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# Of Faithfulness and the Freeze

I grew up enjoying daily family worship. Each morning we read a scripture, often asked and answered questions about it, then sang a hymn, followed by prayer from each family member. During these times of worship, I remember frequently singing

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

As a very young child, I learned that "Ebenezer" was a monument Samuel erected to celebrate God's blessing in returning the ark to Israel and defeating the Philistines who had captured it.

Houghton has multiple reminders that "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," often through people who served and gave. Many of our buildings are Ebenezers and carry names of those who gave their lives in service to Christ at Houghton, or who were generous college supporters.

Those now serving at Houghton College echo Samuel's ancient refrain "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We recognize our responsibility to be faithful stewards, not only of these buildings, grounds, and gifts, but also of the mission and vision that guided our founders and their followers. Achieving that mission requires our best efforts here, and the support of alumni and friends around the world.

The financial challenge becomes greater with each passing year because college costs are increasing rapidly while external aid for students is declining. To close this growing gap, Houghton currently provides more than \$4 million in college-funded aid, a seven-fold increase in ten years.

The triple tasks of maintaining the college's fiscal integrity, provid-

ing top-flight education, and meeting student needs are enormous. The features which follow in this issue ask and answer the question: "What's It Going to Take?" In brief: it will take fresh initiatives at Houghton and families taking full advantage of government savings and tax-credit initiatives.

### A Freeze on Tuition

On November 24 Houghton's board of trustees took dramatic faith action to maintain Willard J. Houghton's dream of providing education that is "high in quality and low in cost." Tuition will not increase for next year even though costs continue to rise. The college is acting in the belief that greater support from alumni and friends will enable us to meet our higher expenses without passing them along to students. In turn, we will intensify our efforts to control financial aid from the current fund.

Scripture admonishes us to walk by faith and not by sight. The clear implication is that faith is a more certain basis for action than sight. However, our faith is made visible in the tuition freeze. It thus becomes our Ebenezer. At Houghton we are moving forward with complete confidence that God's blessings which have "helped us hitherto" will enable us to be faithful stewards in pursuing our mission and in preserving and building upon the traditions that have made Houghton College a special place to live, learn and serve for 115 years.

Daniel R. Damberlain



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Corrections: Mark Twain once said the difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug. What follows purports to squash several bugs found in the fall issue.

"Highlanders at 30," the sports feature on page 17, should have specified the women's soccer team's 246-33 record as a *scoring*, not a win-loss record. The page 20 photo ID transposed the names of Frank Hames and Stanley Clattenburg. On page 22 '77 alumnus Rick Pointer was credited for a second doctorate, but that honor belongs to his sister-in-law, Shirley Mullen, also '77. The Summer Alumni Weekend summary included a reference to two faculty soloists as being featured in the Mozart Requiem. Inadvertently we omitted to mention Mark Ross '77, who was also a soloist. Mark has been part of numerous Houghton performances, traveling from his home in Batavia, N.Y. Thanks to our sharp-eyed readers. — *Editor* 



Yearbook dedication to Bruce Brenneman notes: "He's advised us, guided us, joined us, and respected us as adults."



Ribbon cutters Carol (Sturgis) Savolaine '59 of PACE and East Hall residence director Sharra Durham fete parlor redecoration.



Founders' Day VIPs from left: Drs. Barry Ross, Dong Sung Chung, and Clarence Jordan flank President Chamberlain.

# Founders' Day, Homecoming

Perfect weather, winning sports teams, large crowds, imaginative floats, a king and queen, surprise awards, and official guests from Syracuse to Seoul made Founders' Day-Homecoming weekend memorable.

# Founders' Convocation

Addressing the Founders' convocation on October 3, Wesleyan missionary-educator Dr. Barry Ross '61 drew on the life of Christ and his call to all disciples to "Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me." Ross traced the cost and benefits of following Christ in scriptural history, then cited examples from the lives of people he and his wife have met world-wide and their own. Ross concluded, "Christ promises 'I'll never lead you astry. No plan or ambition that you can possibly conceive for your life can ever be as challenging and fulfilling as that which I have in mind for you ... Let us walk this road together!"

Presenting Ross for a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree, President Chamberlain said that after completing a bachelor's degree in religion at Houghton—and meeting Margaret Tysinger '59—Barry studied at the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, earned B.D. and master of theology degrees at Asbury Theological Seminary. From the University of Michigan he received a master of arts in near Eastern languages and literature, and from Drew University, a Ph.D. in Old Testament.

Interspersed through their 30-year missionary career, Ross taught college, did interim pastoring, and led Holy Land tours, then taught and directed international student affairs and missions at Azusa Pacific University in California. The Rosses began their missionary career in 1967 in Japan with service in other Asian countries. They returned to India where he teaches at Union Biblical Seminary in Pune and coordinates Wesleyan work in eight countries. Margaret, a home economics specialist, continues community development work among women of all classes.

Clarence Jordan, director of the Syracuse (N.Y.) Rescue Mission for a third of its 111 years, received a Doctor of Humane Letters. Dr. Chamberlain cited Jordan's 37-year tenure for the mission's growth to 350 full- and parttime staff and \$9,000,000 budget which funds 25 different programs on nine sites. Jordan's innovations include the state's first sobering-up unit for street alcoholics and a motivational learning center for those who've fallen

through the cracks of the traditional system. He concluded: "The mission's growth suggests the combination of an expansive and innovative mind and vigorous follow-through dedicated to Christ's service."

Receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree was South Korean educator, politician, sports promoter and Christian businessman Dr. Dong Sung Chung. Chung has been an elected representative of the Korean National Assembly. Most recently he was cabinet minister for Health and Athletic Affairs. He founded and is now trustee chairman for Yeojoo Tech-

One stilted performer at an otherwise relaxed parade

nical College and Yeojoo High School, campuses located south west of Seoul. The two-year college now has 3,500 students, the high school 1,000. Houghton has concluded an articulation agreement with the technical college to bring Korean students to Houghton.

Chairman of Seoul Steel Company Limited, Chung last year also superintended the visit of the South Korean soccer team to a match with the North Korean team in Pyongyang, North Korea, the first civilian goodwill interaction between north and south since the war.

Also during the convocation, students presented the 1997 Boulder (yearbook) and dedicated it to theater professor/conference director Bruce Brenneman.

### **Other Events**

The 1997 PACE award was presented at the Founders' Fellowship luncheon (see page 8). Dedication of the remodeled East Hall parlor occurred late that afternoon. The remodeling included carpeting, furniture and window treatments and was accomplished at a cost of

\$42,000. Furnishings and decorating plan are by Lush Brothers Furniture of Galeton, Pa.

In the evening visitors attended the opening of an art exhibit by Ann Boyer LePere '67. Artist Series concert goers joined students for a fireworks display and bonfire celebration that featured the coronation of seniors Darryl Robbins, music education major of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Amy Burd, elementary education and psychology major from Bethlehem, Pa., as Homecoming King and Queen.

Returning alumni and students were comfortable in short sleeves to watch the senior class sweep to a fourth year as winners of the Saturday parade's float competition. Later they enjoyed athletic competitions and such circus perennials as a dunking booth, cotton candy, and "fishing" for prizes. Evening activities included a faculty variety show.



Homecoming royalty: Darryl Robbins and Amy Burd



Two floats employed a circus animal theme, but the seniors' victory gave them a fourth consecutive win.



Visiting from her Raleigh, N.C., studio, alumna artist Ann Boyer LePere '67 showed new work and lectured on portraiture.

# Houghton to Get a Full-Service Bank

Community Bank, N.A., will provide banking services to the Houghton community through a full-service branch to be housed in the campus center. Pending regulatory approval, the branch will open in March.

The agreement comes after an extensive evaluation of the college's present and future banking needs. "The college has been growing and its needs have changed," said Jeff Spear, vice president for finance. "We needed to find a bank that understood the rural marketplace but would be substantial enough to serve our broader needs as we anticipate future growth in the college and community."

The new bank will bring convenience, new services, and a commitment to serving the people of Allegany County. "This is a rural bank," Spear continued. "They understand



agriculture, small business and rural

communities. That's the kind of branch we need here. It's a great partnership."

Those services include traditional and electronic banking including a teller line. The bank will also feature a state-of the-art interior ATM which will allow access to customer accounts 24 hours a day and free telephone access to accounts for information and transfers. More hours than other local banks currently offer will be another benefit.



Left to right: Writers Crider, Zoller, Weber, Leax

# A Quartet of Columnists

The Wellsville Daily Reporter, an area newspaper, has begun carrying a rotating weekly series of columns by four Houghton College faculty— English professors Sue Crider, John Leax and James Zoller and education professor Ellen Weber. Explaining the goals of the effort, Dr. Crider noted: "The columns and interests of the writers are diverse, but all four hope to stimulate conversation among readers about issues raised." Among them, the writers have lived in Allegany County for 54 years.

Leax's column features excursions into various places and presents his responses. He describes himself as "aging fast," with "no time to hurry," so he wants instead to "journey deeper into the place where he lives."

Crider talks "about books, TV programs, movies, even the Internet,

as well as ideas about tackling college and tackling life."

Weber, a Canadian, is interested in how people learn. She explores what she calls "the delights of everyday living, whenever we use our creative talents and abilities." She believes ordinary people can improve their lives in daring and courageous ways.

Zoller addresses issues of family life and personal responsibility and more broadly issues of culture.

Speaking for the group, Zoller says, "Very simply, writers want readers. Why should we assume the so-called 'regional' writer is any less significant than any other author?" Each columnist is a published author, and for some the columns will be grist for another book.

# **Faculty Recognitions**

English and communication department head Dr. Douglas Gaerte, who penned the lead feature for the September *Milieu* concerning the merits of allowing cameras in the courtroom, was pleased to grant reprint rights to the *Buffalo (N.Y.) Law Journal*, which is published twice weekly. Gaerte's article appeared in the October 20 edition.

California State University of Los Angeles, currently celebrating its golden anniversary, recently chose Houghton's President Daniel R. Chamberlain to be honored with another 49 alumni. Chamberlain earned his M.A. there in 1957. Today Cal State enrolls some 18,500 students.

# \$200,000 Grant to Advance Crop Plant Research

Associate professor of biology Dr. Ming Zheng has received a \$200,000 USDA grant funding phase-two research toward developing new technology for breeding wheat strains offering larger yields, better quality, and pest resistence. Over the next 20 months Zheng and student assistants will conduct detailed research concentrating on underlying factors at the cell and molecular level discovered in phase one. The students will gain senior honors projects and Dr. Zheng hopes the results will lead to an application phase after the turn of the century.

A phase-one grant of \$55,000 has funded initial research over the past two years. Last summer Dr. Zheng spent two months furthering the study at Washington State University at Pullman, along with the technician with whom he began the work before coming to Houghton. (Facilities at Washington permitted aspects of the research using radioactive materials not possible at Houghton.) In addition to advanced study opportunities for Houghton students, the project has enabled the college to obtain new equipment, including a Zeiss inverted microscope, essential in studying growing cells and cultures, and beneficial to instruction and other kinds of cell and molecular research.

# ETI—Growing Pains and Burgeoning Promise

Almost one semester into the Educational Technology Initiative (ETI), how are Houghton students and faculty fairing? Are the required laptops enhancing the educational process? Are there any glitches? The preliminary answer to all three questions seems to be affirmative. Articulating for the

majority of nearly two-dozen first-year students questioned about ETI, one student wrote: "I have been pleased overall with the program, taking into consideration that this is the first year." Conversely, another student said that for

graphic design, the computer selected was inappropriate.

Several faculty members, among the early adapters of the new technology, say computer use is opening new avenues of research and timeliness, permitting greater class interaction and fostering interest. Many have yet to integrate the computers into class time, though use of the machines for e-mail and research assignments is common. How-to training is a part of that challenge. "Help desk" technicians are praised for competence and patience in the face of heavy demands.

