunteer professor for the Department of Clinical Services for the Medical University of South Carolina since 2001. He chairs the Arts and Sciences Advisory Committee at Tri-County Technical College and is on the Institutional Biosafety Committee at Clemson University.

According to David Spittal, president of SWU, "Dr. Sinnamon is a distinguished scholar whose passion for his discipline has inspired many of his students to pursue science, medicine and research following graduation. He is a demanding teacher that expects the best from his students and his record of placement in graduate and medical schools is testimony to his effectiveness in the classroom and as a scientist...His list of distinguished graduates provides tangible evidence of his gifts."

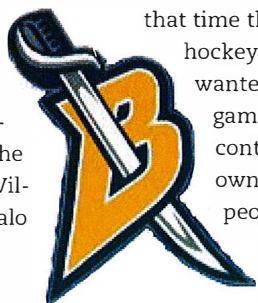
One of God's Gifts



Doug Allen '86 sings the national anthem at a Buffalo Sabres game in HSBC Arena.

Did you tune into the Winter Classic this past New Year's Day? If so, you may have seen a Houghton alumnus performing. The Classic was the second National Hockey League game ever played outdoors, between the Buffalo Sabres and the Pittsburgh Penguins at Ralph Wilson Stadium, home of the Buffalo Bills, in Orchard Park, NY. The Houghton grad, **Doug Allen '86**, a music education major, wasn't playing, he was singing—the Canadian national anthem.

In 1991 Allen started working at City Mission's Corner Stone Manor, a women's refuge center. He joined the choir



and met a girl who had been offered the opportunity to sing the national anthem at Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium—at that time the home of the Buffalo Sabres hockey team. Allen had always wanted to sing the anthem at Sabres games, so he asked the girl for the contact information and, in his own words, "started bugging the people who worked there."

Eventually they relented and he sang the anthem at a game or two for several seasons. When the team moved to its current home in the HSBC Arena, Allen was invited to audition for the regular gig singing the opening song. John Rigas, then the owner of the team, hired him

and Allen's been singing the national anthem at Sabres games ever since. For the last three seasons, he's opened every contest—except for those that land on Sunday or Wednesday nights, since they conflict with his church duties.

He rates singing at the Winter Classic as a highlight, right up there with singing before game six of the 1999 Stanley Cup Finals, when the Sabres played the Dallas Stars. "It felt like I was supposed to be there," Allen says, "I wasn't scared or nervous. I'd always wanted to do a Bills game in that stadium, and I got to do it then. I believe God gives us gifts, and that was one of them."

Allen married in 1992; he and his wife April have three children: Genesis, 10; Noah, 8 and Nathan, 6.

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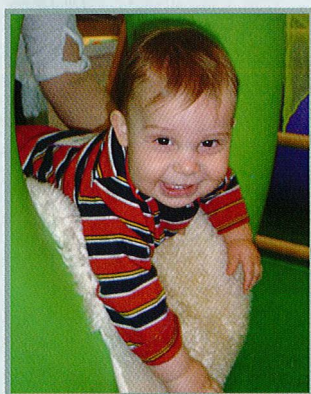
Future Alumni

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Wesley and Rachel (Cook '98) Davidson	Ayla Blossom	7.12.07
Lloyd and Ramona (Minniefield '93) Ervin	Mia Nicole	6.22.07
Alfredo and Katya (Kariuk '95) Fuentes	Viggo Alfredo Fuentes	12.4.04
	Neo Michael Fuentes	2.25.08
Sandy and Jenn (Rozendal '99) Griffin	Morgan Renee	4.13.08
John and Donna (Nasca '87) Hallenbeck	Sarah Joanne	5.2.07
	Julie Marie	5.2.07
Joshua and Beth (Adams '05) Hazelton '05	Allyson Joy	10.25.07
David and Lisa (Owens '01) Jacobs	Cassidy Ann	4.12.08
Sven and Sarah (Hanson '00) Johnson '00	Sofia Linda Marie*	7.13.05
Richard and Alyson (Schmelzle '94) Kossecki	Andrew Nicholas	5.26.07
William and Kristin (Leach '00) Palmer	Risa Laura Palmer	2.10.06
Michael and Sharon (Meiners '98) Wolcott '94	Daniel Evan	2.24.08

