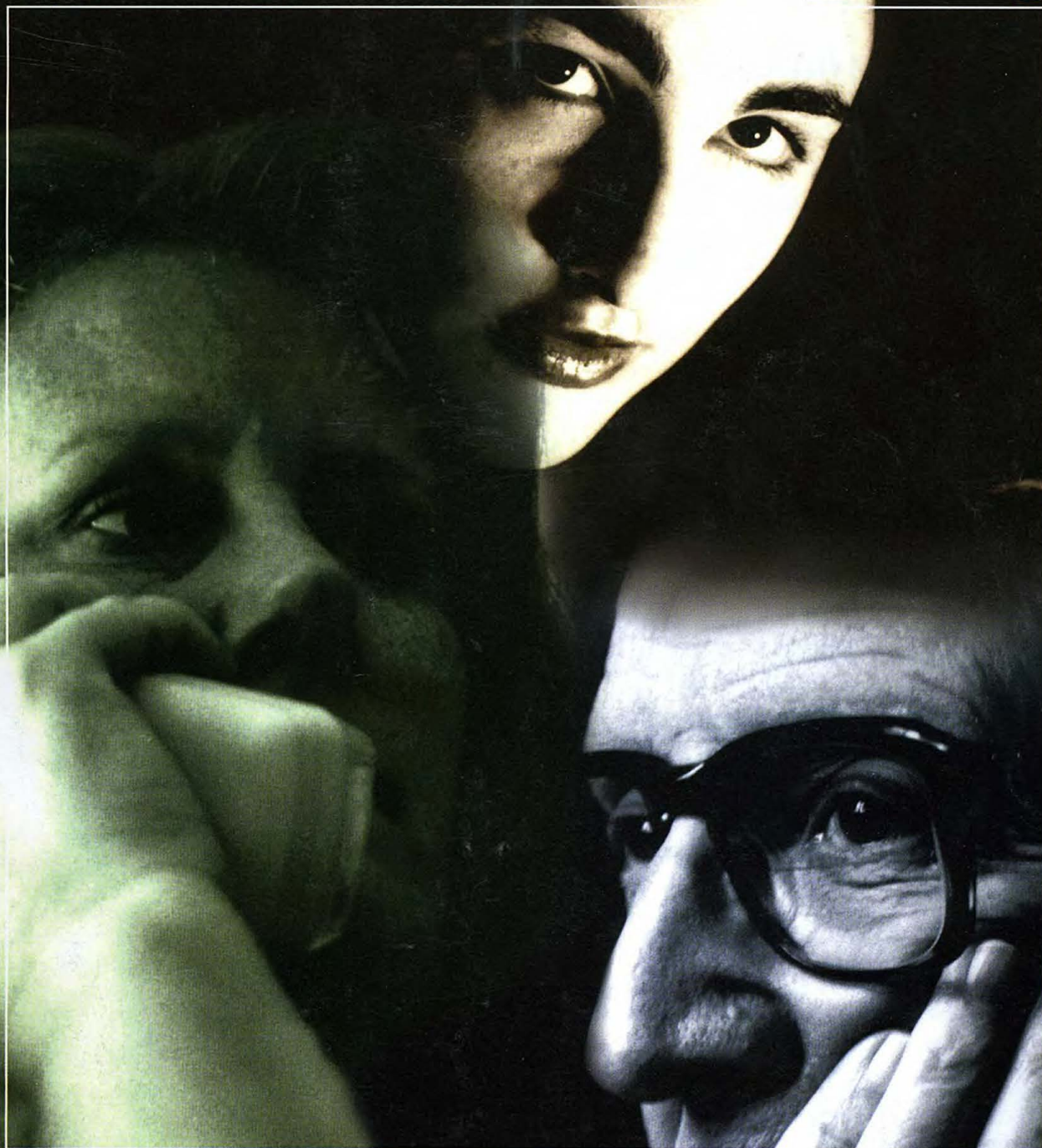


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## From the President

### Reflecting on Changes

Early last summer I returned to my *alma mater* for a reunion. It was both joyous and sobering. Many of the professors I had revered were deceased, and the survivors were *old*. I was surprised how many of my classmates of 40 years ago had already retired. Some I had not seen since graduation, but I recognized them instantly; others had gained so much weight or lost so much hair or otherwise changed so, that I did not know them at all.

Those two days were filled with remembering, and in the months since then, I have continued to reflect on that event and the question I was often asked: "How do today's students differ from our generation or from those of the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s?"

I realize that by answering that question, I will probably reveal more about myself than I do about those being described. I also recognize that my perspective continues to change. In the '50s I was a student; in the '60s a faculty member; and for most of the last three decades, I have been an administrator.

First, a few reflections about my student days. I have long resented and rejected the label applied to my colleagues of the '50s, apathetic. To be sure, some were apathetic and silent, but as I talked with my classmates this summer, I was convinced that such stereotypes were oversimplifications and as likely to be wrong as to be right. Many had given their lives to ministries of love and reconciliation as educators, doctors, farmers, business people. Their

lives bore eloquent and persuasive testimony to just how much they cared. They were involved in their churches, communities, and professions, often as outstanding leaders.

My uneasiness about the labels applied to students of the '50s makes me cautious about accepting and applying labels to subsequent student generations. Nonetheless, I believe that today's students do differ in many ways from the parents. Some of these differences are superficial and others are more fundamental.

Superficial differences are readily apparent in student attire. Today's students come from homes and congregations where dress is casual and informal. They do not attach the social or spiritual significance to appearance that their parents did. This same informality characterizes much of their worship. Many of today's students prefer to accompany their singing with guitar and synthesizer while the organ remains silent.

But during my 20 years at Houghton, I have seen continuing evidence of deep spiritual commitment and a desire to serve God and others. The number of students entering full-time Christian service has been surprisingly constant, which leads me to reject the conclusion that current students are usually selfish and self-centered.

While many of the differences between student generations are superficial, I believe some fundamental changes are occurring in our society and that those changes are reflected in our students. Many more

come from broken and troubled homes. As a result, a higher percentage of today's students struggle with overcoming serious psychological and emotional wounds. They are less trusting of adults, even as they more desperately need the love, direction and assurance that only older adults can provide.

Current students are also more likely to struggle with authority than those of a generation ago. Then, parents and grandparents easily accepted the authority of Scripture and the legitimacy of rules promulgated by institutions and those who led them. Students have always asked "why," although the answers that satisfied previous generations are more frequently labeled today as "just another equally valid (or invalid) opinion."

But I am also encouraged by what I believe are some very positive characteristics of today's generation. Two generations ago, personal morality and spirituality were the hallmark of Christian college students. The next generation emphasized social morality while their concern for personal morality declined. I see more balance in many of today's young people. They are concerned about a right relationship with God, but they also care deeply about relating effectively to their peers, to their environment, and to those who are disadvantaged in our society.

In short, I am optimistic about the future because I am convinced that today's young people care deeply about the things that matter most. They are making extraordinary efforts to develop spiritually and intellectually so that they will be genuine scholar-servants who are equipped to lead and labor in whatever place they find themselves in the coming decades. ♦

*Daniel R. Boulterkin*

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## Campus Center Improvements

Reinhold Campus Center's snack shop closed at Thanksgiving for major remodeling and enlargement, including Internet connections for students toting laptops. It will reopen when students return in January. Other aspects of the planned basement refurbishing will be implemented as funds become available.

## Chemistry Instruments Donated

Two alumni have been pivotal in encouraging their employers to make recent equipment gifts to Houghton College.

Dr. Keith Horn '75, research group leader at Allied Signal, provided a Hewlett Packard Gas Chromatograph and supporting data station, while Dr. Anne (Grohs '82) Rowlands, laboratory head at Eastman Kodak's Gelatin Characterization Laboratory, provided an ABI Protein Sequencer with supporting HPLC detector and MacIntosh data station. The gas chromatograph is being used in organic chemistry classes. Two seniors are working to bring the protein sequencer "on-line" for use second semester.

Department head Dr. Larry Christiansen noted: "Few undergraduate institutions can provide their chemistry and biology majors with 'hands-on' experience with tools of this sophistication. . . Without the assistance of graduates, we could not otherwise obtain such equipment." He valued the two instruments at \$100,000.

## Campus Connectivity, Tech Support Expands, Laptops to Phase In Next Fall

In October Houghton College trustees approved an educational technology initiative (ETI) with significant academic and fiscal implications for Houghton students next fall. First-year students will be equipped with laptop computers and software to take maximum advantage of recent advances in campus connectivity and improved access to the internet, and to be equipped to excel in the climate of rapid campus and world-change.

Academic VP Jim Mannoia explained the choice of laptops and the overriding goals of the initiative. He expects that laptops will become a ubiquitous tool for students whether they are in class, in residence halls, or elsewhere on campus. The laptops will facilitate instant research, writing, on-line discussions, and e-mail communication on campus or with family.

The ETI supports four purposes: 1. Use information technology to enhance the emphasis on personal attention and character development in Houghton's program. 2. Enrich the learning process with abundant, accessible information. 3. Place the technology close to students and faculty, because familiarity will increase likelihood that the technology will be used effectively. 4. Bring a diversity of viewpoints beyond the local community, helping promote cognitive, emotional and spiritual growth.

Vital in making this transformation a success is proper training for faculty; for technical facility with new equipment, and for innovative and imaginative integration of technology into the various disciplines. Classes to help achieve this are now being made available.

More than a year of research and campus-wide discussion of alternatives went into the decision. A major reason for requiring uniform equipment purchase is to minimize support costs. The college is securing attractive educational and volume pricing for the machines, for which incoming students may elect to pay as a lump sum, or lease to own in installments at nominal interest. In either case, the student owns the machine upon graduation. While all students will be laptop-equipped by the turn of the century, current upperclassmen who wish to participate may do so each fall. The computers will cost approximately \$2,000. An annual \$250 will cover maintenance and support costs.

Over the summer and into the fall, technologies service director Will Krause oversaw implementation of the plan to complete electronic connection of the main buildings on campus and Shenawana and Lambein—both are residences for new students. Each room is hardwired into the network, one connection per occupant, increasing service speed some 300 times over using modems and eliminating the need to dial in to go on-line. East and South Hall residences will be connected before students arrive next fall.

Existing computer labs have all new equipment, and a new 24-hour, seven-days-a-week lab is open in the Campus Center, with another such lab being considered. Select classrooms will be similarly hardwired. A staff technical help desk is operating with a student help desk to be available next fall. As part of expanded service, the library now has World Wide Web access to expanded academic databases. ♦



Laptop computers for incoming students will feature color screens, CD ROM, hard and floppy disk drives.





*PACE award recognizes Rieses' loving, knowledgeable service to Houghton's internationals.*

## Hersch and "Sammie" Ries Receive PACE Award

Herschel '44 and Ruth (Sammie '43) Ries received the 1996 President's Advisory Council on Excellence Award from PACE chairman Dr. Robert Davidson on October 5. Observing that the PACE award recognizes often unheralded contributions to the life of the college and the essence of Christian commitment,

Davidson traced the recipient's lives and services as Houghton alumni, career missionaries, and understanding mentors to Houghton's international students.

Hersch moved to Houghton as a child when his minister father, the late Dr. Claude Ries, accepted a position on the religion department faculty in 1924. Ruth Samuels began life in a Pennsylvania pastor's home, the oldest of six children and the only girl. She had two years of college at Houghton before dropping out so family finances could help her brothers begin their educations. Her choice of courses and activities—public speaking and rhetoric, entry in literary and oratorical competitions, foreshadowed her future career.

A physics and math major in college, Hersch worked in the college printshop, played in the band, and was active in the missions group. After World War II service he married Sammie in 1946, worked three years in college maintenance, studied at the RCA Institute in New York, and was a broadcast engineer for WMBI in Chicago.

Rieses joined Sudan Interior Mission in 1953. Eventually Hersch became chief engineer for a station whose transmitters reached much of Africa with the gospel. Sammie became "Aunt Sammie" to children within reach of ELWA's signals via daily radio broadcasts for which she was producer and on-air personality. Additionally, she operated Bible study, radio, and other training programs for Liberian women.

In 1973 Hersch began a new career at Houghton College, initially as an assistant engineer. Together they worked with internationals—Africans, Asians, anyone needing encouragement. Sometimes they'd invite a student with tight finances to spend a semester or a year in their home. They helped married internationals set up housekeeping in Houghton. They assisted others facing medical problems. Rieses' spiritual mentoring has made them "mother and father" to some.

Hersch moved through heating and electronic engineering posts, concluding in 1989 as Houghton's physical plant director. He was a constant resource to campus station WJSL and helped install and maintain the college's first electronic microscope. He also served on the academy board and has been a volunteer fireman.