Students and faculty are inconvenienced by—but are temporarily resigned to—seemingly inevitable start-up glitches ranging from component systems outages to numerous faulty "dongles," the connector between computers and Internet ports. Initial "first amendment" indignation with a trustee decision to electronically block certain Internet sites quickly abated because, ultimately, the blocking is very limited. Too, most of the students surveyed above found the decision congruent with standards thou'd already agreed to most

dards they'd already agreed to meet.

# Seven Lessons to Learn

Associate professor of accounting Rhea Reed '75 received an Independent College Fund of New York 1997 Excellence in Teaching Award during an October chapel. Perched atop a stool, Reed told the students she was surprised by her nomination. As a minister's daughter, Reed said her chapel message had "seven points, all beginning with the letter L."

Illustrating her talk with snatches of music, secular and sacred, classical and pop, she told students college is a time to: Learn to laugh at yourself and life; Learn to listen—to advice, to friends, to music. Learn to love literature and history—they give perspective and understanding, enable you to participate. Learn to look—to see what's going on, to appreciate natural beauty and art. Learn to learn—not merely for

the knowledge, but as a framework for further inquiry. Learn to live fully—get out of your comfort zone and take sensible risks. Learn to like yourself. This entails becoming a whole person, then being yourself.

The award, funded by the New York State Electric and Gas Corpora-

tion, is awarded to a faculty member nominated by colleagues.



excellence awardee Reed declaims 7Ls.



PACE awardee Margaret Wynn: "perennial volunteer, conscientious beyond the call of duty."

# Free Enterprise Forum Grant

Houghton College has received a \$10,000 grant from the William B. Cockroft Forum for Free Enterprise. The money will be used to sponsor two forums next year which bring together figures of the business and academic worlds to build understanding and relationships to promote free enterprise. One forum will be held at Houghton, the other in the Buffalo area.

# Margaret Wynn Receives PACE Award

Houghton's President's Advisory Council on Excellence (PACE) presented its 1997 award to Margaret Wynn '52, retired secretary to two Houghton presidents, perennial volunteer in campus beautification efforts, and faithful church worker.

At the award ceremony held October 3, PACE president/attorney Kevin Knowlton '79 told guests assembled for a Founders' Fellowship luncheon that Margaret was the first in her family to attend college, "a six-year veteran of the work world coming to an academic environment of late teenagers and seasoned World War II veterans." She majored in Christian education and Bible, played in the orchestra, and competed on field hockey and softball teams. Margaret taught release-time class and did extension work, joined the Spanish Club, and worked for the Boulder, paying her way by working in the dining hall.

Upon graduating she returned to Pennsylvania, working for 14 years as secretary and christian education worker for Altoona's First Baptist Church. For another eight years she was secretary bookkeeper for Girlhaven, a Christian home for court-committed teenage girls. In 1974 the college invited her to return as secretary to then President Wilber Dayton.

Margaret served with him and later with President Chamberlain until 1986. Knowlton quoted Dr. Chamberlain: "Margaret always exhibited a servant attitude, was hard working, protective of me, conscientious beyond the call of duty, with interest in the college beyond her job." From 1986-88 she was payroll and gift receipting clerk, retiring in 1988 and settling in Houghton.

Rounding out reasons for Margaret's selection, Knowlton noted that she played in the college orchestra well into this decade. For two decades she's planted flowers and pulled weeds on campus; plantings by the college entrance sign are her specialty. Her faithful example and cajolery have turned other retirees into volunteer grounds tenders, too.

At Houghton Church she's been a Pioneer Girl guide and choir member and has led the toddlers' Sunday school class since 1983. Margaret volunteers child care so young mothers can attend a Bible study. She is secretary-treasurer for Houghton's active senior citizens' group and coordinates the twice-monthly baking of dozens of cookies for a ministry at the Allegany County Jail. She's helped scores of people with scripture memorization.

Miss Wynn received a vase bearing Houghton scenes in relief. It was crafted by ceramist-art professor Gary Baxter.

# 22 Seniors Named to 1998 Who's Who

Houghton's 22 nominees to be included in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* were selected based on five criteria: scholarship, citizenship, service to the school, Christian maturity and participation, and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities. They join an elite group chosen from some 1,900 institutions of higher learning in the U.S. and abroad.

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Named were: Joel D. Barber, East Aurora, N.Y.; Dan S. Bates, Canby, Ore.; Alison R. Bixler, Andrews, Ind.; Sara E. Ekstrom, Scottsville, N.Y.; Kristen L. Engnell, Newberg, Ore.; Jason D. Hollinger, Lancaster, Pa.; Kelli L. Joseph, North Tonawanda, N.Y.; Ruth E. Judy, Richmond, Va.; Jennifer L. Kahoud, Bellmore, N.Y.; Jason J. Leininger, Middleburg, Pa.; Sharon M. Meiners, Gardner, Mass.; Marshall M. Merriam, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Melissa E. Musick, Canadaigua, N.Y.; Amy L. Pulis, York, Pa.; Kara A. Scott, Hampton, New Brunswick, Canada; Richard W. Sylvester, Mount Kisco, N.Y.; Rebekah E. Tanner, Spencerport, N.Y.; Andrew K. Thompson, Eldersburg, Md.; Paul R. Watson, St. John, Barbados; Amy S. Lewis, Rexville, N.Y., Allison P. Liquefatto, Westminster, Md.; and Adria C. Willett, Catalina, Ariz.



Women's winning soccer season included 15 shutouts.

# Highlanders Sweep Conference Soccer Championships

After a year without the Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference championship trophy, the men's soccer team regained the title, defeating Geneva College and avenging last season's title game loss. The Highlanders, however, saw their streak of three straight trips to nationals broken, as they lost to Green Mountain College (Vt.), 2-1, in the NAIA Northeast Region finals. A highlight on the season was a 2-1 win over NAIA power Birmingham-Southern College that propelled the squad into the nation's top ten.

The Highlanders finished the season 16-5-1 and ranked No. 9. senior Akim Antwi (Kumasi, Ghana) led in scoring with 22 goals. His 63 career goals rank second all-time behind the 97 goals scored by 1995 graduate Jamie Wellington.

For the women's soccer team, another spectacular season ended with a loss in the Northeast Regionals. After winning 12 straight contests, recording 15 shutouts — including seven in a row — and grabbing another KECC title, the Lady Highlanders ended their season with a 1-0 loss to Green Mountain College.

The team tied a program record with wins, finishing 18-2, and outscored opponents 79-8. Four players registered double figures in both goals and assists, led by junior Heather Shear (Apalachin, N.Y.), who had 18 goals and 17 assists. Shear, junior Jennifer Mattison (Portville, N.Y.), sophomores Jennifer Hartenstine (Fountain Hills, Ariz.) and Andrea Potteiger (Mechanicsburg, Pa.), and freshman Sunshine Leonard (Port Crane, N.Y.) earned All-KECC honors.

Field Hockey completed another stellar season, finishing 12-4-1. The season was highlighted by what could be argued as the biggest win in the program's history, a 2-1 overtime victory over Bloomsburg University. Bloomsburg has won the last two NCAA Division II national championships. Houghton was led by freshman sensation Kristen Dorsey (Mt. Laurel, N.J.), who had 14 goals and 9 assists, and senior Norah Griffiths (Bensalem, Pa.), with 9 goals and 4 assists.

Volleyball finished its season at 16-7, falling to Seton Hill College in the KECC tournament preliminaries. The team was plagued by injuries throughout the season, losing senior Allysia Hanson (Escondido, Calif.) for the year, and missing junior Allison Chubb (York, Pa.) for a number of games

with an ankle sprain. Junior Amie Fells (Anderson, Calif.) and Chubb earned All-KECC second-team honors, and freshman Linda Shea (Houghton Academy) ranked among the nation's leaders in digs per game.

**Cross Country** 

The women's cross country team ran away with the KECC title for the seventh straight time, with junior Krista Ruth earning top individual honors. The men finished second, paced by freshman Felix Cheruiyot who grabbed the individual title.

At the national meet the women finished 14th for the second consecutive year. Senior Kim Wellington (Orchard Park, N.Y.), who finished 40th out of 333 runners, and senior Lauren Keeport (Beckersville, Pa.), who finished 63rd, were the team's top runners. Keeport and Ruth were both named to the NAIA Academic All-American team.

The team was also named as an NAIA All-Academic team. Their team GPA of 3.34 ranked seventh out of the 30 teams competing at nationals.

Head cross country coach Bob Smalley was named Keystone Empire Collegiate Conference Women's Coach of the Year and NAIA Northeast Region Women's Coach of the Year. It's the seventh consecutive year he has won the conference honor. He has won the region honor four times. In his ten years as cross country coach, Smalley has also been honored by the



conference for his men's team seven times and has been named the region's men's coach of the year twice.

# What's It Going to

The triple tasks of maintaining the college's fiscal integrity, providing top-flight education, and meeting student needs are daunting. This series offers perspectives on all three tasks and illuminates the board's decision to freeze Houghton's tuition for 1998 at the 1997 level.

# With rising college costs come more services, greater value by Kenneth Nielsen

typical first-year student who enrolled at Houghton last September—or his parents—had already absorbed serious knowledge before attending the first class. Some examples: The freshman year bill was \$17,012, (tuition—\$12,344, fees—\$420, room rent—\$2,118, board—\$2,130). Additionally, there was a payment for a laptop computer, and the expense of books, personal items, and travel to and from home.

A student entering Houghton College in the fall of 1961 when I began my service here as food service manager would have spent about \$1,713 for a year's tuition, perhaps \$260 for a room, and \$400 for food service. If you are thinking "Something more than inflation has been at work here," you are

right. I believe those "somethings" fall into three main categories: necessary improvements, increased expectations, and a fully-optioned product. Inflation is a sizeable fourth factor. Then, faculty taught five-and-a-half-days a week for one of the lowest salary scales going. I remember driving campus guests to Buffalo or Rochester airports and rail stations in my '58 Chevy wagon, happy to augment my personal cash flow with the school's nine-cents-a-mile reimbursement. Brand new that car cost less than \$3,000; a comparable vehicle today tops \$25,000. In 1961 the college had one or two cars and a few trucks. Today's fleet includes a dozen cars, a half-dozen vans, and numerous multipurpose trucks.

In 1961, food service included three basic meals

served family style. These were nutritionally balanced and often tasty, but beyond beverage options of coffee, tea or milk, there were no choices. A salad bar was undreamed of, and a demand for multiple dessert choices would have occasioned laughter.

Dormitory construction costs were amortized by room rents, and the rooms were spartan—no carpeting, no telephones; computer connections to campus resources, much less the Internet, were unimagined. Today nearly all collegeowned rooms are carpeted; all have phones and Internet connections. Lounges have cable TV and regularly upgraded furnishings. Housing options include townhouses with homelike amenities and do-your-own cooking. Costs on some of these new facilities are beyond the revenues of room rent.

Compared to 30 years ago when I became assistant business manager, learning-support structures are greatly expanded. These include library and computer services that require more staff with more technical and professional education. The price of books, journals and magazines has far outstripped inflation. Library hours have been extended. There is tutorial help for those with inadequate academic backgrounds or learning disabilities. Computer labs and Internet access are givens. Greatly expanded are services for students with personal problems (from counseling to monitored medication regimens). There are broader services to better equip graduates for their post-college job search.

Other seven-figure "new" costs are intercollegiate athletics and enormously increased college-funded financial aid.

Today faculty members teach five days a week. Benefits for employees range from a 40-hour week, improved vacation allocation, and an augmented retirement program, to dependent tuition remission and family medical benefits. Salaries paid today afford greater buying power and are more competitive with





in 1967, nor did the expense of their operation and

huge periodic replacement costs.