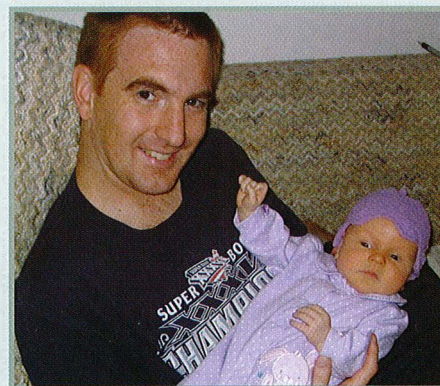
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Viggo Fuentes with baby Neo



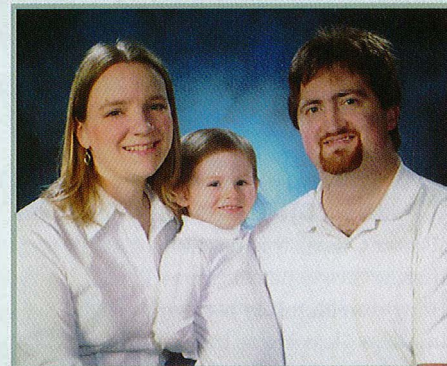
Left to right:
Andrew Kossecki,
Ayla Davidson



Baby Sharon Brinson with dad



Left to right:
Sara Córdova,
Allyson Hazelton



Sarah, Sofia, Sven Johnson



Left: Risa Palmer
with mom, Right:
Cassidy Jacobs



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had been vice chair of the legislative practice group at Covington and Burling, LLP. Prior to that, he was policy advisor to the majority leader of the U.S. Senate.

87 **Peter and Carol Allston-Stiles '83** were the subjects of a recent feature story in the *Wilmington News Journal*. The article described Peter's 2005 automobile accident and his continuing recovery—aided by the couple's starting a business selling flavored coffees. Visit www.pikecreekcoffeeroasterie.com to learn more about the business or to contact them.

89 In April 2007 **Deb Marett** started a new business venture, Spyglass Maps LLC, which publishes illustrated maps of "destination cities," whose main business is tourism. The company printed its first map of the Wisconsin Dells in April 2008. Marett is the artist

and graphic designer for the maps, and is also involved with the advertising sales. Previously, Marett worked as a freelance graphic designer for 10 years. She lives in Racine, WI, and invites friends to contact her at dmarrett@wi.rr.com or visit her Web sites: www.spyglassmaps.com or www.communiquegraphics.com.

91 **Kirk Nelson** is the new sales director of ArcaTech's OEM division. Nelson joined ArcaTech Systems in 2001 as a project developer. While at ArcaTech, he has helped develop new markets involved with original equipment manufacturers. Nelson was also selected to serve on the advisory board of the Self-Service & Kiosk Association.

94 **Alyson (Schmelzle) Kossecki** got married in 2004 (see *Down the Aisle*). She is on maternity leave (see *Future Alumni*) from her position with the



Deb Marett '89

Toronto School Board, for whom she has taught for the past six years. Before that, she taught for two years at the Alliance Academy in Quito, Ecuador. She invites friends to contact her at alyson.kossecki@tel.tdsb.on.ca.

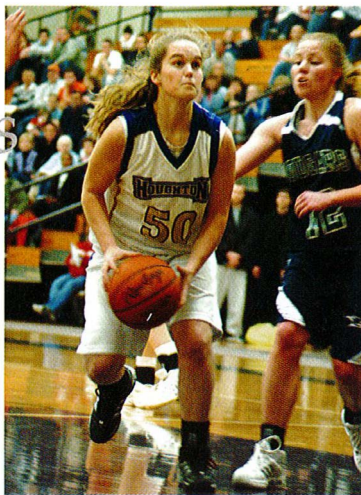
97 Six girls that met their freshman year and "have spent the last 15 years

Deep Roots

It is no secret that Houghton College has been the college of choice for consecutive generations from many families. It is not at all unusual to ask a current student how they heard of Houghton and to get the response that one—or both—of their parents attended.