In retirement Hersch has kept a hand in his profession, from repairing a balky transmitter for an area FM station, to operating the church sound system control board. He serves on the town zoning appeals board. He and Sammie continue to minister to international students.

Davidson presented them with a Gary Baxter ceramic sculpture featuring Houghton scenes. ♦

## Endowed Scholarship

Houghton College has received nearly \$54,000 from the estate of Stanley P. Szymanski of West Seneca, N.Y., to establish an endowed scholarship in his name for worthy students of Polish heritage.

## Old Symbol, New Shine

This fall, thanks in large part to donations by the 50-year Class of '46 and 92 years after its construction, Fancher Tower has been rebuilt and topped with a new finial, replacing one blown away years ago. Beyond the tower's restoration has been new siding for all the upper floor dormers, replacement of the entrance portico parapet, and fresh paint.



*Rebuilt and refinished, Houghton's visual symbol once again deserves its nightly illumination.*



## Fall Enrollment Was 1,336, SATs Up

Fall enrollment at Houghton was 1,336, including 130 enrolled in the adult degree completion program operating in Buffalo and Olean, and 39 part-time students. Figures included 65 student teachers and 27 interns.

Of 344 new full-time students, 282 are first-year students. The new class included 30 valedictorians and 12 salutatorians. The average composite SAT score was 1,179, another increase for Houghton. Six were national merit finalists, 19 received national merit letters of commendation. Just over 39 percent graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class.



## Rated Among the Best, Again

*U.S. News & World Report* has included Houghton College in its 1997 list of America's best national liberal arts colleges, one of just 160 schools so designated out of 1,422. This is Houghton's seventh consecutive such listing. Only four other schools in the 90-member Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities were included.

## Houghton's Who's Who 1997 Students—



Pictured from left to right are Houghton College students named in the 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. First row: Kristen A. Kvasnica of Flushing, MI; Kristen A. Knutsen of Amherst, NY; Karen R. Behm of Madison, OH; and Rebecca A. Outt of Danville, PA. Second row: Deborah L. Buisch of Ellington, CT; Patricia A. Peperato of Youngwood, PA; Amanda J. McDonough of Honesdale, PA; Jennifer R. Lytle of Lima, OH; Bridget A. Thompson of E. Bridgewater, MA; Daniell E. Frink of Houghton, NY; and Lesley P. Nichols of Windsor, NY. Third row: Aaron S. Routhe of Barrington, NH; David Adams of Columbia, MD; Philip P. Niemi of Sault Sainte Marie, ONT; Joseph E. Lowne, Jr. of Greenlawn, NY; Mark L. McClelland of Spencerport, NY; and Nathen W. Lawrence of Howes Cave, NY. Absent from the photo are Debra J. Erickson of Portland, OR; and Kwong-Pik Tsui of Richmond Hill, NY, who were studying at Houghton's Oregon Extension campus during the fall semester.

## Buffalo Campus Appoints Marketing Director



Molly Thompson

Molly A. Thompson has been named director of marketing and hospitality services for the Buffalo Suburban Campus in West Seneca. Her responsibilities include marketing campus facilities for use by church, community and business groups, as well as overseeing the college business and professional advisory council.

Previously, Thompson was program manager for Junior Achievement of Western New York, responsible for recruiting, training, and placing business professionals in over 400 elementary, middle, and high-school economic education programs. Under her leadership, the number of participants doubled in 18 months. She received the Business First 1996 Pathfinders Award in recognition of her achievements. ♦



## Faculty News



*What excellence is and why it matters, teaching award winner Cameron Airhart explains.*

### Awardee Muses on Excellence

During October Dr. A. Cameron Airhart, chair of Houghton's department of history and political science, received the 1996 Excellence in Teaching Award, sponsored by the Independent College Fund of New York and funded by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation. Airhart was nominated by four colleagues and is popular with students for his "bright, articulate, stimulating, knowledgeable and humorous style."

In his chapel address, "Musings on Excellence," the Canadian-born professor—also recently cited for his initiation of Houghton's first-year honors program—told the assembly: "Excellence is becoming who you really are... discovering and developing latent capacities as part of [your] response to the gospel... Don't expect to experience God without pursuing personal academic excellence," he continued, and in that process "acknowledge the contributions of community."

Concluding, Airhart asked, "Why be excellent? Because you need to change a lovely world that is lost, by being the kind of people the gospel claims it can produce." To achieve this goal, he observed, "Three things are essential. 1. You have to love the world (as God loves it), 2. you have to understand that the world is lost, and 3. you have to think that you are able to change the world."

### Youth Camp to Become a Training Center

After a second year of directing a Royal Family Kids' Camp for special needs children in foster care in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties psychology professor John Van Wicklin has announced that the July 11-16, 1997, camp will also be the model site for training of up to 10 east coast camp directors. RFKC founders Wayne and Diane Tesch will instruct the potential directors and superintend observation of a camp in progress. Houghton thus joins other training sites in the RFKC system in Washington, California and North Carolina.

VanWicklin says the Houghton program was selected because it represents a broadening of denominational support for RFKC and that its college-affiliated personnel may enhance articulation of program goals and operation. Thirteen Houghton faculty and staff members, 15 students and 17 alumni assisted in the week-long camp for 44 youngsters last summer.

### Faculty Advances

Political science professor Dr. Ron Oakerson has received a Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation grant to lead a project for a "New Civics" textbook. The project goal is to reinvigorate American civics education and change the way that American politics is taught to undergraduates.

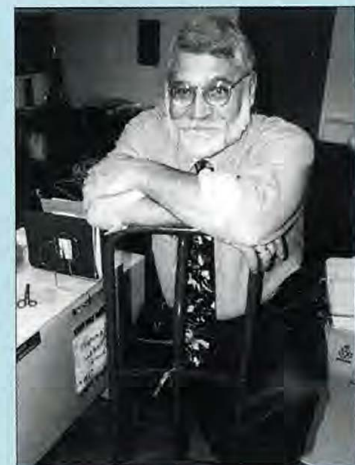
Acting at their October meeting college trustees granted tenure to economics professor Dr. Robert Black.

Featured during a November Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra artist series concert was the premiere of assistant professor of theory and composition Dr. Mark Hijleh's "Symphony#1: Into the Face of Eternity." Hijleh described it as "a spiritual autobiography as well as a reflection of God's interaction with humankind." ♦

## Founders' Day

In his Founders' Day address, "Why Houghton is No Ordinary Place," *emeritus* economics professor Dr. Edward Willett said Houghton College has endured and prospered, and may continue to do so, only because of unchanging attention to three principles: 1. Consideration and practice of biblical truth, 2. consistent concern for the disadvantaged, 3. A clear comprehension of God's sovereignty. Dr. Willett accepted his doctor of commercial science honorary degree "on behalf of my father."

Also during the convocation, students presented the first copy of the 1996 yearbook, *The Boulder*, to Ange Szymanski, director of the custodial department, at Houghton since 1982. Szymanski was cited as an exemplar of servanthood—representative of oft unheralded maintenance, custodial, kitchen and support staff. He supervises seven staff members and some 160 student workers. Beyond campus he's been active in scouting, in AA and in jail ministry. An archival search suggests that Szymanski is the first staff member to receive a yearbook dedication.

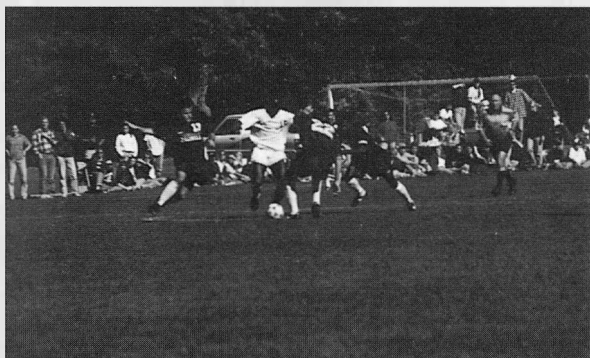


Ange Szymanski

## Homecoming 1996 — October 4-6, "Made in the USA"



Chosen queen and king for Homecoming were seniors Rebecca Gee (center left) and Eric Ockrin (center right). Other senior members of the court included from left to right: Jonathan LeRoy, Kimberly Alexander, Angelina Baruffi, and Gregory Hill.



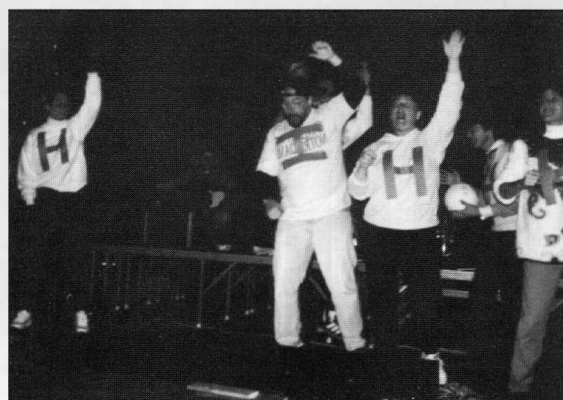
The men's soccer team bowed to the University of Mobile (Ala.) in the last minutes of the Homecoming game, but went on to the NAIA nationals.



The Homecoming parade grand marshal was U.S. Congressman Amory Houghton shown with Homecoming chair persons Holly Glanzman and Allison Aldred.



Saturday morning's parade boasted a hearty collection of Houghton alumni and community.



Friday night's bonfire celebration included a faculty-administration cheerleading team and ended with a fireworks spectacular.



## Fall Athletic Teams Set Championship Pace

The cross country teams were the first Houghton squads to capture conference championships in '96. Having dominated the ranks of the KECC for a number of years, head coach Bob Smalley's team has just returned from the NAIA National Championships in Kenosha, Wisc. Krista Ruth (soph.) became Houghton's first cross country All-American, finishing ninth among a



Cross-country individual champions Brent Wright and Krista Ruth.

field of 339. Brent Wright (jr.) led the men, finishing 69th among the field of 317. The women's team finished a college-best 14th, while men finished 25th. Coach Smalley was named the NAIA Northeast Men's and Women's Coach of the Year. Brent, from Saitama Ken, Japan, graduated from Christian Academy there. Krista graduated from Oley Valley high-school and is from Boyertown, Pa.

The **field hockey** team recently completed a most impressive 12-2-2 season under second-year head coach Donna Hornibrook. Plumstead Christian (Pa.) grad and first-year player Susan Ventresca led the women Highlanders in scoring.

The **men's soccer** team, 15-6-3, recently returned from the NAIA National Championships for their third trip in a row, following their regional upset of previously undefeated Green Mountain College (Vt.), the nation's number four ranked squad.

The **women's soccer** team won their fourth consecutive conference title before bowing out in the regional semi-final. They finished an impressive 14-2-1.

Highlander fans should also keep an eye on how Houghton is faring in the USA Today /Sears Cup Competition—the nation's premier competition for all-sport performance among NAIA and NCAA colleges. The standings, which appeared in *USA Today* in early December, rated Houghton third among the more than 300 NAIA institutions. Standings will also be announced on the Highlander Hotline (716-567-9529), the 24-hour source for Houghton athletic news.

## Houghton Athletic Director Honored

Houghton College Athletic Director "Skip" Lord '80 was recognized recently for his work during the 1995-96 academic year. The Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference tabbed Lord as its Athletic Administrator of Year.

Following this affirmation by the NAIA peers with whom he works most closely, Lord was selected as the NAIA Northeast Region Athletic Administrator of the Year. By virtue of his regional award, Lord was one of five finalists for the NAIA National Athletic Administrator of the Year. Although the national award went to another AD, Lord's accomplishments were impressive, given that the NAIA is comprised of more than 300 institutions.

Lord joined the Highlander athletic staff in 1987 as head coach for women's volleyball and basketball. He later served as assistant AD under Doug Burke, before assuming the top post upon Burke's retirement. Winner of more than 100 games in both volleyball and basketball, he now coaches the latter, having passed the volleyball on to Nancy Cole '90. Lord recently became Commissioner of the Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference, while also serving as chair for the sport of soccer in the Northeast Region. Skip and his wife, Joan, are the parents of four children and reside in Houghton.



## Soccer Reunion Slated

Varsity men's and women's soccer team alumni are invited to attend a reunion planned for September 26-27, 1997.





# Transcending

## *Culture, Christianity and Two Generations*

by Jayne Maugans

**A**merican Christians at Houghton College share many of the dominant values, beliefs, behaviors, and lifestyles that make up American culture. An outside observer might initially have difficulty distinguishing one of us from a nonbelieving American. Our dress, school and work routines, everyday family life, and basic beliefs in democracy, freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness identify us as merely American.