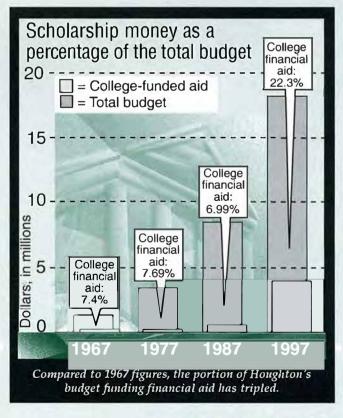
Each item I've described has its place in a competitive market, but together they put revenue pressures on the college well beyond the 174 percent of inflation over the past 36 years. Despite its 7.2-fold increase, tuition today pays less of the cost of educating a student than it did then. So how has Houghton coped, maintained balanced budgets, and even improved its position? Among the answers are improved management and income from endowment—60 percent devoted to scholarships, 40 percent to operations. (It's a modest endowment still, but more than 18 times larger than when I began.)

The Willard J. Houghton Foundation, an independent corporation begun in 1980 to produce income from business ventures and certain kinds of gifts, regularly augments current operations by six figures and in some years has produced a half-million dollars or more for needed projects. For more than a decade Houghton's own gas well provided a significant portion of the college's heating needs, and third-party purchase of other natural gas needs further reduces costs. An aggressive energy-saving program has reduced use of electricity and held costs steady.

In the early '70s I instituted a basic summer conference program to expose a greater variety of people to Houghton and its offerings, and as a way to generate income during months when finances were tight and the campus was little used. Twenty years later a more sophisticated version of that program has introduced thousands to Houghton and produces an annual income in six figures.

Alumni giving and college development efforts have provided a broader, deeper gift stream. Hard work and God's blessing are major factors in the success of each of these efforts to expand available funds, new millennium will undoubtedly call for fresh measures and additional sources if Houghton is to continue serving qualified students of modest means as Willard J. Houghton and his successors have envisioned.

Kenneth Nielsen recently retired after 26 years as Houghton's chief financial officer (see story on page 17)





# How college and family cope with change

by Jeff Spear

# **Financial Aid**

wenty years ago, federal and state grant money provided virtually all need-based assistance for college students. New York gave substantial aid through its Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to encourage state residents to attend college in-state. The alternative was to expand the heavily-subsidized state university system to accommodate the then-burgeoning population of college-aged residents. TAP was a cheaper approach and was

politically favorable for the vast majority of New Yorkers who preferred a private college environment.

Then, during the 1980s, it became fashionable to trim aid programs, and awards from TAP, and federal programs were minimized while college costs climbed at double-digit annual percentages. Colleges were



aid. Clearly, such aid cannot continue to grow at more than twice our rate of tuition increase.

### **Educational Technology**

Most businesses upgrade their information technology systems to improve productivity and more effectively serve customers. Functions once performed by a sea of clerical people are now processed on a touch-tone phone.

The college has benefitted from technological improvements which have been implemented over the last 10 years. Though regulatory and administrative

requirements have grown dramatically, the college has accommodated these trends through greater use of automated technologies. Moreover, we have seen increased use of technology in instructional areas. Multi-media projectors connected to laptop computers have made the overhead projector with black-inked transparencies somewhat dated.

The challenge of technology is its cost. Allowing students full access to the college network and the Internet is very expensive. The college, rewired with fiber optic cables, allows students to plug in portable computers in nearly every building—at a significant additional financial burden.

# The Global Village

American mobility has never been greater. The Internet, CNN, airline fare wars and the mini-van have made us more willing to travel, relocate, shop and attend college throughout a broader area than previously.

Years ago, Houghton competed with a few other regional Christian institutions for students. Now, many students consider colleges throughout the United States, heightening the need for the colleges to be competitively attractive. The global village has also affected our academic programs. In May, Houghton adds its third overseas semester-long program: the Kilimanjaro experience. The need for this kind of program will increase.

The quest for top-rate Christian scholars is intense. The mobility of and the free market for professional faculty and staff have caused Houghton to become more sensitive to market conditions when crafting salary packages. Until five years ago 75 percent of colleges comparable to Houghton offered better salaries. Trustees have adopted a goal to move the college up that scale to where only 60 percent pay more. So while we continue to lag, the financial feasibility of teaching here is greatly improved. This represents an additional cost with substantial impact.

### **Houghton's Response**

Five primary forces shape the college's financial success: enrollment, tuition cost, financial aid, operating costs, and gifts. In each area the college will move to remain competitive.

Enrollment—While students are willing to travel greater distances to attend college, Houghton has seen little change in its geographic make up. Over 80 percent of our students come from New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Two-thirds are New Yorkers, with most from central and western New York. Although recognized as a national liberal arts institution by many evaluating organizations, Houghton's student statistics say we serve a smaller region within the mid-Atlantic states.

We plan to extol the virtues of Houghton to a much broader audience in the coming years. Our applicant base of roughly 1,200 students must grow significantly to increase enrollment while maintaining our standards of Christian commitment and academic excellence. The college could accommodate 100 more full-time students without additional fixed costs or any compromise of quality.

Tuition Cost—With substantial amounts of student financial aid provided by colleges, the relative level of gross tuition cost is less significant today than it was 20 years ago. Still, we wish to maintain price "integrity," i.e, our overall price must be fair and in

line with peer institutions.

Founder Willard J. Houghton determined to provide an education for needy young people. That purpose endures. While pricing should reflect that mission, the cost of education is not a constant. Houghton may raise its tuition to reflect greater expectations for the delivery of a higher education, but such increases do not make us uncompetitive.

Financial Aid—Some schools have decided to eliminate tuition-funded financial aid (tuition discounting) in favor of a lower, flat-tuition cost for students. The benefit is that the college is relieved from the "financial aid game" where different people pay different amounts to receive the same education. Other schools have adopted a "high tuition, high aid" philosophy to better reflect the divergent abilities to pay. Those who have the means pay substantial sums for their education. Those with high need, pay very little. Houghton operates between those extremes.

The college will continue to offer student financial aid funded out of our annual operating budget. We will, however, be very careful to *not* award high levels of aid to greater numbers of students. To operate successfully, we plan to stratify our aid and grant a cer-

tain number of persons with significant financial need the aid necessary to attend Houghton. We also plan to maintain historic levels of students with moderate and low need as well. This process will allow those who have high need lev-

els and reasonable aptitude to find a place here, preserving our historical socio-economic makeup

without radical, unwelcome changes.

Controlling Costs—In spite of the increased expectations for better technology and services, the college must control costs. As an example, in an investment which will benefit the school for many years to come, we spent a sizeable amount of money wiring the entire campus for access to the college network and the Internet.

Another benefit of our Educational Technology Initiative will be to eliminate the purchase of many computers for our computer labs over the next few years. By shifting computer ownership to the student, we achieve the dual benefits of student technological proficiency while limiting their reliance upon college-provided computers.

As electricity and natural gas are deregulated, the opportunities associated with competition should allow us to save significant sums. By participating in concert with other large users of energy, our savings can be even more dramatic than those of the typical residential user.

Also, while programs have been added which reflect changing preferences by society, the college will continue to monitor the effectiveness of its historical programs. We must look carefully at costs associated with programs with low enrollment. These difficult choices will be necessary as we adjust for the 21st century.

Finally, the processes of administering a college (our overhead costs) need to be scrutinized. We must rely heavily on better technology and better training to run college operations rather than just "throwing people at the problem," especially as the government increases its regulatory activities while maintaining or decreasing its funding participation.

Gifts—Houghton has benefitted from many generous gifts by its alumni and friends, and—tersely put—we need more. The money generated by our Annual Fund in relation to the total budget of the college is low. Our percentage of alumni who give to the college is below the norm for an institution of this size and mission.

Very simply, we plan to be more effective in getting our message out to alumni and friends. We want every person connected with Houghton to understand the projects upon which we are embarking. We want our Annual Fund, for the general purposes of the institution, to increase by 50 percent. We want to see scholarships provided by the annual Phonathon double within the next five years. To continue campus improvements, we must construct a new music facility

and need to raise another \$4.5 million to do so. Our modest \$11-million endowment must be multiplied if we are to remain competitive with sister institutions.

Higher education has experienced significant new resource demands over the past 20 years, and these challenges will continue to confront colleges like Houghton for the foreseeable future. By keeping its costs reasonable and its education affordable, Houghton will be able to compete successfully well into the next century. Through effective planning and lifestyle adjustments, Americans should be able to continue to afford a quality, Christian liberal arts education as well.

For the college, its students and supporting families, "the God who has hitherto helped us," will continue with us as we are faithful stewards.

Jeff Spear '79 Houghton's new chief financial officer is only the third person to serve in that capacity in 56 years.

# Resources

# **Knowing and Working the System**

By Tim Fuller and Troy Martin

Houghton founded in 1883 was intended to be low in expense so that the "poor boys and girls of Allegany County" could afford to attend. While the "boys and girls" now come from 40 states and 20 foreign countries, they're still in need of significant financial help. Sixty-four percent of the families represented by this fall's 300 first-year students needed \$12,000 or more in financial aid to help them pay Houghton's \$17,027 price tag for tuition, fees, room and board.

How do families meet college costs? Gift aid, in the form of need-based grants, is a supplement to family resources. Other than private scholarships, financial aid has a relatively short

history. The GI Bill assisted many veterans returning to or starting college after World War II. The space race with the Soviet Union spawned additional aid programs. The passage of the Higher Education Act in 1965 eventually led to the development of today's Pell Grant (known at introduction as the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant or BEOG).

At the state level, other grants were introduced, such as New York's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Eligibility for these grants is determined by Federal Methodology, a standard formula intended to ensure that each family is measured in the same manner, allowing for the equitable distribution of financial aid.

Over time, though, the purchasing power of Pell and TAP grants has declined (see accompanying chart) as college costs have increased at a more rapid pace. As recently as 1984, a New York State resident in receipt of maximum need-based government aid (Pell and TAP) had his or her Houghton tuition completely covered. Today, that same student would find that maximums in these program would cover barely half of the costs.

So, if major government grants have lost much of their purchasing power, how do needy students meet their college costs? This is accomplished mostly through educational loans, campus employment, and aid from the college itself. The latter may be both funded (alumni/friend giving, endowment earnings designated for grants and scholarships) and unfunded (portion of the institutional budget set aside for grants and scholarships).

Stafford loans (originally known as the Guaranteed Student Loan or GSL) now dominate the financial aid landscape. The American Council on Education reports that loans accounted for just 20 percent of federal

student assistance in 1976. By 1994-95, loans accounted for 56 percent of all available federal assistance, according to College Board statistics.

Students still work on and off campus to help pay their bills. Houghton students cook and serve food, answer phones, shovel snow, referee intramural sports, file, give campus tours, assist their peers as laborawww.finaid.org-

# **Financial Aid Inform**

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tory assistants, tutor, stuff envelopes, deliver mail, clean buildings, enter data on computers, and work in the campus store. The typical student works eight to 12 hours per week at one of these minimum-wage jobs, earning \$1,000-\$1,200 during the academic year, which typically goes to pay personal expenses (laundry, late-night pizza, books and supplies, etc.) associ-

# Changes in Maximum Grant Purchasing Power 1984 - 1997

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In 1984, maximum government grants covered 100 percent of Houghton's tuition costs. Today, maximums cover 50 percent.

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ated with a college education. Most of Houghton's students look for summer employment to help meet their college expenses.

Colleges seek both to strengthen their annual fund and "grow" their endowment as a means of providing additional financial aid (among other reasons). This type of aid is funded by alumni and friends of the college. The fastest-growing portion of the private college aid picture, though, is unfunded aid, commonly known as "tuition discounting."

Most colleges commit a portion of their budget to give schol-

arships and grants that aren't backed up by outright gifts or endowment earnings, and this is a considerable amount on many campuses. Houghton's commitment to this type of financial aid has increased more than seven-fold since 1987.

Most of this article has focused on financial aid from a family's perspective. What are the financial aid

challenges that face colleges like Houghton?