Such was the case with Kara Schrader '11 (pictured above). In the spring of 2007, Schrader signed a letter of intent to attend Houghton and play women's basketball. At the signing ceremony she mentioned that her mother "and a bunch of aunts and uncles" had attended the college. We thought it might be fun to track down exactly how many relatives had preceded Schrader at Houghton. Here's what we discovered:

It all started four generations ago, with Schrader's great-grandfather Stanley Lawrence, who came to Houghton in 1915—just 32 years after Willard J. Houghton had established the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary (a secondary



school). Lawrence finished high school at "the Sem." (Houghton Academy is today's descendant of the secondary school) and took as many college courses as possible at Houghton before transferring to Wheaton College to finish his degree. (Houghton received its college charter in 1923 and started granting bachelor's degrees in 1925.)

All four of Lawrence's children graduated from Houghton College: Marjorie (Lawrence '49) Kellogg, Paul Lawrence '50, Orville Lawrence '51 and Esther (Lawrence '57) Swimley.

In the next generation, two of Marjorie's children attended the college: David Kellogg '79 and Sharon (Kellogg '82) Freeman. Two of Paul's children came to Houghton as well: John Lawrence '92 and Sarah (Lawrence '82) Renter. Rosalyn (Lawrence '76) LaBarre was one of Orville's children. Kara's mom, Sue (Swimley '83) Schrader—one of Esther's children—completes this generation of Houghton graduates.

The fourth, and most recent, generation includes Michelle LaBarre '02, Janette LaBarre '05, Beth (Freeman '04) McRoberts, Joseph Kellogg '07, Timothy Kellogg '07 and, of course, Kara Schrader '11.

We were mightily impressed with this, until Beth, Joseph and Timothy told us that they are actually fifth-generation Houghton students, from the other (Warburton) side of their family! (This will take some more research...) What about you? How far back does your Houghton family tree go? Drop us a line and let us know: milieu@houghton.edu or Milieu, Houghton College, One Willard Avenue, Houghton, NY 14744.—Special thanks to Eric Stevenson '08 for his work on this report.

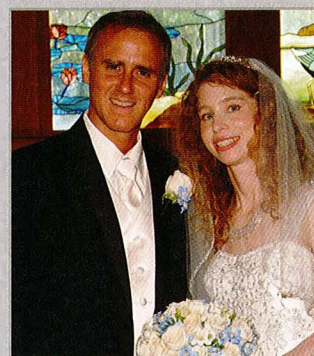
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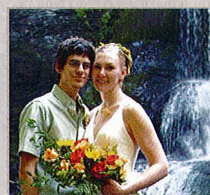
Marc Troeger '85 writes that "Many Houghton alumni were in attendance. A fun time was had by all," when he was married last September. Pictured from left to right are: (Front row:) Joann (Harrington '88) Troeger, the bride, the groom, David Pezzino '85 (Back row:) Annie Valkema '88, Lisa (Overway '88) and Karl Beals '86, Sandy (Wilson '86) and Kevin Schulz, Herman Calderon '87, Keith and Diane (Farley '86) Palmer '86, Melinda Trine '83, Tim and Laurie (Palmer '84) Winkus, Carol Allston-Stiles '83, Jack McGovern '85, Bill Wichterman '86 and Bill Mirola '85.