Yet we Christians are different. Within each generation, we stand out as unique. From one generation to the next, our faith provides a foundation that unites us and transcends generational diversity. Houghton College serves as a microcosm of Christians being in this world but not of this world.

Take for example, two popularized generations to have moved through the halls of Houghton College: the baby boomers and the baby busters, also known as "Generation X." Characterizations abound in the literature about each of these generations. Baby boomers, the 76 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964, came of age in the 1960s as the rebellious generation, opposing tradition and authority. Anti- and un- were "in"

as were peace, love, sex, drugs, demonstrations, and changing the world.

Today, baby boomers are in the role of responsible adults, caring for their children and aging parents while working, volunteering, and supporting organizations from World Vision to the local PTA.

In contrast, the 41 million babies born between 1965 and 1976, called the "baby busters," are apathetic young adults caring little about issues they perceive as not personally pertaining to them. If the subject is AIDS, the environment, or drug abuse, baby busters can be galvanized, but try rallying them around an abstract cause such as human rights and you have lost them, so the argument goes.

In some ways, baby busters are more conservative than baby boomers and in other ways more liberal, based on research by The Times Mirror Center. Baby busters trust government and corporations slightly more than do baby boomers, and they are more optimistic about new technology, the women's movement, and unions. Even more so than baby boomers, Generation X accepts diversity in race, ethnicity, nationality, family arrangements, and lifestyles.

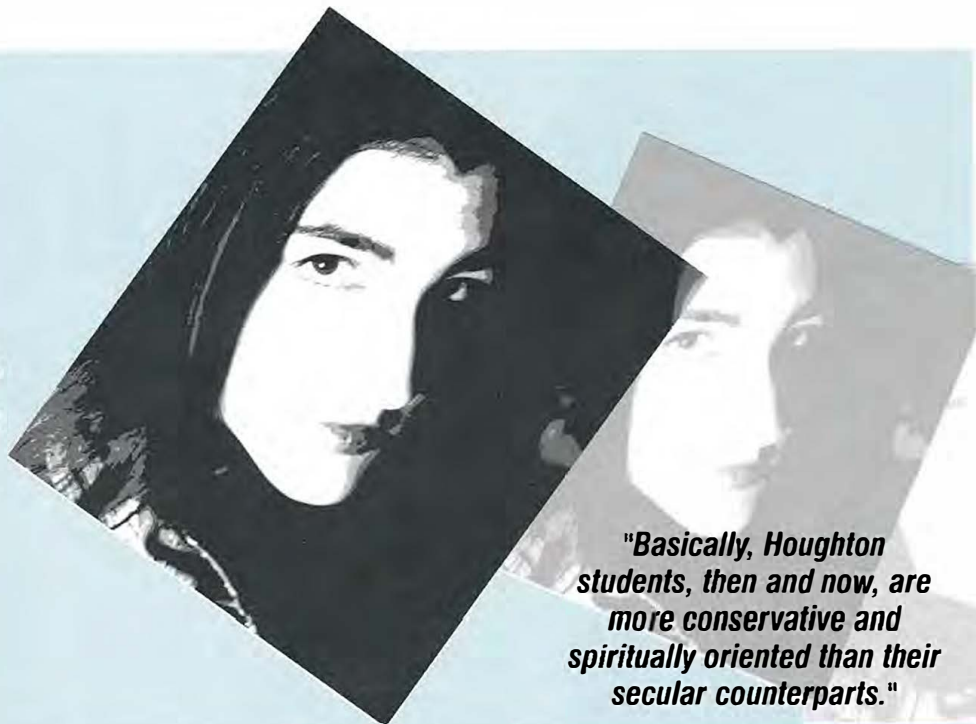
Most strikingly, differences in educational and prospective careers wedge these two generations. Baby boomers entered college when tuition rates were low enough that a summer job could raise sufficient money to pay tuition for the coming school year. Grants, scholarship, and school loans were abundant, as was the GI bill. The job market was promising upon graduation. Not surprising, most baby boomers believed that college was the ticket to a life better off than their parents.

Not so for the baby busters. High tuition costs coupled with inflation and budget cutting have resulted in debt. Limited employment opportunity for an ever increasing pool of college graduates leaves many baby busters either unemployed or overqualified for their post-college jobs. As a result, baby busters tend to be demanding consumers on campus and cryptic cynics when discussing their future careers.

Media viewing also directly affects the Houghton experience for each of these generations. Baby boomers grew up watching TV, selecting from three major networks. Baby busters tuned in, via the remote, the three networks as well as



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the multiple cable channels (including MTV) and videos.

The younger generation prefers, to the traditional lectures spouted at the baby boomers, snapshot lectures accompanied by audio-visual imagery. These two generations come together at Houghton College today with the baby boomers in the role of professor and the baby busters as their students. One wonders if generational experiences result in discord in the learning process and academic expectations.

In addition, empowered with the remote control, baby busters view the bombardment of advertising suspiciously and tune out ads perceived as inconsequential or hype. Disinterest and distrust carry over to marketing strategies, political campaigns, and religious programming. Baby busters prefer the "Independent" category; hence, wooing them can be challenging, even for Houghton College.

These two generations, though, are ideal-type constructs. Of course no one person born between 1946 and 1976 fits exactly into one of the generations presented. Moreover, the stereotyping ignores subcultural differences, including race, ethnicity, and

evangelicalism.

Baby boomers attending Houghton College back in the 1960s and early 1970s were in some ways different from their secular counterparts, as are students today. How many Houghton students in the 1960s and early 1970s smoked pot, practiced "free love," or burned flags? Likewise, how many students at Houghton today are indifferent to world issues? I doubt very many to either question. Basically, Houghton students, then and now, are more conservative and spiritually oriented than their secular counterparts.

Both generations at Houghton College regard God as the ultimate authority and believe that humanness and purpose in life are of God. Dominant values and beliefs come from the Bible; e.g., the Golden Rule, the Ten Commandments, and Jesus' commandment that we love one another.

Whether we are talking about the baby boom generation or baby busters, students at Houghton College recognize revolution not through a political movement or inwardness, but in the Christian commitment to build God's kingdom. Optimism comes from our faith, not from a fad or movement. As a

result, from one generation to the next, we are not very different from each other. Moreover, although we are each a product of our times, we are markedly different in fundamental ways from others in our society who have yet to become followers of Jesus Christ. ♦



*Dr. Maugans is an associate professor of sociology. Author of the 1993 book, **Aging Parents, Ambivalent Baby Boomers: A Critical Approach to Gerontology**, she first taught at Houghton in 1991.*



# Observations ON Generations

**H**oughton College generally has four generations of alumni living at a given time. Today boomers comprise more than half of the total. Collective cultural experiences and forces shape them and their children equally with individual upbringing.

President Chamberlain's reflection, Dr. Maugans's introduction, and Tim Fuller's piece (following) from an admission and alumni officer's perspective provide a framework for exploring how Houghton has experienced and coped with marked personal, personnel, and academic changes in good measure wrought by the boomers and their children now enrolled. Complementing illumination comes from abstracted comments of faculty, alumni, and students, plus a look at student development functions.

Current faculty present since the late '50s see the '60s and early '70s boomer as more like their parents, the bulk of the '70s and early '80s crop as more like their stereotypes. Unlike on many campuses, student response to the Vietnam War at Houghton was muted—black armbands and a simple reading of war-dead names on Moratorium Day in 1968 struck most as appropriate, some as daring. An appeal to respect authority was explicit in comments surrounding presentation to the college of a mace. A year later, draft czar General Louis Hershey was an invited speaker. Contrarian sentiments were not encouraged.

Too, Houghton students had

clear academic and career goals, and were highly motivated to achieve them—echoing depression-era parents' determination that their children would be better off,

Emeritus professor Dr. Larry Mullen observed: "Attitudes of student leaders in the '70s reflected the cynicism and suspicion of authority that characterized student leaders on secular campuses during the '60s." Dr. Warren Woolsey says the early '70s brought the idealists to Houghton, persons "getting ready to change the world . . . This was the period I found teach-

*"...the early '70s brought the idealists to Houghton, persons, 'getting ready to change the world...' "*

ing here most exciting . . . Participation in student groups from outreach to publications was high." At the same time, Woolsey continued, "we came to realize that the *in loco parentis* paradigm was no longer possible.

"I thought it was a turning-point when, after lengthy discussion, the faculty decided that the gym could be open for recreational use on Sunday afternoons. As I look back I think that both schools of thought [expressed then] were right: 1. This will start us down the slippery slope, and 2. Get real; this

is the 20th century and those were 'traditions of men.'"

To the observation that present Houghton students are more diverse, emerita history professor Kay Lindley countered: "I wonder if there's more diversity or if we're just allowing it to be expressed." Business professor Halberg observed: "In the '60s we had the feeling 'you will fit this mold.' That was also the nature of the Christian church.

"We were willing to accept authority, whether or not we agreed. Now I have students who argue vigorously in class as to whether something is fact or opinion." Consensus was that expression of new attitudes are the combined product of increased relativism, Houghton's goal of teaching people to question, and cynicism bred of too many public officials caught in lies—all such influences moderated by faith.

Senior faculty member Harold McNiel argued: "[Today] I have many dedicated students equally able to do scholarly work, but there is a harassment in their lives (world influences) students didn't have when I arrived in the late '50s."

Librarian Ellen Kreckman said present students are more knowledgeable about how to do library research, perhaps less inclined to do it. Halberg observed: "I didn't know what a reference librarian was. Now students may present their needs to the librarian as they would an order at McDonald's indicating, 'I'll be back when it's ready.'"

History professor David Howard offered: "My children are



more completely educated than I was at their age in terms of travel, foreign language facility, comfort in another culture." Language professor Jean Louis Roederer said the college is clearly more service oriented—from the library to the administration. What about boomers as faculty and administrators? Interviewees felt faculty are better prepared (more advanced degrees), with a "greater breadth of perspectives, viewpoints and backgrounds," but with "less cohesion in the institution... More variety in opinions about how faith and learning are related." Speaking of administrators, one veteran faculty member cracked: "They're more crafty, expert, specialized, involved—but only three of these [at any one time!]" Another veteran thought democratic process has suffered with some boomer administrators "wanting to do it *my* way."

Today's costs and college budgets indeed reflect inflation, sophisticated academic support technology, and relative gains in the remuneration of college personnel. But cost hikes also demonstrate institutional response to increased life-style expectations and service demands that were minimal or non-existent in early '60s Houghton.

Boomers and their children expect the college to offer amenities in keeping with their own enhanced living standards—carpeted floors, cable TV, phones, more private bathrooms, broader food choices. Recreational options and athletics are expanded.

Students tend to favor structures that support rather than channel their interests. For example, multicultural affairs director Kim Gladden found little interest in making an office-organized intercultural exploration van or bus trip to Buffalo. Instead students said, "Tell us what's going on, what the opportunities are and we'll go on our own with our friends."

Again, missions professor Paul Shea noted that student attendance was down at November's traditional missions week. He described a regular Wednesday night

missions meeting he attended which drew scarcely two dozen. But as that "official" group was breaking up, another 40 students took possession of the room. Their purpose? To organize an overseas summer missions trip.

Likewise, religion and philoso-

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phy department chair Dr. Harold Kingdon noted that while class prayer groups draw relatively few, many prayer groups operate in residences. Student development staff cited a lack of enthusiasm for traditional residence-floor Bible studies because many Bible study groups have coalesced around different affinity models.

Dr. Mullen sees "a decline in students wishing to enter full-time Christian service, but a growing willingness to see the workplace as

a legitimate field of Christian service and witness."

Generation X-ers are savvy consumers. Where prospective student athletes once asked if there were scholarships, Coach David Lewis says they now try to negotiate aid packages. They ask "Who supplies footwear? Do we get travel bags? Are road trips by van or bus?" For the coaching and recruiting staff this translates into need to know more about what other schools do. Lewis adds, "It also means we may interview 400 people to enroll six or seven."

Associate dean of students Tim Nichols finds students "less accepting of authority, frequently asking 'What is the basis for this rule?'" He senses an "undercurrent of baggage from bad home situations and a diminished sense of honesty."

Counseling services director Dr. Mike Lastoria says the traffic for personal counseling is heavy, often as a continuation of help students were receiving before college. Psychopharmacological counseling continues to grow, both for pre-existing conditions and as a prescriptive therapy. Lastoria finds adequate spe-



*Children of the Boomers: 24 out of 38 second- and third-generation Houghton students in the entering class are pictured here. Front row, left to right: Bethanne Bindon, Kari Babbitt, Laurel Blakely, Amanda Farwell, Stephanie Arendt. Second row: Holly Church, Judith Johnson, Erin Purvis, Rachel Krein, Doug Graham. Third row: Nick Nelson, Nicole Smith, Katie Barber, Carrie Derr, Lisa Tobelmann, Amanda Christian, Allen Hollenbach. Fourth row: Barry Engert, Phil Downs, Kevin Beers, Colin Beers, Paul Ulrich, Rebekah Richter, Jared Becker.*



cialized professional backup hard to secure in a rural area.