Uncertainty about future levels of funding is one. Congress wrestles with funding levels for financial aid programs each year, and New York's legislature does the same with the Tuition Assistance Program. This year, Congress will take a comprehensive look at all Federal financial aid through a process called Re-Authorization. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 offers new tax credits for educational expenses such as the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning Credit, but it may increase reporting requirements for colleges.

Those of us who serve in Christian higher education wonder occasionally about implications that separation of church and state issues could have on our students' ability to receive Federal financial aid.

Another challenge is the workload imposed by increasing government regulation and reporting requirements, by increased demands of administering an aid budget that has grown substantially, and by the need to provide good customer service in the sensitive matter of personal family finance. This necessitates a large financial aid staff, equipped with the latest technology and information.

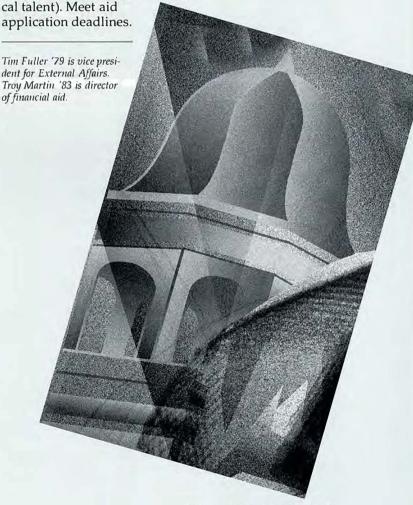
The growth of unfunded aid presents another significant challenge. While the use of unfunded aid has been a helpful tool to increase enrollment and cover the gap left after government aid programs are applied, many colleges are now considering ways to slow down the growth of tuition discounting.

Are you facing college costs for your family? There is hope! Ample financial aid is still available. After all, our founder's "poor boys and girls" still find

their way to Houghton (and other colleges). They do so through grants, scholarships, loans, employment and

family resources.

God will provide means for the college He has in mind for your children, but He expects *you* to take an active role in securing resources. Seek local scholarships, get advice from a financial aid officer at colleges where your children apply, save and invest, spend your income wisely, encourage good grades, support your kids' cocurricular activities (these strengthen their profile and may net additional financial aid based on artistic, athletic, musical or theatri-



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# Planning

# Strategy, Clear Priorities, Investment

by Jeff Spear

or those who plan to send a child to college, examine these

strategies.

Saving—When people hear about the quoted gross cost of college they typically assume there is no way that they could ever save enough money to cover. But saving money is a way to spread out the cost of an education. Because of the run up in the stock market over the last 18 years, an investment of just \$50 per month would have yielded over \$48,000. That would have covered net college costs after deducting financial aid and other assistance.

Adjusting—Post-war Americans have saved less and less as a percentage of income. Items historically paid for with cash are now leased, and products not available 20 years ago are now purchased on expensive installment contracts. Consumerism (material-

ism) has become rampant.

One effective approach that has been used to save for college and to adjust for the current cost of a college student has been "raise banking." For a person

who makes \$36,000 per year and receives a three-percent raise, this represents \$90 per month before taxes. By merely absorbing the tax cost of the raise, the entire \$90 could be put aside in a savings account or a mutual fund for college. This *does* represent a lifestyle adjustment because of

the effect of inflation on earnings. But

over time it will provide a tidy sum for a college education or for other purchases which might have been made through installment contracts.

The second-income phenomenon exploded during the 1980s and is the norm for most families in America today. One approach people use in saving for or currently paying for a college education is to earmark the earnings of the second income for that purpose. This may take a few years to achieve before the actual entrance of a student into a college. Believe it or not, the net cost of a Houghton education per year is equivalent to the gross wages of the average full-time fast food worker. Thus, even low-skill jobs can make a significant dent in the annual cost of Houghton. This is a good option for second-income earners entering the job market. For those who rely on the second income to live, the process will take some time.

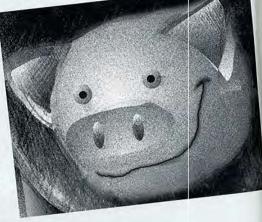
**Positioning**—Our lives are filled with purchases. Families grow and require larger houses. Cars wear

out, appliances break down, teeth need braces, and churches have capital campaigns. While each of us typically deals with most of these issues throughout our adult lives, the significant costs associated with education require prudent management of these areas.

College may seem to be a distant dream when,

before your son or daughter

enters the sophomore year in high school, you buy a new car. With typical payment contracts extending for four or five years, however, this purchase will affect ability to afford a college education. Ideally, a family should own a reasonably



reliable, paid-for vehicle that has the probability of lasting a few years when a student enters college.

Prudent planners will tour their homes to identify early on, potential costs which might hit in the years before a college education must be financed. Is new roof needed? How are the washer and dryer holding up? What about the furnace or air-conditioner? Families with more than one child can expect five to ten years of college financing at a minimum. Lowering the amount of operational risk associated with a home can help avoid some "surprises" when you're paying for college.

Using the Tax Laws—The new tax law allows for educational IRAs up to \$500 a year. These shelter the income initially and are tax-free when withdrawn for education. U.S. EE bonds, while bearing relatively low interest, are tax-free if used for educational costs. Effective in January the so-called Hope Scholarship will enable persons earning less than \$80,000 a year to get a full tax credit on the first \$1,000 spent on education, with an additional \$5,000 receiving a 50-percent credit

up to \$1,500 total.

Good news for adult degree completion canclidates and families of upperclassmen is the lifetime learning credit. Beginning next July, this program will allow a 20-percent tax credit on the first \$5,000 spent on education, rising to \$10,000 in 2003.

Churches may establish matching-gift funds for collegians from that church. Donations to the fund are tax deductible and are a way for people who believe in

education to help others. +



President
Chamberlain
gets a quick hug
as Ken and
Doris Nielsen
absorb his news
that the
physical
education
center will be
named for them.

# Physical Education Center to be Named for Ken and Doris Nielsen

en Nielsen likes to contrast today's orientation and training program for new employees with his 1961 arrival at Houghton to be food service manager. Upon reporting his arrival on campus at Luckey building, Ken was told: "Gaoyadeo [dining hall] is over there. You can go in the back door, and they'll be waiting for you."

He found a mostly elderly staff working in cramped, outdated facilities. He shared a 10x10-foot temporary office and telephone with dietician Mary Boomhower.

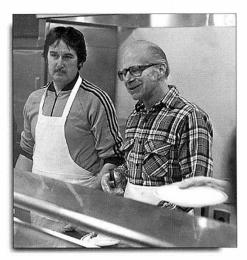
In 1965 college treasurer Willard Smith asked Ken to become his assistant. Named business manager in 1970, Ken became vice president for finance in 1972, but continued a summer relationship with Sandy Cove Camp in Maryland until 1977.

Ken had learned about institutional food purchasing at a summer camp during his student days at The King's College. Camping was also the venue in which he first met Doris, now his wife of 42 years. He had wanted to be a builder like his father, but his dad discouraged him. Desiring to serve the Lord, Ken earned a theology degree from Faith Theological Seminary in Philadelphia but soon saw that he was more suited to business. He became food service manager for the kitchens of Sandy Cove Camp, then was business manager at Buffalo Christian Center before coming to Houghton.

Ken's 36 years here under three presidents brought profound changes in fiscal administrative style and in budgetary complexity. Careful line-item budgeting replaced inspired guesswork. Computers effected data storage, retrieval and cross-referencing possibilities that revolutionized standards of speed, accuracy, and accountability. During Ken's tenure in what his mentor, Willard Smith,

once called "the hot seat,"
Houghton's annual budget grew
from less than \$4 million to more
than \$21 million. Operating conditions he faced varied widely.
Early on he took steps to liquidate
significant current fund indebtedness, as he dealt with double-digit
inflation, high interest rates, and
the joy of record enrollments. Later
came relatively low inflation and
interest rates, paired with monumental admission efforts to maintain enrollment in a shrunken
market.

Concurrently came demand for more specialized support staff and financial aid. Employee benefits, endowment, and public accountability grew. Like administrators at most American institutions Ken also found himself involved in more litigation. Still, in all but two years since 1972 the budget has balanced. President Chamberlain remarked: "Sailing a ship through contrary fiscal seas requires God's



Development officer (his present title) Bob Brown joins Ken for a little kitchen duty in the then new Campus Center kitchen.

grace and a cooperative crew; Ken has been our skilled navigator."

Oversight responsibilities for 14 Houghton construction projects eventually let Ken fulfill his abandoned boyhood dream. Over the years he also served roles in the local church from Sunday school superintendent to trustee and board member. Nielsen's studied calm reflects his belief that "it's difficult to work with people to whom you've shown ill-temper."

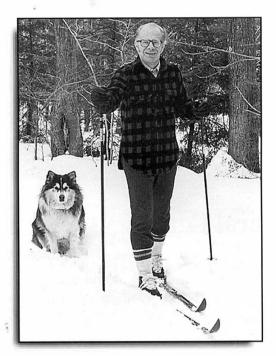
Coupled with the complexities of his service as the college's chief financial officer, Ken continued the Houghton tradition of personal and professional service to the greater community. He assisted Doris on numerous backpacking ventures with recreation students and once used summer vacation time to minister in Russia.

Ken participated on Middle States accreditation teams for 10 colleges and eight Bible schools. He is a former director of the Cuba Hospital board and a director of the local Fleet Bank. He founded and is now president of the Allegany County Area Foundation and in November won a third term as an Allegany County legislator.

Says a legislative colleague: "Ken is always looking to save tax-payers' dollars. I can't imagine a finance committee on which he's not

provided leadership. He's a master at finding compromise to produce win-win results . . . one of the legislators I most respect."

Recently Ken was named Sandy Cove board chairman. At Houghton he continues as chief operating officer of the Willard J. Houghton Foundation. This fall Doris coordinated recreation major



Whether it's Scandanavian heritage or the influence of rural western New York, Ken's an avid cross-country skier

internship placements. In February the couple will participate in an African safari.

At an October 20 retirement dinner for the Nielsens, President Chamberlain observed: "Ken, for me you have been much more than an able administrator and competent colleague. You have been a faithful friend and a trusted confi-

dant. I have seen you close up and personal as a neighbor, and as one whose office was next to mine. In every circumstance you have been a wise and gentle man . . . "

Doris Nielsen, whose 26-year Houghton service was highlighted in the June Milieu, joined Ken at the lectern as Dr. Chamberlain declared the couple joint builders of people, programs and facilities, who model "mutual support and complementarity in Christian marriage." He stunned them both by concluding: "After appropriate signage is installed, The Kenneth and Doris Nielsen Physical Education Center will remind us and future Houghtonians of your life investments here."◆







Dr. Phillips '43

# "You delivered my mother-in-law"

"This is NOT a retirement party," read the sign outside the Darlington, Maryland, high school on a sweltering September Sunday afternoon. It was the sort of declaration one might expect from M. Dudley Phillips '43, the physician for whom more than 400 people had gathered in honor of his 50 years in family medical practice.

Through that long afternoon, state and county dignitaries, representatives of presti-

gious medical associations, professional colleagues, and patients (representing four generations) lauded and made presentations to their "country doctor." One of the best lines? "Doctor Phillips, you delivered my mother-in-law!"

Phillips is past president of the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians and active in the American Academy of Family Physicians. Its representative commented: "Dudley has given [us] many words of wisdom... When Dudley talks, it's just like E.F. Hutton-everyone always listens." He was also praised for his early interest in allergy treatment and for dispensing life-saving information along with physicals for the 325 personnel of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

At 76, Dr. Phillips plans to keep on doctoring, using the same offices where he began. He told the assembled well-wishers he wants to practice, "to 2000, to see what they do with computers." He explained his motivations to the audience recalling: "I was a sickly boy. Two kindly doctors spent many hours with me... It's a long time between wanting and getting, but I had those two guys who were models and the dream

of being a doctor."