Down the Aisle

Alex and Rebecca (Altero '00) Leighton	6.2.06
Richard and Alyson (Schmelzle '94) Kossecki	7.17.04
Phillip and Heidi (Bardy '01) BardyKing	9.9.06
Marc and Jan Troeger '85	9.1.07
John and Heather (Benda '98) Stansberry	2.2.08
David and Joy (Brautigam '02) Sonju	6.3.06
Jason and Daniella (Knapp '06) Shambach '06	1.6.07
Anthony and Amy (Pierce '94) Pacini	4.19.08



Above, Mr. and Mrs. Pacini. Below, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Stansberry, Mr. and Mrs. Sonju, Mr. and Mrs. BardyKing, Mr. and Mrs. Shambach.



doing their best to stay connected and involved in one another's lives" are training to run or walk the Nike Women's Marathon/Half Marathon in San Francisco on October 19. **Heidi (Brautigam) Kaminski, Jen (Halas '96) DeHaven, Katie (Heberlig) Kane, Kristin (Hinde) Hodulick, Ginny (Hoskison) Routhe, Kristen (Kvasnica) Ockrin and Amy Wallenbeck** hope to raise \$27,800 to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) in honor of Gideon Hodulik,

Kristin's husband, who was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia in 2000. (He is cancer free today and the Hodulicks have three children.) Follow their progress—and maybe even make a donation to their effort—at <http://nikejournal.blogspot.com>.

98 Jennifer Christian-Murtie has been named to the newly created position of director of foundation services for Federal Street Advisors, a company she joined

four years ago. She will consult with foundations and non-profit clients, offering investment advice and service. Christian-Murtie recently completed her master's of business administration (MBA) at Simmons School of Management in Boston. As part of her MBA program, she took a six-week sabbatical to implement an innovative program to provide safe drinking water to rural communities in remote areas of Ghana in collaboration with an MIT lecturer.

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00 Rebecca (Altero) Leighton married in 2006 (see *Down the Aisle*). Her husband recently was ordained as a priest with the Anglican Church of Uganda. The Leightons are planting an Anglican church in Westchester County, NY, and are expecting their first child.

00 Kristin (Leach) Palmer and her husband had a baby in 2006 (see *Future Alumni*). She is a marketing specialist for health insurer Benepath, Inc., purchasing pay-per-click ads on Google, Yahoo, MSN, etc. on a part-time basis from home.

00 Amanda Willey has passed the examination to become a certified financial planner.

She has been a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial in Worcester, MA, for the last five years. Friends may contact her at apwilley4@hotmail.com.

01 Tim Mayhle is attending Harvard Law School. He recently collaborated in the writing of a book: *Security in Paraguay, Analysis and Responses in Comparative Perspective*.

P.A.C.E.

F2 David Roy has accepted a position as the quality assurance manager at PCB Machining Solutions, Inc. PCB is an aerospace machining corporation.

M5 Joshua Randle has been accepted into the Harvard Business School, receiving a full scholarship for the Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management Program. He began studies in July.

Q4 Heidi Carlson has accepted a position as human resources manager with Lowe's Home Improvement Centers, Inc., in Warren, PA. Carlson is responsible for recruiting and development, hiring, training, payroll and employee relations.

REMEMBRANCE

38 Margaret (Watson) Stevenson, 92, passed away on January 2 in Houghton, NY, surrounded by her extended family members. Stevenson was born the second of four daughters and raised on a farm overlooking Silver Lake, NY. She was proud of her farm upbringing and the attributes of hard work and dependability she developed doing field work alongside her father.

In 1934, she attended Houghton College, distinguishing herself as the "court queen" of the basketball program. Upon completing her bachelor's degree in social science, she moved to Bath, NY, where she taught school for several years and spent summers completing certificate coursework in library science at Geneseo State College.

In June 1942 she married **Herbert H. Stevenson '38** and they moved to Rochester. They moved to Spencerport in 1948, where they established their family and built a new home. They later provided property for the Spencerport Wesleyan Church building and were charter members of the church, which opened in 1957. She worked as head librarian for nearly 20 years in

the Spencerport area public library.

Those who knew Stevenson will recall her meekness, gentle spirit, mercy, hospitality and her drive and strength to follow the Lord. Always a mild-mannered, gracious and even-tempered person, her legacy lives on through the many lives she has touched, but principally in her immediate and extended family.