Cultural and entertainment programs, long concentrated on weekends, draw smaller crowds as more students desert campus on weekends, as evidenced in parking lot polls. Residence director Sharra Durham says students want events in shorter chunks of time, accessible daily. Getting advance commitment to a program or event is difficult.

Career Development director Sharon Givler says, "Students are more interested in balancing work and family needs. Frequently I hear 'I don't want work to be my life.'" Observing that national trends affect students here, too, she added: "Half of Houghton's graduates will be 'underemployed' or working in areas outside their study field." Job seekers are uninterested in searching through literature, preferring to search data bases. Resumes are still important, she adds, but with today's careers paths less likely to be linear, the value of networking grows.

For the student development office, dealing with expanding expectations and needs meant a 20-30 percent staffing growth in the '70s. Staff now brainstorm ways to assure that virtual interaction by computer does not become a substitute for live contacts.

Donning his Christian life director hat David Lewis reminds: "Technology is impersonal. People are starving for the relational aspect." Whether it's in the classroom, in campus life or job searches, Houghton seeks to "develop the mom and pop store atmosphere in a technological setting."

Addressing the national conference of student development personnel held at Houghton in 1993, Dr. Paul Borden, an astute observer of cultural and value changes in the evangelical church, challenged attendees to "make the culture of our student our friend... [Use it] to think strategically, to minister cross-culturally, to have a vision." For boomers or X-ers, those are Houghton goals. ♦

# Moving Target

I've spent most of my life dealing with baby boomers and their children. I'm a boomer myself, raised on sword drills, church Christmas pageants, summer camp and TV (as a history major in the making, "Hogan's Heroes" was my favorite!). Now my "multiple hat" job finds me working with boomers, their parents, and their children. In each case they are moving and shaping the admission and alumni programs.

Since 1976, the number of high school graduates in New York State has dropped by 40 percent. This changed "going to college" from a seller's to a buyer's market. It takes more than a letter opener to enroll the right number and quality of students now. Advertising, travel, extensive campus visit programs, glossy publications, direct mail, telemarketing, web sites, and videos are all part of the recruitment process, as colleges attempt to attract students in this competitive marketplace.

Colleges strive for inclusion in national college rankings, knowing that students and their parents pay attention to these sources. Some colleges offer scholarships before a student has even applied for admission, or use sweepstakes-like notices to attract attention, defying the ethical standards of the admission profession.

In the seller's market of the late '60s the typical college-bound boomer probably received a few letters and brochures, applied to one or two colleges, and went through the entire process without ever receiving a recruiting phone call. Today college-bound students can expect to receive volumes of mail, apply to five or six colleges, see myriad college advertisements in a variety of media, and receive dozens of phone calls. Rachel Johnson, a bright, first-year Houghton student from McAlisterville, Pa., actually kept track of her mail at the suggestion of director of admission David Mee '86, and accumulated close to 100 pounds of it during her college search process.

A new student at Houghton may have received as many as 20 different letters from the college by the time he/she enrolls. Some aspects of the college choice don't change, though. While the recruitment tools and the level of "hype" has changed, the basics of decision-making remain fairly constant. Students still look for advice from those they trust, pray about their choices, make campus visits, investigate academic reputation, and look for campuses where they will "fit".

Students also look for "amenities" as they make their choices. Personal attention from admission staff, current students, and faculty helps. When I began working in admission in 1980, the staff consisted of a director, two counselors, and three staff members (two of them part-time). In addition to me, our current admission office employs a director, an assistant director, three counselors, two campus-visit coordinators (one of whom coordinates the telemarketing program), a graduate assistant and three staff members (all of them full-time), along with a host of work-study tour guides, office assistants, telemarketers, etc.





by Tim Fuller '79, V.P. for External Affairs

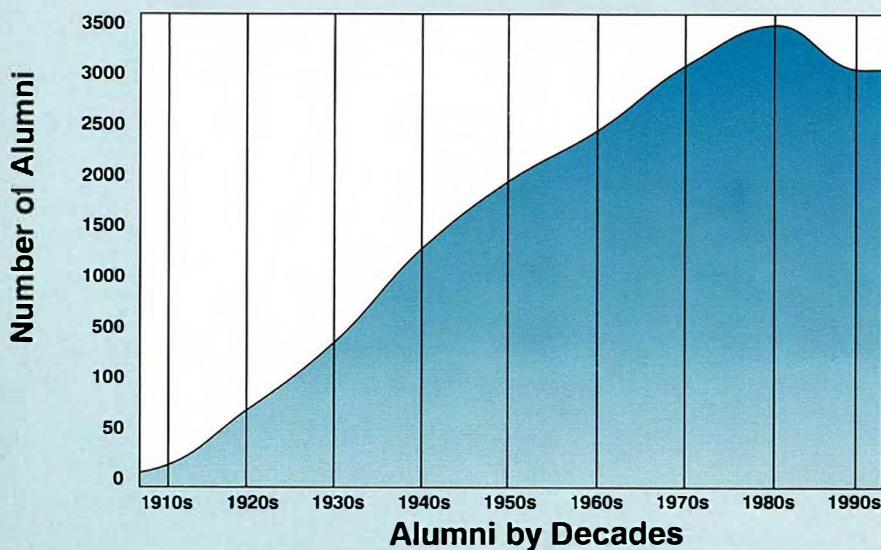
Students demand more options for housing and meal plans now than their parents did in the days of staying and eating in Gao dorm and dining hall. Townhouse living and a wide variety of dining options now exist, and students expect even more.

#### For alumni, too, boomers have different interests

As the alumni by decade chart suggests, there are already more graduates in this decade (with three more classes to go) than there were in the '60s. Over 60 percent of our living alumni have graduated since 1970. The growth of the second summer alumni weekend, with its extensive programs for young children and teens, reflects the alumni office's response to these demographics. In geographical areas where boomers dominate our mailing list, alumni chapters with officers and formal structures and meetings have given way to more informal gatherings.

One of the most important changes in the way we do business at Houghton and elsewhere is reflected by the "shotgun vs. rifle" approach. In order to reach boomers and their children, mass marketing has given way to more targeted efforts. We send slightly different messages to different types of prospective students. Rather than expect that all alumni will appreciate the same type of reunion, for example, we plan different types of events. The essential core of the message remains the same, but the packaging changes in ways that will appeal to and communicate with each group effectively. ♦

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*Completing their PACE degrees together afforded the Bensons new opportunities, greater confidence, and closer personal bonds.*

## Valentine for a Degree Program

*Many boomers who never finished college are returning to the classroom. Houghton's Program for Accelerating College Education leads to a bachelor of science degree in organizational management and is designed for the special needs of those who interrupted their higher education for work, family, or other commitments. PACE combines flexible scheduling, distance learning, and self-directed independent studies with conventional classroom instruction. It builds on previous college credit and experience equivalent to three years of college and may be completed in about 15 months.*

**H**ow do you celebrate Valentine's Day? On February 14, 1995, Bob and Nancy Benson went back to college. That day began normally: Bob arrived for work as a quality control engineer at SKF's bearing aerospace division plant in Falconer, N.Y., at six a.m. Nancy's workday there as master scheduler began at seven. They completed their shifts by 3:30 p.m.

Then—as they would each Tuesday for the next 15 months until they graduated from Houghton's Olean PACE program last summer—the Bensons rushed to the employee parking lot, drove home, changed clothes, grabbed books and papers, jumped back into a car and drove an hour (more when driving snow raked the Southern Tier Expressway) to Olean. After what was to become a ritual—dinner at the Beef and Bar-

rel Restaurant—Bensons settled in for a four-hour class. Somewhat after 10 p.m., it was back into the car for a return trip home to Gerry, N.Y., and a just-before-midnight bedtime.

Bensons devoted most other evenings to homework. There was spirited discussion on interpreting class notes—"His ideas are so different"; serious competition to excel—"I like to have an A." "Getting a better grade than she does isn't worth it," and squabbles over who got the word processor first.

Together Bob and Nancy have worked at the bearing plant for 32 years; in Bob's case (with one seven-month time out), since he graduated from high school in 1979. Nancy was recently treated to lunch and a bracelet for 15 years' service. They met at work and married 11 years ago, earned various promotions and bought a new hill-top house on three acres last year.

Why go back to college now? It was no sudden whim. Bob earned an associate in applied science degree from Jamestown Community College in 1992 and had taken distance learning courses via computer and video from RIT in Rochester. Nancy had a diploma as an executive secretary from Jamestown Business College. Both saw bachelor's degrees as a path to job security or new opportunities "Any advantage you can get, you should. It's self preservation," Bob explained. "Personnel managers say it makes you marketable." Too, SKF was willing to pay the whole tuition-books tab, a program that's now been capped.

Why did Bensons choose Houghton? Other degree completion programs they examined seemed too open ended. They were introduced to PACE through their employee relations manager



and two co-workers involved in the program. Says Nancy: "It seemed like a perfect option for fulltime workers. You have a definite beginning and an end." After filling requisite forms and chatting with Houghton's Southern Tier representative, Bethany Durys, they were accepted. Looking back Bob observed: "PACE professors are demanding but accommodating. They worked out options when I had an unexpectedly long business trip, and helped a woman in one course make up work after she had a baby... But we did drop all hobbies during that time."

By completing PACE Bob says, "I know now that I can do anything I set my mind to. Someday I'd like

to run my own business." Nancy thinks her most recent promotion may have been clinched by getting the degree. "In my interview I used some techniques I'd learned from Professor Halberg." Bob says he

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hasn't read a book since PACE. Nancy says she's now reading classics. In retrospect, their chief concern when they enrolled—taking the mandatory Bible Literature course—became "a most enjoyable

surprise" for "a Catholic who hadn't read the Bible," and "a bad Baptist." "We were skeptical about relating faith and learning, but we never felt [pressure. The correlation] was just there for consideration in many ways."

Bensons said that faculty's "real world experience" helped in relating academics and work place, and they appreciated the perspectives and support of fellow students from other professions. Too, Bensons had each other's support and the understanding of family and friends who were put on hold for a year and a half. Nancy concluded: "Before PACE we didn't know Houghton existed. Now we're trying to get my niece to go there." ♦

## PACE: Second Time Around for Boomers

Since its inception in 1991, Houghton's Program for Accelerating College Education has proved itself to be a boomer's delight. PACE director Dr. Norman Wilson notes that of 407 students who've participated or are currently in the program, 79 percent meet the boomer age-span definition. While most students are boomers, the oldest graduate has been 66, and a man of 71 recently made inquiries.

At the end of October PACE had 130 students in eight cohorts—74 individuals at Buffalo, 56 in Olean. Another cohort (class group of 16-20) began during November. Three more are expected by spring.

At this writing the PACE program is unique in western New York; according to Wilson, "the only degree-completion curriculum based on adult learning theory." PACE admits only students 25 and older. While there is

an active recruitment program, Wilson says word-of-mouth has become a significant factor in gaining new students—employer referrals, for example. One such told a worker planning a return to college to walk away from a deposit he'd made for another school's program. "Just write it off," he advised. "Houghton has what you want." The talking phone book and other schools' counselors have also proved good sources. To date there are 216 graduates. Many of these have received promotions or struck out in new enterprises since completing their degrees.

Using adjuncts or teaching assistants for adult degree offerings is common. But PACE stu-



dents consider Houghton's primary use of 25-30 highly experienced regular faculty for the program a real advantage. Students are unlikely to have more than one adjunct over the 15 months of their program.

While generating income is a prime motivator for some adult degree completion programs, former missionary Wilson addressed Houghton's ministry interest. "We get a lot of our boomers at critical times in their lives—their workplace is being down-sized, they have family relations problems, divorce, or empty nests. Many of these people are open to new paradigms of life... It's neat to see people's lives affected. [Getting one's PACE degree] is not just about acquiring data, it's about transformation... We're looking to develop whole persons, allowing God to work [in lives] in his own sovereign way."



## From the Alumni Association President



*Earlier Paulette (Morgott '82) Vosseler was board member-at-large and board secretary. She coordinated board volunteer efforts and has assisted with admissions. She is a business analyst for M&T Bank in Buffalo. She and her husband, Philip, live in Cheektowaga, N.Y., and are active in the Hamburg Wesleyan Church.*

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Recently, I caught up with an old friend. Our connection goes back to our Houghton College days, when we established a friendship as many of you did at Houghton—over long walks, late night talks, sporting events, meals, and a shared faith which provided direction for common life struggles and decisions. My friend is a second generation Houghton alumna. Indeed, Houghton is known among New York colleges for attracting its alumni children.