Over these years Dr. Phillips has been a steady supporter of his alma mater: gifts and students. His daughter, Diane, is a '71 alumna and a former Houghton employee. Son Neal '74 attended here. In 1969 Dr. Phillips was designated Alumnus of the Year.

Evan Molyneaux, retired from medical practice in Hogansville, Ga., in 1996 and celebrated his 90th birthday this past November 11. He and his family continue to operate Flat Creek [equestrian] Ranch for their own enjoyment and for the benefit of hundreds of horse enthusiasts. Several years ago a Houghton Headlines article described a striking visual feature of the ranch, a replica of The White Horse of Uffington, a gigantic (379 feet) ancient chalk carving in England of a horse.

Marshall Stevenson was honored by the Potsdam (N.Y.) Town Board for 50 years as the town's health officer. He retired from practice in 1995. One well-wisher called Stevenson "living proof that the image of the selfless, charitable, caring family doctor of yesteryear is no myth.

On September 12, Wesley and Blanche (Gage) Moon celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They continue to reside in Oklahoma City and have been involved in volunteering and in their local church. Wesley and Blanche both enjoyed careers in education, he with Bethany Nazarene College, she as a high school math teacher. Among Blanche's former students is Shannon Lucid, the United States astronaut who set a time record in space last year.

Glenn Hamilton serves as pastor of the Cyclone, Pa., Free Methodist Church. He and his wife, Helen, were honored as Senior King and Queen of the McKean County Fair in August.

A resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa, Lois Craig is retired from the faculty of a local community college. She enjoys interacting with the college's international students and also serves as a support person for the InterVarsity staff member ministering there. Lois is involved in a Nazarene church and in her county historical society.

Helen Lewis retired from the faculty of Indiana University-South Bend in 1994 and in 1996 closed the preschool she'd operated for many years. She devotes much of her time to the ministries of Michiana Chinese Christian Church and in outreach to inmates at Westville Correctional Center Indiana's largest prison. Helen has long hosted international students. This year, she is sharing her home with students from China and Liechtenstein. Helen's e-mail address is hlemis@insh edu

Ruth (Coldiron) Roberts lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., with her husband, David. She's an active community volunteer and current president of The Saratoga Hospital Volunteer Guild.

In retirement, Harold Blatt works as part-time director of lay ministry at West Lawn (Pa.) United Methodist Church and consults for Baptist Children's Services. He and his wife, Jean, make their home in Wyomissing, Pa. Their e-mail address is hblatt2568@aol.com.

Norman and Ruth (Russell) Iones reside in Largo, Fla. Norm represents Friends of Israel ministry in Florida and South Carolina; Ruth is involved in the music ministry

of Harkey Road Baptist Church.

Michael Schell retired this August after a 36-year career with the U.S. Postal Service. He continues as pastor of Community Baptist Church in Java Village, a congregation he has served for 19 years. Michael and his wife, Mary Jeanne (Stewart), live in East Aurora, N.Y.

On October 22, Robert Bailey was inducted into the Michigan Insurance Hall of Fame. An actuary and national expert on the business of insurance, Robert was cited for his contributions to actuarial theory as it relates to insurance

pricing and regulation. He also helped to develop an early warning system for insurance insolvency and, as an officer of the Michigan Insurance Bureau, contributed to insolvency legislation.



Robert Bailey

**Lloyd Phillips** has recently published *Fire From The Sky: Essays on The Apocalypse,* a book of essays on Revelation.

LaGrange College professor Frederick Mills spent the 1996-97 academic year on sabbatical. He served as a visiting scholar at Episcopal Divinity School and participated in the Charles Warren Center for American Studies at Harvard University.

The Administrators Association of San Diego has recently named **John Wilson** as executive director. John resides in Solana Beach, Calif. Formally retired from pastoral ministry, Robert Aldrich serves in pulpit supply and chairs a three-county board of Child Evangelism Fellowship. He also works part time as a counselor for a veterans half-way house near his Geneva, N.Y., home.

Martha (Baldwin) Everhart and her husband, Jim, live in Marion, Ind., and are active in the ministries of College Wesleyan Church. Martha also serves on the boards of Marion Public Library and the Marion General Hospital Auxiliary.

From 1957-1997 **John Venlet** ministered to youth through High School Evange-

lism Fellowship and, for the past 35 years, Word of Life clubs. Upon retiring in March, he and his wife, Delores, established Athletes Empowered Ministries (a National Heritage Foundation). AEM seeks to reach professional athletes, particularly minor league baseball players, through chapels, Bible studies, individual counseling and discipleship, literature distribution, and mobilizing the local church. The Venlets live in Lakeland, Fla.

Imogene (Elmer) Foster lives in Lexington, Ky., and works in the University of Kentucky English department. She enjoys keeping up with the university's athletic teams and her six grandchildren. Her e-mail address is iefost01@ukcc.uky.edu.

On May 16, Janis (Hildebrandt)
Angell and Dan Kinyon were married. Janis notes that Dan is a friend of 45 years ago; they renewed acquaintance after finding that they were once again living in the same town. Their home is now Rapid City, S.D. Janis is a part-time telecommuter for the Calvert Group and enjoys playing in the Black Hills Symphony Orchestra. E-mail her at Janis.angell@calvertgroup.com.

Buck and Charlene Stewart continue to enjoy retirement in Alaska. Their future plans include combining interests in travel and flying via a light plane tour of Australia. The Stewarts are on line at bstewart@custom.cpu.com.

Claudia (Speicher) Killian has served The Torrington Company as an occupational health nurse for 21 years. She anticipates retirement in 1998. Claudia lives in Winsted, Conn., and recently chaired a Faith Alive weekend at her church.

Lee Betts, fifth president of Frederick Community College (Md.), has retired on the 40th anniversary of the college. His leadership over the past 11 years has taken the college to the number-one spot among Virginia community colleges in terms of freshmen graduating or successfully transferring. During his tenure, the college overcame fiscal crisis, had its enrollment grow by 40 percent, and saw its physical plant double via a \$17-million development program. Earlier Betts was a Presbyterian minister, served on the American Association of Community Colleges in Washington, D.C., and helped establish the Service Members Opportunity College program to benefit Vietnam War veterans. Betts came to Virginia from the presidency of Muscatine Community College in Iowa, where he was concurrently vice chancellor of staff and student development programs for Eastern Iowa Community College. He anticipates continued growth at Frederick in terms of general and continuing education enrollment. His leadership is also behind anticipated groundbreaking for a retirement facility yet this year.



YOA members between 1951-53

# Coach Wells to Dissolve 46-Year Ministry

Retired as professor of physical education since 1988, Dr. George R. (Coach) Wells '47 has continued to lead Youth in One Accord, the ministry of revival in the church born of Houghton's 1951 revival.

Now, after 46 years and a million miles working in concert with some 350 collegians in churches and camps in the east-

ern U.S. and Caribbean—more than 1,000 appointments—Dr. Wells and his board are moving to dissolve the YOA corporation which was formed in 1960. The decision recognizes an answer to his prayers for guidance about the organization's future, his physical condition, and the fact that no successor has emerged to perpetuate the ministry along its founding lines.

Support has come from individuals in churches where they've ministered and from others responding to a quarterly newsletter circulated since the mid-'50s. The last issue (September) announced his retirement. The group's tour-van has been donated to a Christian high school.

Dr. Wells hopes to concentrate his efforts on compiling two histories; the first will be of YOA's unique ministry. It will incorporate and expand upon the original booklet, *Our Land Was Healed*, which traced circumstances and outcomes of the '51 revival. Rather than a chronology, Dr. Wells expects the new work will highlight aspects of the ministry topically—group tryouts, testimonies, healings, overseas work and other steps of faith, VBS outreaches, and various conclusions. Former members are scattered throughout the professions, but Dr. Wells says more than half are in some kind of ministry.

A second project is to augment the family history he has begun. He and Mrs. Wells expect to continue living in Houghton but anticipate having more time for each other and for family than was possible during the ministry years.



'65 Esther (McLaughlin) Hendrix and her husband Roy '64 were at JFK airport this summer waiting to board a flight enroute to Russia and short-term missionary service. While there they enjoyed a chance meeting with fellow alumni David Schwedt '63 and David Hulley '66, who were embarking on a similar journey.

Rowland Benedict has recently relocated to Des Moines, Iowa, where he pastors the Debra Heights Wesleyan Church. Previously, Rowland served Free Methodist churches in New York and Nebraska.

Harry Barrigar, pastor, evangelist, teacher, school principal, consultant, coach, and sometime orphanage superintendent, has penned the book, lesus, the Great 'I AM,' available from Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc., 643
Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222. In his book Barrigar uses the Gospel of John as the ultimate revealer of the character and role of Christ in the world.

Sharon (Huff) Anderson is employed as an adjunct faculty member (English) for Yavapai Community College. She plays the organ at her church and teaches 27 private flute and piano students. Last summer, Sharon taught college-level English composition and technical writing to high school students through a TRIO program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz., where she resides. Sharon's e-mail address is gcle@aztec.asu.com.

Three Rivers Youth, a non-profit agency directed by David Droppa, is initiating a child welfare managed-care pilot program for Allegheny County, Pa. David will be involved in this start-up effort, which has been funded by Highmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield and will be evaluated by the University of Pittsburgh.

Douglas Weimer is vice president of Seeger Metals & Plastics in Toledo, Ohio, and president of the International Association of Plastics Distributors. He is a 32-year member of Collingswood Presbyterian Church and a retired Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army Reserves. Douglas has maintained an interest in soccer and played in city leagues through 1992. He and his wife, Sue Ann, have two children and three grandchildren.

Rosalie (Morse) Zuber is in her 31st year of teaching in Jenison, Mich., public schools. She is involved in school improvement efforts and serves on North Central States accreditation committees. At Fair Haven Ministries, Rosalie is an elder and adult Sunday school teacher.

After 20 years with Tops Markets, Inc., Herb Fleming has taken a position with The Salvation Army. He is now director of community relations and development for The Army's Buffalo Area Services. Herb may be reached at thinman@lmffnct.net.

Linda Andrews notes that 1997 has been an eventful year. She was honored as Teacher of the Year by Westfield (Pa.) Area Elementary School, where she teaches fourth grade. This summer she and her sister, Bonnie Andrews '66, shared an 1,100-mile cruise through the rivers, lakes and canals of Russia, traveling from St. Petersburg to Moscow. On their return trip they met former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

Karen (Morris) Loomis is in her 27th year of teaching computer literacy and math in Bruceton, W.Va. She and her husband, Richard, have three daughters and are involved in the ministries of Sabraton Baptist Church of Morgantown.

A doctoral student at the University of Chicago, Nancy (McCann)
Hostetter is nearing completion of her dissertation, which deals with women's religious autobiographies. She is pursuing a college level English faculty position.

Gary and Jacquelyne (Garms)
Forbes live in the New Orleans
suburb of Mandeville. A cellist
and vocalist, Jacquelyne teaches elementary
school music, performs in a chamber group
and is a free-lance accompanist. Gary is a
sales representative for Eastman Kodak.

After several years in Maryland, Tim Shuey and his family have moved to York, Pa. Tim serves as pastor of worship and music at York Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and is pursuing ordination in

the C & MA denomination.

Shirley Mullen, professor of history and department chair at Westmont College (Calif.), delivered the Hayward Lectures at Acadia University, Nova Scotia. The lectures, given in October, discussed "The Historian and Postmodernism." Dr. Mullen is also working on a second Ph.D. at the University of Wales.

Revin and Lucy (Endemano)
Bubb live in Marietta, Ga., with
their two-year-old daughter,
Aleena. Lucy is a customer accounts representative with IBM while Kevin flies to Europe and South America as a Delta Air Lines
pilot. In October, Kevin became commanding officer of an Atlanta-based Navy Reserve Squadron.