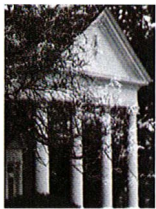
Stevenson was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, a former Kodak engineer and a member of the Houghton College board of trustees (1955-1992; board chair, 1973-1992). As a tribute to their long service and love of the college, the board named the college president's home the Herbert H. and Margaret W. Stevenson House in their honor in 1995.

Stevenson is survived by four children and their spouses, including **Clifton and Sharon (Stevenson '67) Seaman '70, Daryl and Gudrun (Mindrebo '70) Stevenson '70, Marilyn (Stevenson '74) VanNiel and Paul and Carol (Olsen '77) Stevenson '77**. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and their spouses, including **Cory and Kristen (Andryc**



Margaret (Watson '38) Stevenson

'97) Seaman '95, Marc and Laura (Seaman '98) Falco '98, Charles and Kaitlin (Holmberg '04) Seaman '04, Kyle and Sarah (Gagnon '00) Stevenson '96, Tyler and Diane (Benedict '04) Stevenson '03, Eric Stevenson '08, Timothy Chapman '01, Austin and Joanna (Mindrebo '05) Stevenson '05 and Jesse Stevenson '09. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren, her brother-in-law **Merle Wallace '49** and several nieces and nephews.



REMEMBRANCE

39 **George Hilgeman** passed away September 8, 2007 in Garland, TX, at the age of 89. Born in Fort Wayne, IN, Hilgeman attended Houghton and then Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife Geneva served as missionaries in Bolivia for 40 years. He was instrumental in founding the Hebron Theological Seminary, which trains Latin Americans to serve globally as pastors and missionaries. Hilgeman is survived by his wife of 64 years, by three children, including **Thomas and Mariellyn (Jones '71) Hilgeman '69** and by numerous grandchildren.

43 **David Morrison** died January 7 in Wilmington, DE; he was 84. A graduate of Rushford Central School, Morrison attended Houghton for three years before being drafted into service during World War II. He participated in the liberation of the concentration camp at Buchenwald; some of his photos were donated to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. He married **Katherine (Murch '42)** during the war years. Upon his discharge, Morrison completed his degree at the University of Buffalo (UB) and worked at Bell Aircraft. He taught at UB for five years, then enrolled in a doctoral program at Cornell University. He worked for the DuPont Company in Wilmington, DE, as a writer of corporate publications for 29 years. In retirement he returned to teaching at the University of Delaware's Academy of Life Long Learning. He was president of the Delaware Foundation for Retarded Children and served on a Governor's Commission for Nursing Home Administration. He was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Katherine, and by his twin brother and their sister. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, three children and their spouses, six grandchildren and two step-children and their spouses.

49 **Roswell Sanger** of Rand Hill, NY, died December 28, 2007 at his home; he was 80. Sanger taught history at Kendell (NY) Central School for 34 years. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Arlene, and by two daughters, a sister, a grandson, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother and sister.

51 **Joan Platt** died of a heart attack on January 25 at the age of 77. Her nephew writes that she was "a couple of days away from undergoing knee surgery so she could continue to be as active as she had been throughout her life." He notes that she traveled to Africa, where she climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, and that she had climbed many of the peaks in the Adirondacks. Platt is survived by several nieces and nephews.

53 **Claire (Steinhaus) Lloret** was called home to the welcoming arms of her Lord and Savior on March 26 at the age of 77. Born in Flushing, NY, Lloret attended Houghton for one year (1949-50) before transferring to Columbia Bible College (now Columbia International University) to be closer to her parents' home in Florida. She married **Julian Lloret '53** in 1952 and the two had four children. Together they served with CAM International as missionaries in Mexico, Costa Rica and Guatemala, then at the organization's headquarters in Dallas, TX. They moved to Tahlequah, OK, in 2005, where they attended the First Evangelical Free Church and the Go Ye Village Chapel. Lloret was predeceased by her parents, her aunts and uncles and her brother, Kenneth. She is survived by her husband and by their four children and their spouses. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many friends and family members.