These cross-generational links define both the challenge and opportunity present in serving Houghton alumni in the 1990s. Houghton College holds lots of memories and meaning for its alumni, students of the 1920s through 1996. Although the college has changed over the years, it's surprising how unchanged these meanings are, even across decades. Houghton's essence endures.

Alumni associations must avoid two equally perilous snares, holding too tightly to the past and, conversely, ignoring its significance. A very positive middle ground affords a panoramic view of past and present and, maybe, a glimpse of the future. The Houghton College Alumni Association and the alumni office have sought to stake out a place here, a vision reaffirmed by the Alumni Association Board of Directors (Alumni Board) in its recently adopted mission statement.

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

The Alumni Board works with and through the alumni office to encourage a relationship of mutual service between the college and its 15,000 alumni. This is challenging. It works best as you communicate with your alumni office. What can Houghton do for you? Similarly, your alma mater needs to know that you stand ready to serve her and her students. Call, write or e-mail. Houghton needs to hear from you. Don't underestimate your role.

College teaching and management is a demanding and increasingly complex task. Your prayers for wisdom, energy, and patience are most important. Your gifts to Houghton provide student scholarships and allow the college to keep up with advances in technology. Speaking well of Houghton to clergy and young people helps to keep Houghton in the minds of potential students and the church.

Houghton enjoys a rich heritage perpetuated in an active Christian mission. Capable Christian students receiving a thorough liberal arts education under the care and guidance of strong Christian scholars in a supportive community; these are the essentials of Houghton. With your participation, the past is indeed prologue.

*Paulette T. Vosseler*



## Class Notes

**49** Frank Robbins is one of the newly elected board of directors of the Summer Institute of Linguistics for JAARS.

**50** Frances MacNeill went to LaPaz, Bolivia, in August after nine years absence. She enjoyed seeing the work of CALL (Committee for Aymara Literacy and Literature) improve and come full force into the 1990s with new computers and scanners. During her two-week stay, Fran met with many people and renewed old friendships with some CALL workers who were in LaPaz when she worked there several years ago.

Sophia (Andrychuk) and Doug Pease '52 were part of a team of six people from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz., who spent five weeks last summer teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL) in Vilnius, Lithuania. They have spent three summers in Eger, Hungary, teaching EFL, but this was their first trip to Lithuania. Doug is an adjunct faculty member of Grand Canyon University and also operates a small soils consulting firm. Sophia is retired from teaching elementary school. They are active in the Corona Baptist Church and The Gideons International. Sophia serves as the Auxiliary scripture coordinator for Arizona and Doug is chaplain for the Arizona Gideons.

**52** Jean-Pierre Pressau is the vice moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery and also chairs the administrative committee.

H. Byron Showers completed four terms on the Pennsylvania State Republican Committee. He served two terms on the Committee when he was the elected chairman of the Lancaster County Republican Committee, and two further terms from 1992-1996. He was a professor at Millersville University and is now retired.

Dr. David Topazian was honored last May by the Christian Medical & Dental Society at its annual convention in Norfolk, Va. He received singular distinction as "Missionary of the Year" for his work with TEAM. David also spoke at Houghton's Health Care Symposium last summer.

**54** Louis Eltscher had two short pieces published in Charles Scribner's Sons *Dictionary of American Biography*, Supplement Nine, 1971-1975. The subject involved aviation and aircraft design. He also had a short essay published in *The United States in the First World War*, a volume in an encyclopedia of American wars that is being put out by Garland Publishing, Inc. The topic of this essay was the de Havilland 4, a British design manufactured in the United States. It was the only American-built airplane manufactured in quantity to actually see combat in World War I.

**55** William and Marith (Reinertsen) Bicksler returned to Taiwan for their last term in August. Bill will be on the staff full-time at China Evangelical Seminary teaching Old Testament subjects on the M.Div. and Th.M. levels and at Holy Light Theological Seminary in Kaohsiung teaching in the M.Div. and pastors' courses. Bill and Marith are engaged in training ministers and planting new Free Methodist churches in Ankeng and tuCheng. Marith's acute leukemia is in complete remission, but they still request prayer as they travel.

**56** Paul Sterneman was elected superintendent of the West Virginia Free Methodist Conference in June of 1995. His wife, Anne (Johnston), left teaching special education in Harrisburg, Pa., to accompany him in this new ministry.

**58** Edward Savolaine, MD, is approaching 20 years of teaching at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo. He is professor of radiology with tenure, specializing in neuroradiology.

**60** Carolyn (Paine) Miller is one of the newly elected board of directors of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) for JAARS. She and her husband, John '57, are in Thailand where they are co-directors of the work of SIL in Mainland Southeast Asia. John has been gravely ill but seems to be gaining.

**62** Robert Claxton participated in a delegation of the University System of Georgia faculty who visited a private university in Buenos Aires to help establish an on-going linkage between the two institutions of higher education. He translated and communicated with faculty and students in their language after having been away from using Spanish for a while. Robert was also interviewed on a radio talk-show while in Buenos Aires. He teaches United States history and works part-time in the administration of West Georgia College.

Rolland Kidder participated in a book signing last October where he autographed copies of his new book *A Hometown Went to War: Remembrances of World War II*. He

### Down the Aisle

Bryan & Corinne (Fink '94) Adkins  
Jesús & Marlisa (Richters '92) Alvarez  
Richard '95 & Kara (Vanderhoof '95) Burke  
Michael '95 & Carrie (Chamberlain '95) Eby  
Jeff '93 & Amy (Brown '94) Falke  
Matthew & Kendra (Outlar '90) Feeney  
Scott & Patricia Joy (P. J.) (Buonocore '93) Friedel  
Timothy '91 & Caryn (Noftisier '91) Leonard  
Mark & Jennifer (Hutton '91) Lockett  
Johann & Stephanie (Emmett '90) Paschalis  
David '80 & Susan Ann Piatt  
Daniel '95 & Rebecca (Hosmer '95) Prouty  
Eric '91 & Beth (Arneson '95) Ramoth  
Peter '85 & Lorie Schultz  
Rich '85 & Martha Strum

8-8-96  
10-12-96  
5-25-96  
5-26-96  
8-14-93  
6-4-94  
6-1-96  
9-18-93  
7-6-96  
8-9-96  
6-29-96  
12-2-95  
7-20-96  
2-11-95  
9-21-96

### Future Alumni

Todd '88 & Vanessa (Finis '86) Carr  
Jeff '93 & Amy (Brown '94) Falke  
Matthew & Kendra (Outlar '90) Feeney  
Joel & Andrea (Hansen '89) Freepons  
Wayne '94 & Tamara (Marshall '93) Gaffney  
Jeff '90 & Laurel (Trexler '89) Kennell  
Timothy '91 & Caryn (Noftisier '91) Leonard  
David & Judy (Tennant '83) Mahony  
Tom '87 & Stacy (Medsgier '89) Mariano  
Robert & Marjorie (Garrigues '84) McCoy  
William '88 & LaJane Moore

Peter '89 & Patti (Schrader '89) Moughan  
Francisco '87 & Christy (Souzis '87) Negrón  
Eric & Kimberly (Shesman '84) Olson  
Peter '85 & Lorie Schultz  
David '87 & Kimberly (Cox '88) Staples  
Craig and Deborah (McDowell '87) Thomas

\* Adopted

Caleb Joshua 8-16-96  
Caleb Allen 8-25-95  
Luke Edward 8-12-96  
Daniel Eric 4-30-95  
Michael James 8-15-96  
Peter Michael 10-22-96  
Elizabeth Grace 10-8-94  
Julia Grace 3-25-96  
Benjamin Thomas 10-8-95  
Adina Grace \* 9-10-92  
William Jeffrey 11-23-90  
Janel Arlene 1-8-94  
Brenden Alan 4-3-96  
Sean Patrick 1-18-96  
Alexander Javier 10-10-95  
Jordan Patrick 4-8-95  
Peter Jonathan 1-7-96  
Noah David 2-7-96  
Cody Jon 5-28-96



# Class Notes

## Send your alumni news

*Milieu* wants your alumni news. Use the space below or send a note to Alicia McGeorge, *Houghton Milieu*, Houghton College, Houghton, NY, 14744-0128. Copy deadline is the second week of the month before issue. Space limitations may delay publication of items by one issue. Items which have appeared in class newsletters won't be included unless we judge them to have broader appeal. Please be specific—include city and state where you live or work, give dates, spell out acronyms. If you prefer e-mail, send to [amcgeorge@houghton.edu](mailto:amcgeorge@houghton.edu) or [milieu@houghton.edu](mailto:milieu@houghton.edu).

interviewed 28 local World War II veterans, and each veteran tells his story in his own words. Rolland is a graduate of Houghton, Evangelical Theological Seminary, SUNY at Buffalo Law School and the US Navy Officer Candidate School. He served as a patrol office on PBR patrol boats in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War. Since 1994 he has served on the American Battle Monuments Commission, which is responsible for maintaining the overseas cemeteries for America war dead. Rolland was a New York State assemblyman for eight years and is now an investment advisor with PB Sullivan & Co.

**64 Sharon (Huff) Anderson** is on the adjunct faculty at Yavapai College in Prescott, Ariz., where she teaches basic writing skills. She also plays organ at a local church, accompanies voice students at the college, teaches 19 piano and/or flute students in her home studio, and plays various gigs, solo or with a vocalist or sax player.

**67 Frank Fortunato** works in the music ministry with Operation Mobilization in coordinating the music at all of their international events. Last year Frank handled the music for the Global Congress On World Evangelization and now is coordinator of the AD 2000 Movement's Worship and Arts Track. In addition to their two children, Kristine and Lukas, Frank and his wife, Berit, are hoping to adopt an international child.

**David and Kathy (Wilson '69)** Vandenberg, after 13 years of pastoring the C&MA Church of New City, N.Y., have moved to a Zanesville, Ohio, C&MA pastorate. Dave has also occasionally taught for Nyack College and for the past seven years Kathy has been director of assessment for the adult degree program there. They have also visited missionaries overseas.

**Shirley (Willink) Wilson** has been named Bloomfield (Conn.) Teacher of the Year. She received the award from Governor John Rowland as part of the statewide Connecticut State Teacher of the Year award

ceremony in Hartford on October 30. She has taught elementary vocal music in Bloomfield for 22 years. In addition to teaching, Shirley is church organist at Calvary Church in West Hartford, president of the Greater Hartford Chapter of Christian Educators Association International (CEAI), and is a member of the CEAI National Board of Directors.

**68 Joyce (Shultz) Stuart** obtained an M. S. in nursing degree from Georgetown University in May 1991. She assisted with the development of a health assessment tool for the State of Virginia and is employed as a nurse practitioner in a residential substance abuse facility.

**69 Paul Shea** is full-time at Houghton College and works with international students, is director of off-campus programs, and also assistant professor of religion.

**70 Brynda (Van Skike) Filkins** and her 16-year-old daughter, Vanessa, joined home schoolers from across the US in Antigua, Guatemala, for a short-term missions with Students International. They worked in schools and orphanages serving Mayan Indian children. Brynda and her husband, David, and family moved to Colorado Springs, Col., in July.

**72 Bill and Susan (Harper '73)** Church are living in Hoosick Falls, N.Y., where Bill is pastoring the Community Alliance Church.

**74 Don and Peg (Metzler '77)** Mauer have moved into a new log home situated in the Adirondack Mountains. Peg is a freelance technical writer and book indexer. Don is a New York State licensed outdoor guide. They can be reached at [dgmauer@aol.com](mailto:dgmauer@aol.com) or [pmauer@aol.com](mailto:pmauer@aol.com).

**75 James and Linda (Roberts) Gibbons** both teach at Memorial Baptist Christian School in the Williamsport, Pa., area. Their daughter, Jen,

is a sophomore at Houghton and they were surprised by the birth of their son, James Jr., in 1995.

**Wayne and Bonnie (Wheeler '77)** MacBeth are completing four years of service at Wesleyan World Missions in Indianapolis, In., where Wayne works as director of mission development. Now under appointment to serve as career missionaries for The Wesleyan Church in Australia, the MacBeths hope to depart during summer '97. Their home base will be Kingsley College, the Wesleyan Bible school located in Melbourne. Wayne will also serve as area director for the Pacific region of Wesleyan World Missions (including Papua New Guinea and Indonesia). They have two children, Christy (grade 6) and Scotty (grade 3).