Duane Watson serves as chair of the department of religion and philosophy at Malone College in Canton, Ohio. He has recently been named New Testament editor for the journal Currents in Research: Biblical Studies and has been asked by E.J. Brill to act as general editor for the series Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity.

The University of North Carolina-Greensboro recently named Charles McCallum to the business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma for his outstanding work in completing his master's degree in accounting this spring. Charles earned an MBA from the university in 1991.

Chris (Mischke) Fitzstevens is a part-time clinical social worker specializing in family and marriage therapy. She and her husband, Mark, have two daughters, attend an Episcopal Church, and make their home in Rochester, N.Y.

Mark Ohl practices family medicine in Hamilton and Waterville, N.Y. I-le and his wife, JoAnn, have two children and are involved in Park United Methodist Church.

Mary Bader has finished the course work for her doctorate in Hebrew/Hebrew Bible and is starting work on her dissertation.

David Bradford is employed as vice president of operations systems for Integrated Loan Services, a real estate services firm with four offices in the northeast. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Farmington, Conn., and attend Community Baptist Church. They recently added twin daughters to their family (see Future Alumni). Friends may reach the Bradfords at dbradford@ils.com.

Rochester, N.Y., resident Bernie Decker has joined Thomas Cook Currency Services as account executive (corporate financial services) for central New York.

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# **Future Alumni**

John Lehman & Dee Abers '79
Phil & Janet (Welch '90) Alvord
Roger & Christine Bannister '79
Joel & Christy Bennett '96
Jeffrey & Rhonda (Campbell '82) Blankenship
David & Cathleen Bradford '83

Chris & Betsy (Lundell '82) Carosa '82
Richard & Yvonne (Everetts '93) Chinnici
Joe & Colleen (Dempsey '88) Cunningham
Nathan & Casda (Liddick '88) Danner '89
Jim & Jodi (Hammes '89) Deruby
Andy & Kim (Frymoyer '93) Doell '94
Geof & Michele (Royal '87) Duncanson
Bob & Susan (DeViva '79) Evans
Mark & Sherry Farnsworth '80
Keith & Lynn Marie (Whitmore '89) Felstead '91

Blair & Kylie Finis '84
Jody & Kelly (Harralson '91) Hildreth '92
John & Lisa (Bilheimer '88) Huber
Dale & Karen Hursh '85
Tony & Mary (Putney '85) Johnson
Hubert & Debbie (Robertson '86) Kemperman
Jeff & Jeannette Olson Kushkowski '85
Ted & Valerie (Harz '79) Lazowski
David & Katerina (Bravos '90) MacGregor
Harry & Amy (Wells '96) McDougall '96
Andrew & Tracy Murray '87
Jeffrey & Janet (Bouw '82) Olson
David & Cheryl Paine '85
Chris & Gail (Thompson '81) Peck '81
Karl & Tracey (Ruth '88) Phelps
Bruce and Mary (Petronio '88) Pirger

Nicholas & Brangwynne	(Caves '91)	Purcell
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Mikal & Elizabeth (Allen '91) Ranneklev '89

James & Debra (Cauvel '93) Reed
David Brown & Beth Reilly '80
Barry & Paula Schoonmaker '86
Cary & Katherine (Henshaw '91) Shaw
Stephen & Linda (Lasch '83) Speno
Chris & Amy (Danna '93) Tetta
Dennis & Lori (Willis '91) Turner
Tim & Tami (Zerbe '90) Thurber '94
James A. & Connie Wanke '94
Don & Beth (Mattoon '90) Wheatley
Doug & Mimi (Haven '88) Wheeler '84
Charlie & Laura (Boyd) Wilson '94
Carl & Roslyn (Taube '90) Yoder
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Charles Andrew	3-15-97
Sarah Elizabeth	1-15-97
Jayne Elizabeth	8-22-97
Jacob Alen	9-1-97
Janna Natsue	3-2-95
Anna Rebecca	6-9-97
Beatrix Rose	6-9-97
Peter Samuel	5-29-97
David Richard	8-17-97
Alec Dempsey	5-31-96
Christopher Gerald Alton	10-23-97
Ethan Joshua	3-14-97
Andrew Tyger	5-10-97
Peter Leif	8-12-97
Olivia Taylor	11-26-96
Lauren Elizabeth	8-24-97
	4-29-94
Gregory	2-25-97
Bryan	
Hanna	9-6-97
Tessa Ann	9-22-97
Nathan James	7-13-97
John Isaac	2-17-97
Glenn David	6-24-97
Joshua Hudson	4-22-97
Elaine E.	7-22-96
Thaddeus Fredrick	7-14-97
Lauren Alexandra	7-3-97
Steven Ryan	9-21-95
Cameron Evan	7-15-97
Daniel Wm. Benjamin	1-13-97
John Michael	3-19-97
Josiah Christopher	5-18-95
Rebecca Jane	1-2-97
Teigan Marie	4-5-94
Makayla Lynn	7-31-95
Katie Elizabeth	7-1-97
Louisa Anja	6-6-94
Canaan Halina	9-27-96
Kirsten Ashley	5-18-94
Erik Mikal	2-3-96
Kelsey Elizabeth	7-7-97
Elizabeth Elaine	8-26-97
Conor Robert Brown	7-3-97
Lydia Marie	10-11-96
Jordan Marc	1-6-97
Michaela Rose	8-20-97
William Ralph	9-23-97
Ramey Elizabeth	10-18-97
Miriam Alexandra	6-7-97
Justin Zachary	10-7-97
Nathan Charles	8-6-96
Caroline Haven	3-13-97
Joshua David	5-24-97
Joanna Jeanette	9-2-96

# **Alumni Author**



All Preachers of our God and King, and I Still Can't Believe... Both by William Woughter, Sr. '76. Woughter, who pastored for many years and is now retired in Florida, suffered a stroke in 1996. Because he could not maintain some of his former activities, he, with the desktop publishing help of his wife, Marge, began writing up humorous anecdotes based on his pastoral experience. Fifteen of these have been featured in a volume published by Harold Shaw of Wheaton, Ill., and are available in stores under the first title, 1997, \$5.99. The balance of the anecdotes, with editing by William Jr., '65, are available under the second title directly from the senior Woughters at 1656 Luther Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34746-7213 for \$10.75, postage included. Both Shaw and the Woughters feel the books' marketing niche is as a Pastor Appreciation Month gift.

Andy and Amy (Ralph '81) Rudd and their family have moved to New York's St. Lawrence region. Andy is principal of Hermon-Dekalb Central School. Amy serves as a trustee of Hermon Public Library.

This fall, Charles Beach began his sixth year on the English faculty of Nyack College. Charles has published several essays and has a novel, Adirondack Secrets, for which he is seeking publication. He is active in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Friends may e-mail Charles at beachc@nyack.edu.

Blair Finis works as a middle school guidance counselor for the Los Angeles Unified School District. He and his wife, Kylie, attend Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church in Burbank and recently celebrated the birth of their first child (see Future Alumni)

Scott Hudson and his wife, Barbara, live in Sylvania, Ohio, and are both active in the arts. They have co-founded an annual exhibit featuring the works of regional artists.

Jennifer (Thirsk '84) Raff has taken up figure skating and competed at the U.S. Adult National Figure Skating Competition in Lake Placid, N.Y., last April. Her physician-husband, Tom '84, recently returned from a medical missions trip to Bolivia where he assisted New Tribes missionaries.

After four years in Chicago, Peter and Kara (Christensen '90) Roman have moved to suburban Naperville, Ill. In August, Kara completed her master's degree in medical science as valedictorian of Midwestern University's College of Allied Health. She has taken a physician assistant position in a family medical practice. Peter continues to coach men's and women's soccer at North Park University and has led Missionary Athletes International college-level teams on ministry tours through Sweden, Germany and Russia. The Romans can be reached at proman@northpark.edu.

A ranger in the National Park Service, Jacquie Tinker has served in parks throughout the eastern U.S. Currently, she works out of Morristown (N.J.) National Historical Park and is part of a special team which provides security and special operations for events at parks in the northeast.

Michael Woodard and his wife, Sandy, live in Lancaster, N.Y., with their three sons. Michael is a vice president with the National Bank of Canada and serves as treasurer of St. John's Lutheran Church in West Seneca.

In 1994, Gail Baird received her master of divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She currently serves as assistant chaplain for Simpson House, a United Methodist retirement community in Philadelphia, and as worship leader for contemporary gatherings in Broomall and

Springfield, Pa.

Dawn (Pederson) Franchina lives in Davidson, N.C., with her husband, David, and their two children. She currently works as director of the Davidson College Presbyterian Church Weekday School.

Armin and Sally (Youd '83) Rudd live in Cocoa, Fla., with their two children. Sally is a homemaker and homeschooler; Armin is a senior research engineer at the Florida Solar Energy Center. The University of Central Florida Institutes and Centers has recognized Armin with its 1997 Distinguished Researcher of the Year Award.

In May, David Bridgeo received his medical degree from the Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Barry Schoonmaker serves as head coach for the men's tennis team at Cornell University. He reports that last year's squad showed a 12-10 record with several lvy League wins. Barry's e-mail address is bs40@cornell.edu.

After several years with a Washington, D.C., law firm, Neil MacBride has been appointed an assistant United States attorney for the District of Columbia and assigned to the criminal division. Neil and his wife, Christina, reside in Arlington, Va., and worship at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C

Philip Silvey teaches vocal music for Allegan, Mich., public schools. In January, two of his choral groups will perform at the 53rd Annual Midwestern Conference on Vocal and Instrumental Music. Philip is involved with Lakeshore Vineyard Christian Fellowship, a local music ensemble, and Kalamazoo Civic Theater. He can be reached via psilvey@accu.org.

Craig and Brenda (Barron) Burrows make their home in the eastern Kentucky city of Morehead. A family physician, Craig serves as a medical clinic director, is voluntary faculty at two universities, and is developing curriculum for a rural family practice residency program. A former health care administrator, Brenda is at home with their two children; they are expecting a third. The Burrows may be reached at MDMIME@aol.com

In March of this year, optometrist Lynne (Albrecht) Oliver opened a private practice in Northfield, N.J.

Scott Olsen has recently been promoted to director of operations and marketing for Camp-Of-The-Woods in Speculator, N.Y. His wife, Tracy (Purdy '91), is a full-time mom and has begun a business selling her paintings and homemade sweaters. The Olsens have two children and enjoy outdoor activities. E-mail: scottolsen@camp-of-the-woods.org.

This summer Scott Baxter completed his master's degree in linguistics through Wayne State Uni-

versity and moved with his wife (see Down the Aisle) to her native Poland. Both are now faculty members at Adam Mickewicz University; Scott teaches advanced English as a foreign language. Scott's e-mail address is bscott@ifa.ann.edu.pl.

Dan Zerbe completed his family practice residency this June and accepted a position with Letchworth Family Practice in Perry, NY. Bethany (Howden '89) cares for their two young sons. The Zerbes anticipate adopting a newborn from Mexico this winter.

Carol (Volkert) Dubin and her husband, Bob (see Down the Aisle), have moved to Omaha. Carol completed her MSW from SUNY at Buffalo and works as an Adult Protective Worker for the State of Nebraska. Bob is a medical student at Creighton University.

The Oneonta Daily Star and medical journal Clinical Infectious Diseases have both described an unusual scientific finding by Russell Grant. A microbiologist at A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta, N.Y., Russell identified a genetically unique strain of bacteria in the knee fluid of an ailing dairy farmer this spring. Discovery of the organism, a strain of Strep bovis (normally found in cattle and sheep), may be useful medically and agriculturally. As Russell is its discoverer, the new bacteria now bears his initials and is known as Streptococcus bovis RG. Russell muses, "It's not really an honor to have a bug named after you." Russell's e-mail address is grantrj@aol.com.

Kathryn (Terjung) Weir reports that her husband, Charles, died suddenly of a heart attack. He had been a student body leader at his alma mater, Roberts Wesleyan College. Kathryn lives in Tonawanda, N.Y., and attends Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Clarence.