60 **Roy M. Pierce** of Plano, TX, passed away January 15; he was 74. Born in Hornell, NY, in 1933, Pierce served in the U.S. Navy from 1952-56, then attended Houghton from 1956-58. He met his wife, **Barbara (Vaughn '60)** at the college; the two married in 1959. Pierce graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering before going on to earn his master's in business administration from the University of Texas in Dallas. Pierce worked for Xerox as director of global standards and policy development and earned two patents, retiring after 35 years. He attended the Richardson Church of the Nazarene and also taught a Bible study for teens in his home. Pierce is survived by his wife and by their two daughters and their spouses. Also surviving are three grandchildren, a brother and numerous other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter and his sister.

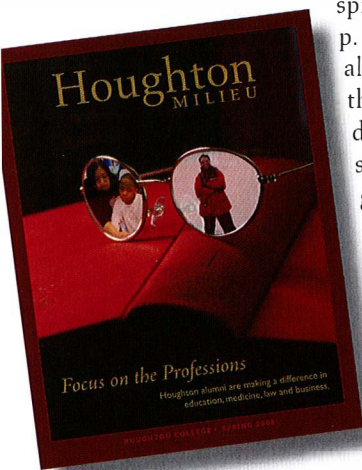
70 **David Ramsdale**, 60, went to be with the Lord on April 19. Ramsdale served for 36 years as a missionary pilot, writer and photographer for Wycliffe Bible Translators. He was a jungle pilot in Peru for 13 years and in the Philippines for three. For many years he worked at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC, in aviation administration and creative services. He enjoyed hiking, kayaking, gardening, writing stories, taking pictures, and camping with his wife, Nancy, who survives. Also surviving are his son and daughter and their spouses and two grandchildren.

THE LAST WORD



Credit Where Due

Thanks for the coverage about the new pulpit ("New pulpit dedicated," spring 2008, p. 23). I always think the artist/designer should be given credit for his or her work. In this case it's especially significant as the designer is **Linda Condry '82**, the first person to graduate from



Houghton with an art major. Linda and her husband, Jeff Wynn, met at the Rhode Island School of Design and are self-employed creating one-of-a-kind fine furniture, often for liturgical purposes. They made extraordinary efforts to complete the piece for the inauguration of President Mullen.

Roselyn Danner '84
Houghton, NY

Family Foundation

Our thanks to *Milieu* and author **Eric Stevenson '08** for the thoughtful and great Ulrich family coverage ("Focus on a Family," spring 2008, p. 12). Angelia, an English major and librarian from Florida State University, commented that it was a very good article, too. We appreciate you, and, of

course, the foundation in education and scripture for so many of our family.

Rich and Angelia Ulrich '62
Bonaire, GA

Corrected Remembrance

Just a wee correction regarding **Florence Orser** ("Remembrance," spring 2008, p. 33): she was resident director in Gaoyadeo Dormitory, not East (now Gillette) Hall. She touched so many lives in that position and I was blessed to be her assistant my senior year (1969-70). We had many "rocking chair talks" in her little apartment off the main desk. She was full of wisdom and cheer. I remember her so fondly. To God be the glory for a life well-lived.

Beth (Seidel '70) Beardsley
Houghton, NY

Luckey Remembered

It may not be remembered that **Bob Luckey '37** ("Remembrance," spring 2008, p. 32) was also a champion tennis player and coach. During the winter of 1933, in Bedford Gymnasium, he took time to coach me in the fine points of the game. Even at tennis he was a stellar teacher and a good friend.

Magdalene (Murphy '35) Dempsey
Lexington, VA

Dr. Luckey was one of the best math profs I have ever had. He made calculus and differential equations come alive for me. When I worked as an instructor and associate professor at Houghton in the early 1960s, he was chair of the science and math division. He, **Fred Shannon** (emeritus professor of chemistry and chair, department of integrative studies), **Stephen Calhoon**, **Willard Smith** and I worked together on the early phase of the design of the Paine Science Center. It was obvious to me that he was totally dedicated to the welfare of the students and Houghton College.