**76 Jeffrey Rudloff** pastors Steigerwalt's Church of God, near Pottsville, Pa., is enrolled in an M.Div program by correspondence, and works as a radio advertising consultant. He and his wife, Joan (Hall '77), have three children.

**77 Tom Crawford** is raising support to return to Minkson Christian Academy in Moscow. He can be reached at "E-mail: [tjcnwford@glas.apc.org](mailto:tjcnwford@glas.apc.org)"

**78 Mark Beukema** is in Vietnam working with Save The Children. He obtained a master's degree in social work following his graduation from Houghton and has been a psychiatric social worker since the early 1980s. Mark began his career at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Mass. Since then, his work has taken him to Hong Kong refugee camps, a Sungai Besi camp in Kuala Lumpur, and Malaysia where he worked with Interchristo.

**Boyd Hannold** was elected to serve on the executive committee of the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand, one of five Christian groups recognized by the government. His responsibilities include preaching, establishing the mission budget for the upcoming year, and deciding the first steps toward building a new campus. His wife, **Donna (Ebner '79)**, is involved with Sunday school curriculum and getting ready to host a CMA worldwide conference on evangelism to Muslims.

**Janet (McGuckin) Hubbard** is pastoring the Central Park United Methodist Church in Buffalo. She can be reached at [clergytwo@aol.com](mailto:clergytwo@aol.com).

**79 John Rorvik** has joined the media resources staff of Wheaton College as head of broadcast services for their radio and cable TV stations. Formerly, John was manager of a family radio station in Joliet, Ill., and a guest instructor in communication at Wheaton.

**Barbara (Krueger) Trudell** is one of the newly elected board of directors of the



Summer Institute of Linguistics for JAARS.

**80** **Stuart Buisch** has received a call to be the associate pastor of Park Presbyterian Church where he is already serving as church educator. He took the oral examination on the floor of the Presbytery for approval for ordination in the Presbyterian Church USA.

**David Piatt** is attending Houghton once again pursuing a BA in religion with a ministerial minor and will also be a member of the class of 1997. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**82** **Andrew Mullen** completed a Ph.D. at Teachers College, Columbia University, pursuing interests in the teaching of history and the history of American education. He is employed at the University of Maine at Machias as an assistant professor of education.

**83** **Marvin Schlaak** is the vice president of creative services for the successful interactive multimedia firm Atlantis New Media, Inc., based in Atlanta, Ga. The firm specializes in the implementation of Web-based tools and all other interactive media. Marvin won two international awards for corporate identity packages featured at Macworld Expo in Boston, Mass., this past August. You can see a sample of his work on the web by pointing your Netscape or IE browser to [www.atlnewmedia.com](http://www.atlnewmedia.com). He can be reached at [marvo@atlnewmedia.com](mailto:marvo@atlnewmedia.com).

**84** **Jeff Jones** is the manager of information systems at Grumman/Butkus Associates, an engineering firm in Evanston, Ill. He and his wife, **Kathy (Readyoff)**, reside in Evanston with their two sons, Joshua and Gabriel.

**Eric Dohner** is a family physician in Walton, N.Y. He and his wife, Mary, home-school their five children on a small farm.

**Marjorie (Garrigues) McCoy** and her husband, Robert, recently returned from a two-week trip to Romania to complete the adoption of their second child. Marjorie is taking time off from teaching to be a full-time mom to their two children who both turned 4 in September.

**Glenn McKnight** completed a Ph.D. in African history from Queen's University in September. He successfully defended his dissertation titled "The Moral Economy of Development: Transforming the Discourse of Development in Uganda, 1895-1930." Glenn is also teaching courses in world history and African history at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.

**Kimberly (Shesman) Olson** and her husband, Eric, live in Japan where they experienced the "great Hanshin earthquake." Their home was seriously damaged and situated in one of the many potential landslide zones. They were evacuated for 10 days and then were allowed to go back to pack up their things. She was six months

## "That they may be one..."

Don't tell John Bartz '89 that God doesn't still move in mysterious ways! For three years Bartz has pastored the historic United Methodist Church of Frewsburg, N.Y., near Jamestown. Most of that time his congregation has faced the joyous, yet perplexing problem of growth in a land-locked site. As attendance moved from 90 toward 140 they added a second Sunday morning service, but there was no way to expand Sunday school and Christian education space.



John Bartz '89

The congregation's prayers seemed to go unanswered until last March at a Frewsburg pastors' conference, when John "chanced" to mention his problem to the 30-year pastor of nearby Trinity Chapel. Within hours that pastor called back. As the chapel's founding pastor he literally owned it. Recently he'd been giving thought to retiring. His church had purchase offers from several commercial entities, but neither he nor the congregation was comfortable with the proposed uses of consecrated space. Besides, what would happen to the congregation? Might Bartz's church consider receiving the larger Trinity property as a (\$300,000) gift, in return for allowing its 30-some members to become members of Frewsburg United Methodist?

With the enthusiastic approval of both congregations, the merger was accomplished and now Trinity United Methodist church is thriving. United Methodist archivists say it's a first. Recognizing a unique situation, John's bishop approved the credentials of the "retiring" pastor who now does visitation for the combined congregation. A Sunday school teacher in John's congregation had wanted a children's choir, though the church had no qualified music director. Trinity Chapel had a music teacher, but no choir. Now Trinity United Methodist has a director and a choir.

Both buildings are being used for worship and Christian Education. Within a year, the congregation hopes to build a multi-purpose building on its new site and is considering what to do with the old structure. John calls God's provision of growth, unity, and space "a neat answer to prayer."

pregnant at the time of the quake, but the Lord provided a new, undamaged place for them to go. Kim and Eric are also seeing their ministry become more effective because they were there during the quake. (See *Future Alumni*.)

**85** **Tim and Linda (Lewis) Deeks** have experienced several changes in the past six months. Tim is a social worker with Niagara Hospice where he began working full-time in April after a

year of per diem work. He was also the bivocational pastor of the Free Methodist Church of Lockport until June 30, 1996. In September, Tim accepted the position of associate pastor with the East Seneca Community Free Methodist Church. His area of focus will be youth ministries. Linda has accepted a position on the Houghton Buffalo Suburban Campus at the Ada Kidder Memorial Library. This is a welcome change after two years of commuting via airplane to New Jersey where she served as the library



*In cooperation with Word of Life Hungary, Houghton faculty have since 1991 led annual business seminars for emerging business people in that country. Business alumni have participated in several of these. David Hulley '66, of Northampton, Mass, now a consultant in health care, financial analysis and management information systems, participated in the 1995 seminars. If his assessment sparks your interest, the 1997 tour will run June 5-14. Contact Professor David Frasier at Houghton for details. More about Dave Hulley on the back cover.*

## **Hungarian Business Seminar:**

### **An Adventurous Short-Term Mission**

Herded from the plane into waiting buses at Budapest airport, we were guarded by two teenagers in camouflage outfits with thick black belts from which dangled an assortment of threatening objects. Near forgotten memories of a junior high trip to the Hungarian Consulate in Manhattan to protest the brutal suppression of Hungary by the Russians in 1956 came vividly to mind. Gradually my fears evaporated as I learned more about a wonderful people struggling to make their way in a post-communist world.

We—Houghton business professor David Frasier, Greenville College CFO Larry Saylor and I—conducted "Christian Businessmen's Seminars" in eight different cities. The daily pattern was to arise early at our base and to be driven by a Hungarian speaking Word of Life staff person to the next city (usually two hours at speeds up to 160 km an hour).

The lectures—given through an interpreter—covered five topics: financing small businesses, communicating (managers to employees), and decision analysis, introducing solid business principles as would be presented in a U.S. business course or seminar. A fourth was a case study concerning pollution, which generated lively discussion. In the fifth, on business ethics, I traced the historical roots of current-day utilitarianism and characterized humanism as collective utilitarianism. I then suggested we need a source and standard of ethics outside of ourselves and recommended the Bible.

We soon realized what a contrast we and our presentations were to our audiences' stereotype of a Hungarian-businessman—someone once friendly with Communists and-or dishonest. To hear us talk without shame about being in business and in Christ was an anomaly, a challenge to our hearers' mindset. Several were moved to change life orientation.

Hungary offers tremendous potential. It has vast regions of fertile soil. Education is highly prized. There is a large force of highly talented but underutilized citizens. Meanwhile the country suffers from 25 percent inflation, 50 percent taxes, 10-20 percent unemployment, and high interest rates. Centuries of defeat and external dominance shape the national psyche. Every aid and encouragement we can give helps.

On a personal front I found spiritual encouragement. A seminary student from Bosnia told me of God's miraculous protection of church workers, of numerous conversions of both non-religious people and of Muslims, and of church services attended by members of fiercely opposing groups who have been reconciled to God and each other.

I realized afresh that people respond to love and to the good news of the gospel. These can be communicated in a day, over a week, or over a lifetime. My earlier misgivings about the validity of short-term missions (weren't they more personal adventure than real evangelism?) were modified to the point that I've since participated in a short-term mission in Russia.

director of the Arthur K. White Library on the campus of Zarephath Bible Institute. Tim and Linda also bought their first home in Lockport last summer. They can be reached on line at [DeeksTRev@aol.com](mailto:DeeksTRev@aol.com) or at the Houghton Buffalo Campus at [ldicks@houghton.edu](mailto:ldicks@houghton.edu).

Peter Schultz is pastoring the First Alliance Church in Hardin, Mont., where he and his family have been for one year. (See *Down the Aisle* and *Future Alumni*.)

**86** Ron S. Kerr reported for duty with Joint Task Force, Southwest Asia. This assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Ron is making a difference as he works to improve his knowledge and skills as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

Lisa (Dombrosky) Orton lives in Norfolk, Va., with her husband, David. Having worked as a volunteer coordinator for four years at Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Lisa has now taken a position as a marketing/communications associate for United Way of South Hampton Roads. She and David also run a desktop publishing business called Seashore Publications out of their home.

**87** Tom Mariano is in his fifth year at Ithaca High School where he teaches math and computers. He and his wife, Stacy (Medsker '89), built their first home last year. Stacy is a full-time mom to Seth and Benjamin. (See *Future Alumni*.)

**88** Sandy (Farra) Christman, husband Brett, and son Joshua, have moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., as Brett accepted a new job. The job entails going to foreign countries for three to twelve months with Sandy and Joshua. They have been praying for a "tentmaking" mission opportunity and are excited to be going to Korea for six months for their first field assignment. They are hoping to work with various missions organizations such as Global Opportunities, Open Doors, and Evangelical Free Church Mission on future trips. Possibilities include going into closed countries such as China, next fall. After suffering from various health problems, Sandy is glad that the Lord has restored most of her strength so that they can pursue this opportunity.

Wayne Hill is an associate in the commercial department of Woods, Oviatt, Gihman, Sturman & Clarke in Rochester.

Holly Lang is living in St. Cloud, Fla. She teaches English and reading at Kissimmee Middle School and is the school literary magazine and newspaper advisor. She also organizes a yearly Shakespeare Festival with her students. Holly is a member of a book group, a local church, and sings with the Orlando Messiah Society. She is on line at [langh@osceola.k12.fl.us](mailto:langh@osceola.k12.fl.us).



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**William Moore** and his wife, LaJane, concluded eight and a half years of pastoral ministry at the West Union Mennonite Church in Rexville, N.Y. In addition to church responsibilities, Bill worked as a substitute music teacher, piano tutor, general contractor and computer technician at various times during his ministry. Bill and his family have moved to Ashland, Ohio, where he has begun study at Ashland Theological Seminary. (See *Future Alumni*.)

**Katrina (Roeder) Rubino** and her husband, Todd, were saddened by the death of their newborn son, Gabriel George, on October 12. Funeral services were held in their home church in Hortonville, N.Y., on October 18. Memorial gifts may be made to the Jenna Fund at Albany Medical Center.

**89 Charles Barnes** is working at DelawareNorth Companies as an operational analyst for sports services.

**Kurt Brown** has worked seven years at Pall Corporation in Cortland, N.Y., and was promoted to the position of research scientist in the Microelectronics New Product Development group. He continues graduate work in chemical engineering at Syracuse University and also serves as a church treasurer. Kurt's wife, **Brenda (Hartman '89)**, is a full-time mom and also a homeschooler with their two children Micah, 6, and Kendra, 4. She also enjoys serving as pianist and newsletter editor for their church.

**90 Kendra (Outlar) Feeney** graduated from Hahnemann University School of Medicine in 1994 and is completing her residency in internal medicine at Thomas Jefferson University hospital in Philadelphia. She has been asked to stay on as chief medical resident for 1997-1998. Kendra then plans to complete a fellowship in hematology and oncology.