As assistant news editor for the Long Island daily Newsday, Judi Yuen coordinates news coverage and regularly produces front pages. In September, she completed her second 100-mile bicycle ride around New York City. Judi lives in Massapequa, N.Y., and can be reached via JoodiB@aol.com.

Jeffrey Bitterman is a flight surgeon with a Marine Harrier Squadron based in Yuma, Ariz. A recent western Pacific deployment took him to Hawaii, Wake Island and Japan.

Morristown, N.J., is home to Morris Davis and Elizabeth Frey-Davis. Morris teaches at Fairleigh Dickinson University while completing his doctorate through Drew University. A studio artist, Elizabeth teaches photography and ceramics at a Catholic High School for girls and is pursuing opportunities for exhibiting her work.

Paula (Barber '91) Hamilton and her husband, Stephen (see Down the Aisle), live on a Shawville, Quebec, beef farm. They raise registered Hereford bulls and cows for commercial farmers in Quebec and Ontario.

Mary (Biglow) Krueger and her husband, Keith (see Down the Aisle), live at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is an army captain and she is chief resident of the family practice department. They anticipate relocation to Alaska next summer. Mary recently devoted five weeks to a humanitarian assistance trip, working alongside national doctors in Eritrea, Africa.

Dawn Duncan is continuing her divinity studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She serves GCTS as missions programs coordinator and is a missions intern at Park Street Church.

Michael Trexler received first prize for his poster case presentation at a recent meeting of the American College of Physicians-Ohio State Section. Michael is in the second year of his internal medicine residency at Wright-Patterson USAF Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. His e-mail address is trexler@ pol.net.

Rebecca (Tolly) Windsor and her husband, Brian (see Down the Aisle), live in Austin, Texas. Rebecca is a missionary on the

# **Down the Aisle**

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Edward & Holly (Sawyer '96) Antoni '94	7-12-97
Jim & Rachel (Elliott '96) Baldwin	7-12-97
Scott & Monika Pawlowska Baxter '89	8-8-96
Andrew & Katrina (Saunders '91) Bayless	8-2-97
Bill & Cheryl (Cramer '95P) Boling '95P	7-4-97
David & Elizabeth (Murray '90) Bozkurtian	8-22-97
Mark & Sarah (Whitman '96) Brooks	9-20-97
Nathaniel & Esther (Carpenter '95) Ball '96	7-26-97
Richard & Yvonne (Everetts '93) Chinnici	7-9-94
Alan & Tammy Collard '88	5-3-97
John & Jodi (Kramer '97) Coots '96	7-19-97
Joseph & Roberta (Pierce '91) Davis	7-26-97
Bob & Carol (Volkert '90) Dubin	6-21-97
Seth & Malinda (Mattison '95) Frazer	5-24-97
Stephen & Paula (Barber '91) Hamilton	10-5-96
Charles & Margie (Garwood '95) Harmon	6-7-97
James & Christin (Oliphant '95) Harrington	10-11-97
Dan & Janis (Hildebrandt '55)	

6-21-97

Angell Kinyon	5-16-97
Keith & Mary (Biglow '91) Krueger	5-17-97
David & Amy (Fawcett '91) Mapes	12-28-96
Joey & Maura (Gove '90) Mask	7-12-97
Christopher and Jennifer	
(Lytle '97) McNiven '97	8-16-97
Gregory & Renee (Kessler '91) Milby	8-2-97
Donald & Melanie (Rath '95) Moen	7-5-97
Chester & Caroline (Roederer '90) Murphy	8-3-97
Ross & Ginny (McIntosh '95) Niver	7-6-96
Michael & Kristen (Kvasnica '97) Ockrin '9	5 7-12-97
Anthony & Maureen Perkins '92	10-29-96
Mark & Christine (Schooley '93) Pratt	12-14-96
Shamen & Julia (Myers '82) Rachford	7-26-91
Terry & Denise (Yourth '86) Roswick	8-17-97
Matthew & Kerry (Harker '91) Roth '92	8-16-97
Jeff & Elizabeth (Masimer '96) Shroll	8-30-97
Tom & Kathleen (Owen '94) Strawn	6-15-97
Christopher & Heidi (Fast '96) Tait	6-7-97
John & Tammy (Sobel '84) Walters	8-9-97

Brian & Rebecca (Tolly '92) Windsor

University of Texas campus and, with her husband, is a grad student there. She is completing a master's degree in education. Friends may reach Rebecca at rltolly@mail. utexas.edu.

**93** Lisa Seidel is part-time director of youth ministry at Brunswick Presbyterian Church and is starting a Young Life chapter at Troy (N.Y.) High School.

Chris and Amy (Bald) Rice have been accepted as members-intraining by Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics. They plan to attend SIL classes at the University of Texas at Arlington this spring to prepare for service in translation (Chris) and literacy (Amy).

James Andrew Wanke is employed as a security supervisor-sergeant at Livingston Correctional Facility in Sonyea, N.Y., a center which emphasizes alcohol and substance abuse treatment. He and his wife, Connie, recently had their first child (see *Future Alumni*) and are involved in the ministries of Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church in Warsaw. James is pursuing "local ministerial candidacy" with an eye toward eventual full-time ministry in the Free Methodist Church.

Michael Wolcott has joined Christian Reformed Campus Ministries. He is charged with establishing and leading Bible studies in the public schools of the Newark, Del., area.

Keisuke (Koyama) Yabe graduated from Syracuse University with master's degrees in international relations and social studies education. She has relocated to Rockville, Md., and hopes to find work with an international non-profit organization.

The February 1998 edition of the Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal will feature "Multiple

Characterizations for the Single Entity Argument? The Seventh Circuit Throws up an Airball in Chicago Limited Professional Sports Partnership v. NBA" by Tim Deckert. Tim will graduate from Villanova Law School in May 1998. He can be reached at tdeckert@law.vill.edu.

Keith and Doreen (Marshall)
Fagerheim live in the Orlando suburb of
Casselberry. Keith is a second-year divinity
student at Reformed Theological Seminary
and an intern at Willow Creek Presbyterian
Church. Doreen teaches private voice lessons and works as an admission officer for
Belhaven College's Orlando extension.
Doreen's colleague at Belhaven is fellow
Houghtonian Angela Fulkroad (see class of
'96 notes). The Fagerheim's e-mail address is
doorbel@aol.com.

Matthew Fields is enrolled in a dual JD/MBA program at Ohio State University. He lives in Xenos Christian Fellowship's

# In Memoriam

'66 Martin Judson Ayer died on September 1, 1997, at the age of 60. Born in Rutland, Vt., Martin graduated from Pittsford-Barstow High School in 1956 and then moved on to Houghton College to prepare for the ministry. While at Houghton, Martin became friends with classmate Barry Ross, through whom he met Barry's sister, Barbara. He and Barbara were married in June of 1958 and moved to Colton, N.Y., where Martin-associate's degree in hand, but just 20 years of age-pastored the Colton Wesleyan Church. Martin was ordained in The Wesleyan Church in 1961 and through 1972 served the denomination in Colton, Hague, and Pulaski. During these years, he completed both his Houghton College bachelor's degree and a master of divinity through Asbury Theological Seminary, while also maintaining part-time employment (including a stint in the Houghton College print shop). In 1972 he began serving United Methodist churches and for most of the next 25 years held charges in central and northern New York. He was pastoring the Chateaugay and Brainardsville United Methodist Churches when he died. Survivors include Barbara, their four daughters and two sons, and six grandsons.

Allegany County businessman and Houghton College friend Lyle A. Bliss died August 23 in Olean, N.Y., at the age of 84. He was married to alumna Paula (Eldridge '35) Bliss, who survives. Mr. Bliss was born in 1913 in Hume, N.Y. After high school, he attended the University of Rochester, graduating in 1935. He and Paula were rnarried in June of 1937 and had marked their 60th anniversary with an open house this summer. They had two children, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Bliss is also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. For 35 years, Mr. Bliss operated Lyle A. Bliss

Insurance in Fillmore. He also served as a director of the State Bank of Fillmore and Allegany Co-op Insurance Company. His community involvements included Oriona Grove Lodge 229, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Brooks Hose Fire Department. Mr. Bliss was a member of the Fillmore United Methodist Church, a founder of the Fillmore Rescue Squad, and charter member of Fillmore Rotary.

'45 Walton Creque died October 9, 1996, in Camp Hill, Pa. He attended Houghton through 1944 and then transferred to Nyack Missionary Training Institute, from which he received a bachelor of theology degree in 1947. For the next 19 years he pastored churches in the Christian & Missionary Alliance's Metropolitan and Northeastern districts. In 1981 he joined Scripture Press as a field representative, a position he held until his retirement in 1981. Surviving Rev. Creque are his widow, Marilyn (Jones '45), two children, and three grandshildren.

grandchildren. '80 Lynn (Hamill) Hughes died February 12, 1997, after a long illness. A graduate of Maine-Endwell High School (N.Y.), at Houghton she was field hockey team cocaptain. Later she earned a master's degree in gerontology from Miami University of Ohio and taught at Houghton for a semester. Subsequently, she was director for the Broome County, N.Y., Alzheimer's Association. Most recently she was a self-employed gerontologist and served as a director for Habitat for Humanity of Lackawanna County, PA. Her widower, Michael, pastors Providence United Presbyterian Church in Scranton, PA. Other survivors include an eight-year-old daughter, parents, and brothers and sisters. Memorial gifts may be made to the Bridget Hughes Scholarship Fund, c/o Providence United Presbyterian

Church, Scranton, PA 18509.

Former Houghton College faculty member J. Stanley King died August 4, 1997, in Kenmore, N.Y. He was 88 years old. A graduate of Albion College and the Eastman School of Music, Stanley served as head of Houghton's string department from 1933-1935. He continued to maintain a strong interest in the college, even as he embarked on a long career teaching music in Buffalo area public schools. During his lifetime, Stanley visited campus often and kept in touch with former faculty colleagues and students. Stanley's avocations included nature, chamber music and orchestras (he played in several). He is survived by his widow, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

'32 Lillis (Fancher) Mear died October 18 following a long illness. A resident of College Park Health Care Center in Houghton, she was born in Cattaraugus, N.Y., daughter of Ralph and Lula Fancher-the second generation of the family to serve at the college on staff or faculty. After college Lillis taught in Wellsville, then earned her R.N. studying at Gowanda State Hospital, Helmuth, N.Y., where she then taught. Later she nursed at New York Pilgrim State and Fordham Hospitals, and then at several hospitals in the Rochester area. Survivors include a daughter, two grandchildren; three brothers, including Lester '32, and Lowell '51; and a sister, Laura '49. Interment was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Houghton. Memorials may be made to the Lucius and Mary Fancher Houghton College Scholarship Fund or to College Park Health Care Center.

33 Lois (Sweet) Orr passed away on August 4, 1997, in Plattsburgh, N.Y. She was 85. Lois was born in Mooers, N.Y., and after graduating from Houghton College returned to the Champlain region to begin a social studies teaching career which would Ministry House and is involved in on-cam-

Noelle Gurley works as a teachernaturalist for the New Jersey Audubon Society's Lorrimer Sanctuary in Franklin Lakes. She coordinates the center's educational programs.

Robin Li is a second-year medical student in the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Robin's e-mail address is robin.li@

vtmednet.org.

Andrew Tressler earned an MBA from Clarkson University in May 1996 and works as a stockbroker for a Wall Street firm. His email address is 102544.3547@CompuServe.com.

Jessica Ashe works as a technical writer for Barnes & Reinecke, a Michigan engineering and contracting firm. She credits Houghton professor Dr. Jim Wardwell for her decision to major in English. Jessica may be reached at

jessashe@aol.com.

Christine Black works with Concepts Employment Services as a job coach, helping developmentally disabled persons to obtain jobs, training and independence. She continues to write and will see her poem "Nawing" in the National Poetry Guild's upcoming anthology Even Then, Even Now.