We all feel the loss of his passing, but we are comforted by the feeling that he had a full life, totally dedicated

to the cause of Jesus Christ.

James P. Chen '55
Knoxville, TN

In the fall of 1942, at 17, I entered Houghton College; I believe I was a member of the first math class (plane trigonometry) taught by Bob Luckey after he received his doctorate. In those pre-calculator, pre-computer days we were dependent on a math prop known as a slide rule—a mammoth one was mounted above the blackboard. Many mornings Dr. Luckey entered the room, opened with prayer and then, with a quick flourish, would move the slide rule back and forth swiftly with the quip, "Now today we are going to play around with THIS!"

Then came the inevitable day when he was late. One of the class decided our waiting time could best be used by mimicking "Doc Bob" with this little gesture. You guessed it—midway in the student's flourish, the professor arrived and the student quickly scuttled to his seat. Dr. Luckey took no offense; in fact, he joined in leading us in gales of laughter.

It was always a joy to see him at each class reunion which I have attended through the years. He is the final member of "my" Houghton

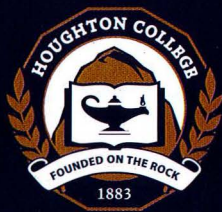


Bob Luckey '37

faculty to go on to be with the Lord he so joyfully served.

Fay (Hunting '46) Bennett
Greenfield, MA

P.S. I can add myself and my brother, **Ward M. Hunting '46** (now deceased), to the list of 13 Houghton alumni who are descendants of William Sabine of Rehoboth, MA, ("The Last Word," spring 2008, p. 34) as he was our sixth great-grandfather.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 P.M. Current Student Banquet and Dance

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30-9:45 A.M. Continental Breakfast & Department Celebrations

8:30-9:45 A.M. Business Department New Trading Room,
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

10:00-11:20 A.M. Chapel Convocation "Celebrating the Journey"

11:30-1:10 P.M. Lunch

1:15-2:25 P.M. Alumni Panel Presentations: "The Calling"

2:30-2:45 P.M. Refreshment Break

2:45-4:00 P.M. Alumni Panel Presentations: "Globally Connected"

4:10-5:30 P.M. Open College Choir Rehearsal - Donald Bailey

4:00 P.M. Women's Volleyball Game

Women's Soccer Game

5:00-6:30 P.M. Dinner

6:00 P.M. Men's Soccer Game

7:00-8:00 P.M. Celebrating the Visual Arts,
Alumni Art Gallery Show

8:15-9:00 P.M. Guest Lecture, James Barcus '59

9:00 P.M. "Then and Now" Celebration on the Quad
Fireworks after dusk

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00-9:00 A.M. Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Alumni Soccer Game

9:00 A.M. Alumni Volleyball Game

9:15 A.M. Alumni House Renovation Kick-off

10:00 A.M. Grand Parade

11:00 A.M. Business Department New Trading Room
Open House

11:00 A.M. Festival on the Quad (Lunch, rides & games)

1:00 P.M.

12:00 P.M. Women's Field Hockey Game

1:00 P.M. Equestrian Program Sponsored Trail Rides
Pre-registration required, rides starting at
1, 2, 3, and 5:00 p.m.

1:15-2:30 P.M. Open College Choir Rehearsal
with Donald Bailey

2:30-3:30 P.M. Greatbatch School of Music Reunion & Reception

2:00 P.M. Women's Soccer Game

3:00-5:00 P.M. Affinity Group Reunions (Student Publications, Student
Government, Athletics, Residence Halls)

3:30-4:30 P.M. Houghton Wesleyan Church Organ Demonstrations

4:00 P.M. Men's Soccer Game

6:00 P.M. Alumni & Community "Stroll & Dine" Dinner

7:00 P.M. Annual Alumni Business Meeting
(all alumni are invited to attend)

8:00 P.M. College Choir "Then and Now" Concert

9:30 P.M. Birthday Cake on the Quad

10:00 P.M. Spot "Then and Now"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 A.M. Church Service

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