**Stephanie (Emmett) Paschalis** is living in Seoul, Korea, where she teaches English to university students and her husband, Johann, works for the South African embassy. She and Johann plan to live there one more year before returning to Johann's native country of South Africa. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**Brenda (Bolton) Tremblay** won a 1996 Gabriel Award from the Unda-USA (the National Catholic Association for Professional Communicators) for "The Abbey of the Genesee," a radio documentary she produced for WXXI, a station in Rochester, N.Y. Other Gabriel awards were presented to producers at National Public Radio, CBS, CNN, and Radio Smithsonian. Brenda lives in Brockport, N.Y., with her husband, **Don '88**, who is a data communications specialist at SUNY Brockport.

**91 Kelly (Harralson) Hildreth** received a master's degree in reading from SUNY Cortland. Her husband, **Jody '92**, received a master's degree in library science from SUNY Al-

bany. Both Kelly and Jody teach at Sauquoit Valley Elementary School where Jody was granted tenure in September. Kelly is a kindergarten teacher and Jody is the library media specialist. They can be reached on-line at [khildreth@juno.com](mailto:khildreth@juno.com) or [warbler@juno.com](mailto:warbler@juno.com).

**Timothy Leonard** is attending Penn State University School of Medicine at Hershey where he is a student in an MD/Ph.D. program. He is in his sixth year (out of seven) of studying neuroscience and has received a Ph.D. in this area. Timothy has only two years remaining until he receives an MD. He has written various abstracts for publications and scientific journals, as required for the Ph.D. program. Timothy's wife, **Caryn (Noftsier '91)**, completed the nursing program at Roberts Wesleyan. (See *Down the Aisle* and *Future Alumni*.)

**Jennifer (Hutton) Lockett** teaches language arts and reading part-time at Bates Middle School in Danville, Ken., while her husband, Mark, attends Asbury Seminary.

**James Quick** spent two weeks on a short-term mission trip to the Czech Republic. Browncroft Community Church's TNT group sent 11 people to work with **Donna Becker '92** who is a full-time missionary teaching English in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Jim's team worked with the local youth group to organize an eight-day English camp for 77 youths. Back in Rochester, Jim works as a national communications manager for H.J. Meyers & Company, a nationwide investment banking/brokerage firm.

**Eric Ramoth** and **Beth Arneson '95** were married this year and among those present at the wedding were: **John '92** and **Lori (Hoerr '95) Blevins**, **Tim Petrie '91**, **Peter Hansen '91**, **Rob '91** and **Stephanie (Slaughter '91) Fink**, **Andrew '91** and **Michelle (Lowne '92) Bontempo**, **Doug '91** and **Karen Pereira**, and **Dave '91** and **Amy (Danner '93) Sperry**. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**92 Alejandro & Rebecca (McClelland '93) Ashe** are working in Houghton in the STEP and Upward Bound programs, respectively. Prior to moving here they taught English in China.

**Jason Rienhardt** spent the last two years working with brain trauma survivors and was promoted to assistant house director. He is also an officer in the Syracuse chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

**Matthew Roth** finished an MFA degree in poetry at Wichita State University and is now living in Rochester.

**Rich Whitehead** is in graduate school at Clarkson University pursuing a master's in business administration.

**93 Jeff and Amy (Brown '94) Falke** are in Canandaigua, N.Y., working in the Wesleyan Church. Jeff is the full-time youth and worship pastor and is finishing up his ordination requirements through Life Grow and Houghton's Equipping for Ministry courses. Amy

works part-time at the Wings preschool at the church. They can be reached on-line at [jfulke@juno.com](mailto:jfulke@juno.com). (See *Down the Aisle* and *Future Alumni*.)

**Patricia Joy (P.J.) (Buonocore) Friedel** is employed as a customer relations manager for King Auto Mall in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She and her husband, Scott, are very active with Cornerstone Baptist Church's youth group. P.J. also participates in choir and skits and plays. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**94 Corinne (Fink) Adkins** is working as music assistant for the Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix, Ariz., as well as teaching private piano lessons. She also plays for ballet classes at Arizona State University where her husband, Bryan, is studying for his master's in French Horn performance. Her new address is 1125 East Broadway Road, Apt 227, Tempe, AZ 85282. Corinne can also be reached on-line at [cadkins@IMAP3.ASU.EDU](mailto:cadkins@IMAP3.ASU.EDU). (See *Down the Aisle*.)

**Stephanie Bohm** is working full-time as a customer service representative at Automatic Distributors, Inc., a local distributor of aftermarket snowmobile, trailer, lawn/garden and outdoor power equipment parts. She can be reached at [Steph56612@aol.com](mailto:Steph56612@aol.com).

**Denise Burton** received a master's degree in physical therapy this past September. She is now working at Olean General Hospital.

**Christy Oliphant** is attending Elim Bible Institute to prepare for missions work. She can be reached at [Christyo@juno.com](mailto:Christyo@juno.com).

**Matthew and Debbie (Davis '94)** Owen celebrated a year of home ownership in Reston, Va. on September 30. Matthew does technical writing out of their home for one employer and is also handling administrative duties for Heart and Soul Poetry Group, now a national salon network of the Washington, D.C., area. In November he participated in "Poets and Painters," a multimedia traveling arts exhibit featuring poems about paintings and paintings about poems. Debbie, who works for Pardoe and Graham in its real estate accounting department, was a recent participant in a Ms. Richmond pageant, the only participant to list financial planning as a hobby. The Owens expect to have e-mail before summer and would welcome visits by fellow recent grads.

**Shelly Rosser** is working in inner New York City with women's ministries. She can be reached at [ssrosser@eclipsecorp.com](mailto:ssrosser@eclipsecorp.com).

**Joel Vandenbergh** has spent the past two years in the Netherlands studying physical therapy. He's returned to the States this fall to take his board examinations in that field.

**95 Melissa Doland** has completed her master's degree in special education at SUNY at Albany. She is teaching first and second grade special education for Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS). She is rooming, once again,



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with Karon Bedell '95 who works as a speech pathologist assistant for BCPS.

Dan Prouty is director for the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship for Monroe County in N.Y. (See *Down the Aisle*.)

Richard "Rusty" Rice had a productive summer of ministry working for the boy scouts at their Florida national high adventure sea base in the Florida Keys.

Mega Vandenberg has begun the physician assistant program at Trevecca University in Nashville, Tenn.

**96 Elisabeth Bellamy** is doing graduate work at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y. She can be reached at [ebellamy@HS2.buffalo.edu](mailto:ebellamy@HS2.buffalo.edu).

Andrew Bonaventura is the director of ministries for Mountinside Chapel in N.J. He can be reached at [amb1vision@aol.com](mailto:amb1vision@aol.com).

Whitney Crossman is attending Syracuse University's School of Social Work, pursuing a master's degree in the MSW program.



## Springtime in the Capital

April 9-13, 1997

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## In Memoriam

'39 Raymond S. Carpenter died July 9, 1996, at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills (Calif.) from complications of cancer. While at Houghton, he sang in the touring college quartet and learned the printing trade in the Houghton print shop. Upon graduation, he worked in radio in Greensburg (Pa.) and as a linotype operator for the Titusville (Pa.) *Herald*. In 1946 he was ordained in the Michigan Wesleyan Methodist Conference and served churches in Romulus, Parma, Bauer, Clarkville-West Berlin, Kalamazoo, and Allegan. Ray did graduate work at Garrett (Methodist) Seminary and served the Almena-Northwest Oshtemo Methodist Churches and also worked at the *Kalamazoo Gazette* before retiring in 1977 and moving to California where he became senior citizens pastor at the La Puente Wesleyan church. After moving to Leisure World in Laguna Hills he worked in security and attended the United Methodist Church where he taught the adult Sunday school class, coordinated the Dial-A-Devotion program and assisted with communion. Among those surviving are his wife of 56 years, Geraldine; five children and spouses, including Ellen (Carpenter '62) Young and David Carpenter '64; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, five brothers and sisters, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to the Houghton College music building fund.

'67 Clarence Driskill died suddenly at his home of a heart attack on June 12, 1996. After graduating from Houghton, he received a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute. Clarence was employed as the direct mail director for progressive business publications in Pa. Prior to this, he worked at the Bureau of Business Practice in Waterford for 18 years as an advertising copy chief. He was past president of the Black Point Beach Association in Niantic (Conn.) and had taught at Mitchell College and the University of New Haven. He is listed in *Who's Who in America*. Surviving are his wife and mother.

'43 Arthur M. Gravlin died January 9, 1996, at Fairfax (Va.) Nursing Center. He was very active in the National Evangelical Free Church (NEFC) church in Annandale, Va., acting as volunteer assistant to the pastor and contributing greatly in the area of visitation. He was also very proficient at his hobby of ham radio. Arthur is survived by a brother, Clayton '52; a daughter, Kathleen; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Jean, and his son, Tom. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors as he was a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel. Memorial gifts may be made to the NEFC, 3901 Gallows Road, Annandale, VA 22003.

'78 Mark A. Howard died October 9, 1996, in his home. He graduated from the Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry in 1982 and practiced dentistry with his father in Jamestown, N.Y. Mark

was a member of Bethel Baptist Church where he was deacon, chairman of the music committee, senior high Sunday school teacher, youth group sponsor and an Awana director for the Pioneers. Active in the Men's Quartet, The Ensemble and choir, he was also a soloist. He was a sponsor for the Bemus Point Area Youth Soccer and member of the Eighth District of American Dental Society, Chautauqua County Dental Society and Jamestown Dental Society. Those surviving are his wife, Lynda (Reinhardt '78) Howard; two sons, a daughter, his parents, and three sisters. Memorials may be made to the Bethel Baptist Church or the Mark A. Howard Memorial Fund c/o Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

'60 Sharon (Stellwagen) Hurlimann died June 21, 1996, after a short illness. She graduated from Wayne State College and worked infrequently in local schools in West Covina, Calif. Sharon also taught at the Detroit and Riverside Schools for the Deaf, but was a homemaker for most of her married life. A memorial service was held June 25, 1996, with the Rev. Alan Rosenberg presiding. Sharon is survived by her husband of 32 years, Peter, and two children, Matthew and Deborah.

'56 Elsie Teresa (Teeter) James died December 19, 1995, at Southern Ohio Medical Center's emergency room. She was a special education teacher in the Minford (Ohio) schools and adjunct faculty at Shawnee State University in psychology and social work. Elsie was a member of Central Baptist Church and had a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling and guidance from Marshall University. She did post-graduate work in special education. Surviving are her husband, Rev. Jack E. James '55; two sons, a stepson, a daughter, four brothers, two sisters, nine grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by a daughter. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

'43 William R. Johnson died July 28, 1996 in Twin Brook Medical Center in Erie, Pa. He was listed in *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges* and received his master's degree from Cornell University and pursued additional studies at the University of Buffalo. William taught science in Dryden, then became an administrator at Wilson Central School. He was named guidance director in Gowanda in 1955, holding the position until he retired in 1977. William was an active member of Gowanda Free Methodist Church, a past president of the Gowanda Library trustees, and a past president of the Houghton College Alumni Association. He was also a member of the Audubon Club and served on the advisory board of the Gowanda Psychiatric Center School of Nursing. Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; a son, and a sister.

'41 Roy L. Klotzbach died August 5, 1996, at his home. He was a 65-year member of Indian Falls United Methodist Church where he served as a lay leader for 25 years.



Roy was a former chairman of the administrative board, taught Sunday school many years, and was active in the choir. He was active in the United Methodist Men's organization, Genesee County Farm Bureau and Extension Service, Genesee County Camp of The Gideons International, and the Western New York Canton Brown Swiss Breeders Associations. He was a past president of the Genesee County Council of Churches and the Darien/Pembroke Sunday School Association. Among those surviving are his wife of 51 years, Eleanor; two daughters, Kathy (Klotzbach '68) Craig and Joy (Klotzbach '73) Yousey; two sons, six sisters, including Ellen (Klotzbach '61) Carey; three brothers and sisters-in-law, including Milton '41 and Ruth (Newhart '42) Klotzbach; 15 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Indian Falls United Methodist Church or The Gideons International Inc.

'32 **Lloyd Howard Lane** died July 16, 1996, at College Park Health Care Center in Houghton after a lengthy illness. He taught in the Checkered School House in the Centerville Rural School District for several years and also worked for the New York State Department of Transportation in Hornell as a civil engineer. In addition to Houghton College, Howard attended St. Bonaventure College, Harvard for graduate studies, as well as many other universities. He served in the US Army Air Corps in WWII and taught other Air Corps members how to use radar, a new device at the time. He was a member of the Belfast United Methodist Church, the Belfast American Legion Post 1168, the Belfast Leisure Club, and many professional engineering organizations. Howard was an avid reader and scholar. He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to the Belfast Rescue Squad or Houghton College.