Former Houghton alumni office intern Angela Fulkroad represents Belhaven College in Orlando. She recruits traditional-age students for Belhaven's main campus in Jackson, Miss., and adult students for the Orlandobased adult degree completion program. Angela's e-mail address is fulkroad@ juno.com.

Preventionfocus, Inc. has recently added Heather Mazzullo to its staff. Heather will be working as a prevention educator in Buffalo, N.Y., teaching drug and alcohol awareness to elementary school-age children.

Patrick Pascall is studying for a master's degree in public administration at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla. He is currently interning with Pinecrest Police Department, Dade County. Patrick's e-mail address is PPascall@aol.com.

Kelly Daugherty and Denise Rohrbach are roommates in the Philadelphia area. Kelly is pursuing a master's degree in physical therapy through Beaver College; Denise is one of several recent Houghton grads employed by Cardone Industries.

Michelle Manuel is teaching elementary vocal music and conducting the fourth and fifth grade chorus at North Jakarta International School in Indonesia.

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lege, Jim entered the ministry, pastoring

his 50 years of service. He and his wife,

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erings. Survivors include his widow, four

siege of Parkinson's disease and for the last 8

years of her life resided in a health care facil-

children and their families.

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for 28 years and devoting another 22 years to the denomination's lay ministries. At its 1996 council, the C & MA honored Jim for

Martha (Beckwith '48), were regular partici-

'39 Esther (Fox) Steiger died on August 24, 1997. She had endured a twenty-one-year

'45 James S. Shoe died suddenly and

Point Village, Fort Myers, Fla. Following col-

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span 33 years, all devoted to Mooers Junior High School. In 1935, Lois married Leeward Orr. The couple's two children, John '61, and Judy '62 both attended Houghton. Lois was a longtime member of the Mooers United Methodist Church and Methodist Missionary Society. After retiring from the classroom in 1971 she became a member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association and for 15 years served as historian for the town of Mooers. During this time she wrote a volume on local history entitled "The Historical Review of The Town of Mooers." Lois also enjoyed travel and reading. In addition to her children, Lois is survived by six grandchildren, three greatgrandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Her husband and a sister predeceased her. Burial was in the Mooers Forks Union Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Mooers United Methodist Church or Mooers Rescue Squad.

S. Hugh Paine (Hon. Sc.D. '78), died October 22 while visiting family in Indiana. A graduate of Wheaton (III.) College, he took graduate work at the University of Chi-

cago and later

earned an M.S. degree from Texas A&M. He began his career at International Harvester near Chicago, then joined Bell Aircraft in Buffalo as general foreman for the heat treatment division during World War II. In his spare time he was trustee, board secretary and maintenance engineer for

the fledgling Buffalo Bible Institute, later Houghton's Buffalo Suburban Campus. He returned to Chicago to become a metallurgist with the Manhattan Project, then senior metallurgist and research group leader at Argonne National Laboratories at the University of Chicago. He participated in the first U.N. international conference on peacetime use of atomic energy held in Geneva, Switzerland, and was a member of the Atomic Energy Commission's technical mission to England. During those years he wrote or co-authored 50 papers related to nuclear metallurgy and solid state radiation damage. He was also active in rebuilding and launching Wesleyan churches in the metropolitan area and was a member of The Wesleyan Church Administrative Board. In 1960 he joined the Houghton faculty as professor of physics, then was earth science department head. Students dedicated the yearbook to him in 1974, and he retired from teaching in 1976. He continued active as a volunteer worker at Nature Conservancy's Moss Lake Preserve, and pulled together years of research and study in science and the Bible to write the 1993 book, Founded on the Floods. He was also a 40-year member of The Gideons. His Houghton home was adjacent to college athletic fields and he became a friend, confidante and prayer partner to Houghton's field hockey team members, attending their practices and games up to the week before his death. Survivors include four children: Margaret Swanson '53, Charles '54, Samuel '57, and Anne Root '58; 33 grandchildren and 83 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; two brothers, including Alvin '36; and a sister. His wife and an infant son, and several siblings pre-deceased him. Services were conducted at Houghton, N.Y. with interment at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Me-

ity. Her husband, Robert, notes "she died at peace, lovely in spirit and rich in faith. '57 Alicia (Johnson) Walker died September 11 after a brief illness. She was 62. Alicia was born in Ionia County, Mich., and graduated from Lake Odessa High School in 1954. In 1961 she married Irving Johnson. Alicia was a member of New Life Presbyterian Church in Fruitland Park, Fla., and also attended Oneida Gospel Church. She had a keen interest in both family and local history and was a charter member of both the Ionia County Genealogical Society and Lake Odessa Historical Society. Her illness and death were unexpected, and she had enjoyed attending her 40th class reunion at Houghton last July. Survivors include her widower, a sister, two children, and three grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to the Helping Hands Hospice of Ionia, the

American Cancer Society, or Oneida Gospel

Church Activity Building.



S. Hugh Paine

# Brian Davidson '82 Named Distinguished Alumnus

During an October 24 ceremony held in Charlotte, N.C., Brian Davidson '82 was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Houghton College. Speaking to Davidson's assembled family members, church friends, and Missionary Athletes International colleagues, external affairs vice president Tim Fuller noted that during Davidson's four Houghton years—1978-82—"he was part of the most accomplished teams in the

college's strong soccer history." (The entire 1979 team was inducted into the college's athletic hall of honor.)

Brian came to Houghton from Rochester, N.Y., a high school senior who'd been involved in all sports, already known for his intensity. Surviving his frosh year amid solid talents drawn from around the world, Brian became a key player, characterized as "an inspirational guy and a natural leader, one with the rare ability to make those around him play better." Those qualities had for their foundation a strong, personal Christian faith being worked out as a Bible major. In college he met and married classmate Christine Schmidt. Off the field Brian learned hard lessons and deepened his faith with the death of his father and in the aftermath of the death of his roommate, role model and fellow soccer player Alan Bushart.

After graduating Brian taught at Wesleyan Academy in Puerto Rico. There he asked the Lord for broader opportunity to minister through



Brian Davidson, his sister, and wife Christine

sports. Soon he took employment with Sports Life Ministries of Tacoma, Wash., coaching and recruiting, and directing soccer camps and clinics. In 1987 he and Chris joined Missionary Athletes International. Since 1990 they have directed MAI's East Coast ministry, now headquartered in Charlotte. He continues to coach and share the gospel world-wide. Fuller continued: "To this work you bring characteristic energy and devotion along with intense desire to see others come to Christ . . . The success and credibility of the Charlotte Eagles are in many ways a testimony to these qualities."

Fuller told the audience that in a recent Houghton chapel service, Brian's address brought a strong response as "the Lord used your works and example to motivate others." He concluded: "Through your energy, dedication and strong Christian character you have reflected well upon your alma mater."

# In Memory Gifts as of November 19, 1997



Hazel Benson by Mrs. Harriet S. Norton Rachel Davison Fee by Dr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson

Gordon T. Ferm Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Alton C. Wade; Mr. and Mrs. Nicolas R. Michaels

Septima Briggs Fowler by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moss

James Francis Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hansen

Frieda Gillette by Mr. and Mrs. L. Holland Taylor

Holly Gillette by Mr. Harold I. Smith

Mildred Gillette by Mr. and Mrs. L. Holland Taylor

James H. Hurd by Mary Lou (Hurd) Harrington

Sherman Lake by Mr. and Mrs. William D.
Taylor

Lillis Fancher Mear by Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Fancher; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Payne; Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Blankenship

Bruce G. Merritt Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin C. Knowlton

Lois Sweet Orr by Mrs. Velma Hewson Hugh Paine by Dr. Lola Haller S. Hugh and Wilfreda Paine by Rev. and Mrs. Carl Vander Burg

Josephine Rickard by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence K. Stanley

Crystal Rork by Mr. and Mrs. L. Holland Taylor

James Shoe by Miss Priscilla R. Ries

Lela Smith by Mr. Harold I. Smith F. Gordon Stockin by Drs. Wayne and Gaye Mourtizen

Loran L.Taylor by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A.

Norma A. Yu by Dr. and Mrs. Anthony C. Yu.

Art Exhibit: "Images of Holy Labor," Ade Bethune, prints

Classes Begin 8

18-21 Christian Life Emphasis Week, Dr. Evvy Hay

23 CAB: Jennifer Knapp. Vocalist—at Big Al's Snack Shop

Artist Series: American Boychoir 24

26 Faculty Recital: Julie Tunstall, flute

Art Exhibit: Jeffrey Lewis, encaustic paintings Gallery Talk/Reception 6:30 pm

21

Philharmonia Concert

24 Black History Presentation: Dr. Wyatt Walker

February Break 26



American Boychoir January 24



Waverly Consort - March 21

Classes Resume

Chamberlain Lecture: Dr. David Shenk

Gallery Talk / Reception: Profs. Ted Murphy & Gary Baxter, 6:30 pm

Lecture "On My Current Work," Ted Murphy

Wind Ensemble Concert

12

Lecture Series: Dr. James Sims, "Art of Scripture," 7:00 pm Drama: "Death of a Salesman," Tysinger Auditorium, 12-14 Houghton Academy. Saturday matinee at 2:00 pm

21 Artist Series: Waverly Consort

28 Jazz Ensemble

Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at 8:00 p.m.

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Sun., Mar. 29 Levant Wesleyan Church, Falconer, N.Y.—6:00 pm Fri., Apr, 3 Hamburg Wesleyan Church, Hamburg, N.Y.—7:00 pm 1st Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie, Pa.-7:00 pm Sat., Apr. 4 Federated Church of East Springfield PA—8:15 & 10:55 am Sun., Apr. 5 Leroy Community Chapel, Painesville, Ohio-6:00 pm Sun., April 5

Mon., Apr. 6

Tues., Apr. 7 Mars Alliance Church, Mars, Pa.—7:00 pm

Wed., Apr. 8 Return to Houghton

January 10 Phoenix, Ariz. February 7 Jacksonville, Fla. Orlando, Fla.

West Central Fla. February 21 February 28 Bradenton, Fla.

March 7 Fort Myers, Fla. March 12 Norfolk, Va.

March 13 Richmond, Va. March 14 Northern Va./D.C. James Arthur '68

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# Wilfred Bain



During his last visit to Houghton in the early '90s, Dr. Bain reminisced for the aural history collection about the college's early days and the founding of The College Choir.

Tennyson once wrote: "Our echoes roll from soul to soul, and grow forever and forever." Nine months after Wilfred Bain's death, and 72 years after he matriculated at Houghton, echoes of the Shawville, Ontario, native's life echo loudly on behalf of his alma mater and in support of the musical arts in which he spent his life.

Dr. Bain's voice was not an unsure one. A certain flair for promotion undergirded his unquestioned musical and administrative gifts and helped him throughout his career, whether launching the Houghton College Choir in 1931, heading the music school at North Texas State University, or building the Indiana University School of Music into the world's largest—some 150 faculty teaching 1,700 students.

He founded the Indiana University Opera Theater and led the research, planning and construction of that university's musical arts center. At one time he was considered to head New York's Metropolitan Opera. Long after his retirement in 1973, he advised in planning for the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. But our purpose is neither to detail his achievements, nor the rewards and awards that followed.

While Dr. Bain's voice no longer cajoles choirs, artistic directors, or donors to multimillion dollar arts projects, its echo will continue to sound his convictions and reach new audiences through his lifetime and estate gifts to Houghton's School of Music, specifically, the Wilfred and Mary Bain Scholarships for voice students—a fund that will approach \$400,000 when estate contributions are added.

Wilfred Bain possessed no ordinary talents, dreamed no ordinary visions, lived no ordinary life. The college is pleased that he chose to recognize and perpetuate his musical roots and to exemplify for others a vital way to provide opportunity and a place for talented people.

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