'36 **Ruth S. Liddick**, 90, died at home August 28 in Houghton, N.Y., where she has lived with her son since 1994. A 1926 graduate of Nyack (N.Y.) Missionary Training Institute, she took medical training at Booth Memorial Hospital, N.Y.C., then earned her R.N. at Protestant Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Houghton's president J. S. Luckey invited her to be college nurse in 1932. Ruth married Alton Liddick in 1933, both of them studying at Houghton before beginning Wesleyan missionary service in Gujarat, India, in 1934. There she operated a medical dispensary and worked among national women. When Alton became Wesleyan world missions secretary in 1959, Ruth was secretary to his assistant. The Liddicks retired from Marion, Ind., to Brooksville, Fla., in 1968 where he died in 1984. Ruth wrote articles for the Wesleyan missionary magazine, world missions pamphlets, and 50 *Years in India*, a pictorial history of the Wesleyan work in western India. Her biographical sketch appears in the book, *Of Noble Character*. Survivors include a son Dean '60, married grandchildren Mitchell Liddick (S), and Casda Danner

## Alumni Author

*Listening For God's Silent Language*, by Don Osgood '52, Bethany House Publishers, Minneapolis, Minn., 1995, 160 pages. Subtitled *Hearing God Speak in the Unexpected Places of Life*, Osgood's ninth book is premised on the idea that we may "See God in Everything." The book's four parts: What Love Really Is; Turn Toward the Future; New Windows, New Voices; and Listening to Your Own Life, offer the author's experiences as evidence and invite readers to use their own experiences to hear God speak in their lives, to draw courage, find renewal and direction in daily events. A closing summary challenges-guides readers in applying, for themselves, lessons the author is learning.



'88; three great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, including Grant Sension '50, and Virginia Smetana '52. A daughter died in India. Services were held in Houghton and Brooksville with interment in Brooksville. Memorial gifts may be made to Wesleyan World Missions, or to the Alton and Ruth Liddick endowed fund in Houghton's religion department.

'49 **Rev. Otis J. McDonald** died October 27, 1996, at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Potsdam, N.Y., after a brief illness. He was pastor of Wesleyan churches throughout northern, central and western New York, retiring in 1991. Otis had also held positions with Bechtel Corporation and Rotron Corporation, was a logging contractor and a dairy farmer. In his retirement, he was an interim pastor and ran a pest or nuisance-control business. Otis graduated from Canton Agricultural and Technical Institute in 1940. He also served during World War II from 1944-1946, receiving the Victory Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and gardening. Among those surviving are his wife of 54 years, Dorothy McDonald; five daughters, Faye (McDonald '67) Mihill, Glenna (McDonald '72) Pearson, Joanne (McDonald '77) O'Connor, Ellen (McDonald '82) Moran, and Joyce (McDonald '82) Waters; two sons, Kenneth '65 and Mark; three sisters, three brothers, 19 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorial gifts may be made to Memorial Fund for Young Ministerial Students, c/o Morley Wesleyan Church, County Route 27, Canton, NY 13617, or to the American Cancer Society, St. Lawrence County Unit, 94 E Main St., Malone, NY 12953.

'81 **Laurie (Braaten) Roorbach** died September 11 at her home in Fredericksburg, Va. She was first diagnosed with cancer three years ago and has had both recurrences and remissions since that time. The family all believed she was responding well to the new protocol and thus her death came as a surprise. Those surviving are her husband, Douglas Roorbach '81, and their three sons, Jeffrey, Andrew, and David.

**Michael J. Sheldon** '43, died September 3, 1996, at his home in Ft. Myers Beach,

Fla., where he had been under hospice care. He was born in Owen Sound, Ontario, but moved to Buffalo, N.Y., as a child. After graduating from Houghton College Mike attended Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. In 1971 he also received a master of divinity degree in counseling and psychotherapy from Eastern. He pastored Riverside Baptist Church in Buffalo, N.Y.; Calvary Memorial Church in Philadelphia, and churches in Sunbury and Trevorton, Pa., and Lackawanna, N.Y. Mike served on the *Milieu* advisory board in the early '70s. For the past nine years he had been director of parish ministries at Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church in Ft. Myers Beach. Mike married Gwen Fancher '43 in 1943. She died in 1980. He is survived by their daughter, Lyn '71, and her husband Dick Harter '73; a son, LaVay '69, and his wife Laurie Abrams '68. Also surviving are his second wife, Maryann; a brother and sister; three grandchildren, and two stepsons. Services were held in Ft. Myers Beach and in Buffalo. Memorial gifts may be made to Houghton Academy.

'29 **Hollis Champion Stevenson** died



August 16, 1996. After college Hollis entered the University of Buffalo Dental School and graduated in 1933. He practiced dentistry for 35 years in Plattsburgh (N.Y.) and also served in a dental unit in the US Navy during World

War II aboard the aircraft carrier Midway. He was later a civilian dental consultant at Plattsburgh Air Force Base. Hollis was active in his local church, as well as the Wesleyan Church general administrative board, and served with his wife, Marjorie (Donley '30), in several short-term medical missions in Africa and Haiti. He was a member of the Houghton College board of trustees for several years and was honored as Houghton's first Alumnus of the Year and as one of the Centennial year "One Hundred." He served on local and state level school boards and the New York State Board of Dental Examiners. He was also a mem-



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ber of The Gideons and Rotary Club. After retiring, he and Marjorie moved to Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, Fla., where he became business manager for several years. Besides Marjorie, he is survived by their four children, **James '63**, **Thomas '69**, **Jane '55 Zike**, and **Suzanne '58 Burton**; brother **Marshall '31**; seven grandchildren including **Kristen Zike Pollock '91**, and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to Wesleyan World Missions, the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship or Wycliffe Bible Translators.



'55 **John Tsutada** (Hon. D.D.) died in Tokyo, Japan, on June 2 following a long fight against kidney failure and diabetes. One of the first Japanese students to enter Houghton following World War II, he was a product of missionary

effort. John's father, who founded the Immanuel General Mission in Japan, was incarcerated for his faith during the war. In a long career in which John succeeded his father, he was vice president of the mission, dean and president of Immanuel Bible Training College. He pastored the Tokyo Central Church and launched a radio ministry through the Far Eastern Broadcasting Company. He was also active as a contributor, translator, and lecturer for the Evangelical Publishing Association in Japan. John served on the boards of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Japan and Word of the Life Press magazine *The Gospel for Millions*. He also published his father's journals and sermons and a Japanese language version of a *Wesleyan Bible Commentary*. Survivors include his widow, Ruth, eight children—all in ministry careers; a brother and three sisters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.



'46 **Lloyd Wilt**, subject of an emeriti profile in the March *Milieu*, died June 20 following a lengthy illness. The Wilts had spent the winter largely as planned—in volunteer service with Servants on Wheels Ever Ready.

After they returned to Houghton in the spring, Lloyd was hospitalized. They had planned to co-host their 50th class reunion in July. Before attending Houghton Lloyd had graduated from Practical Bible Training College. Following college here, he completed advanced degrees at Faith Theological Seminary, the University of Maine, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He pastored churches in Rhode Island and Maine from 1950-66, then taught English

and literature at the University of Maine at Machias until he and Lois came to Houghton in 1968. Since he retired from Houghton's faculty in 1985, they have continued to live here, active at Castile (N.Y.) Baptist Church where memorial services were held June 23. Interment was at White Cemetery in Rushford. Surviving are his widow, **Lois (Hardy) '46**, two sons: **Kendall '74**, of Naples, N.Y., and **Timothy '75**, of Kampala, Uganda; a daughter, **Cynthia '79**, Nashville, Tenn.; six grandchildren, three brothers, five sisters; nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to Castile Baptist Church or Houghton College.

## In Memory Gifts

as of November 4, 1996

**Thomas C. Armstrong** by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Armstrong;  
**Geraldine Brenneman** by Mary A. Boomhower; Priscilla R. Ries;  
**Dorah Burnell** by Dr. and Mrs. Stephen W. Calhoun Jr.;  
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**Bess Fancher** by Dr. and Mrs. Stephen W. Calhoun Jr.;  
**Rachel Davison Fee** by Dr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson; Harold I. Smith;  
**Robert Fiegl** by Helen D. Powers; Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Alderman;  
**Charles Finney** by Nancy J. Hoke; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Syme; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Lynip;  
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**Frieda Gillette** by Harold I. Smith; Dr. and Mrs. Richard Troutman; Ardath Gorsky; Fred Hanley; Priscilla R. Ries;  
**Glen Hartman** by Rev. and Mrs. John Hartman;  
**Charlotte Mattison Hildreth** by Charles Hildreth;

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**Rev. Orville G. Wilson** by Doris V. Ludder; William Perry;  
**Lloyd Wilt** by Lola Haller; Mr. G. Charles Rhoads;  
**Ruth Krein Zimmerman** by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Zimmerman; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Carpenter; Harold I. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fuller.



## January

- 7 Students Return
- 9 Classes Begin
- 10 Senior Art Exhibit
- 12-17 Christian Life Emphasis with Keith Greer '67
- 17 Gallery Reception for Senior Exhibit, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Artist Series: *Daniel and the Lions*—  
Ensemble for Early Music
- 27 Faculty Recital: Kelly Hijleh
- 28 Art Exhibit: Prof. Scot Bennett



*Daniel and the Lions*

## February

- 5 Young Performers' Concert, 8:15 p.m.
- 14-15 Winter Weekend
- 14 Artist Series: The Tamburitzans  
(Eastern European folk song and dance)
- 19-23 February Break
- 24 Classes Resume



*The Tamburitzans*

## March

- 1 Art Exhibit: Dan Callis
- Philharmonia Concert
- 4 Gallery Reception for Dan Callis, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Jazz Ensemble Concert
- 19 Chamberlain Lecture, 7 p.m.
- 21 Easter Break begins at 6:05 p.m.  
(Classes resume Apr. 1)

(All above events are held in Wesley Chapel and begin at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated)

### Alumni Chapter Meetings

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Venice, Fla. ....	Jan. 25 .....	Robert Brown
Lancaster, Pa. ....	Jan. 31 .....	Tim Fuller and Bruce Campbell
Orlando, Fla. ....	Feb. 1 .....	Robert Brown
Brooksville, Fla. ....	Feb. 15 .....	Tim Fuller
Ft. Myers, Fla. ....	Mar. 1 .....	Tim Fuller
Chautauqua Region .....	Apr. 5 .....	Dr. Chamberlain and others

### Symphonic Winds Spring Tour

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
Grace Community Baptist Church, Washingtonville, N.Y.	Feb. 21
First Baptist Church, Flushing, N.Y. ....	Feb. 22
Faith Evangelical Free Church, Dix Hills, N.Y. ....	Feb. 23
Ridgeway Alliance Church, White Plains, N.Y. ....	Feb. 23.
Smithtown Christian School, Smithtown, N.Y. ....	Feb. 24



## David Hulley

How does a Class of '66 math major come to take time to teach business ethics from a Christian perspective in Hungary at his own expense, and explain why on the Voice of America? David Hulley's educational path demonstrates logical progression.

At Houghton he took the pre-engineering program—three years of liberal arts followed by two at NYU. He earned a Houghton B.A. in three years. Enroute David "learned the 'summum bonum' [highest good] in Bert Hall's ethics class," and recalls "wrestling with the tension between ethical 'ought' and 'end' in graduate business school." David observed: "To better represent Christ at NYU, then in working for IBM, I wanted to develop a more theological view of faith and work."

At Gordon Conwell Seminary he learned something about doing that; "even more about living with unanswered questions." Later David earned an MBA at the University of Massachusetts.

Working with Logos Bookstores, David demonstrated his people orientation by attempting what he calls "contact counseling" during moments with customers. Then as assistant director of the association of Logos Bookstores, he developed management systems which led to work in software development with other management information systems firms and, ultimately, to a position as a finance VP. Today David is an independent consultant doing business planning for hospitals and homecare, and mental health organizations.

More than a year ago, a *Milieu* piece about teaching business seminars in Hungary caught his attention. He was excited about "the challenge of applying personal ethics in a non-Christian environment," and last spring he joined Professor David Frasier's seminar team. On page 22 he talks about the trip and its attitude-changing impact.

David Hulley. Business and Family Person. Christian Faith Integrator. Short-Term Missionary.

We salute him and the thousands of Houghton alumni who make a difference in communities around the world.



*In most cities where Houghton seminars were offered, hosts arranged for TV, radio, or newspaper interviews. Dave explains goals and his own faith and practice to a Voice of America interviewer in Kecskemet.*

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