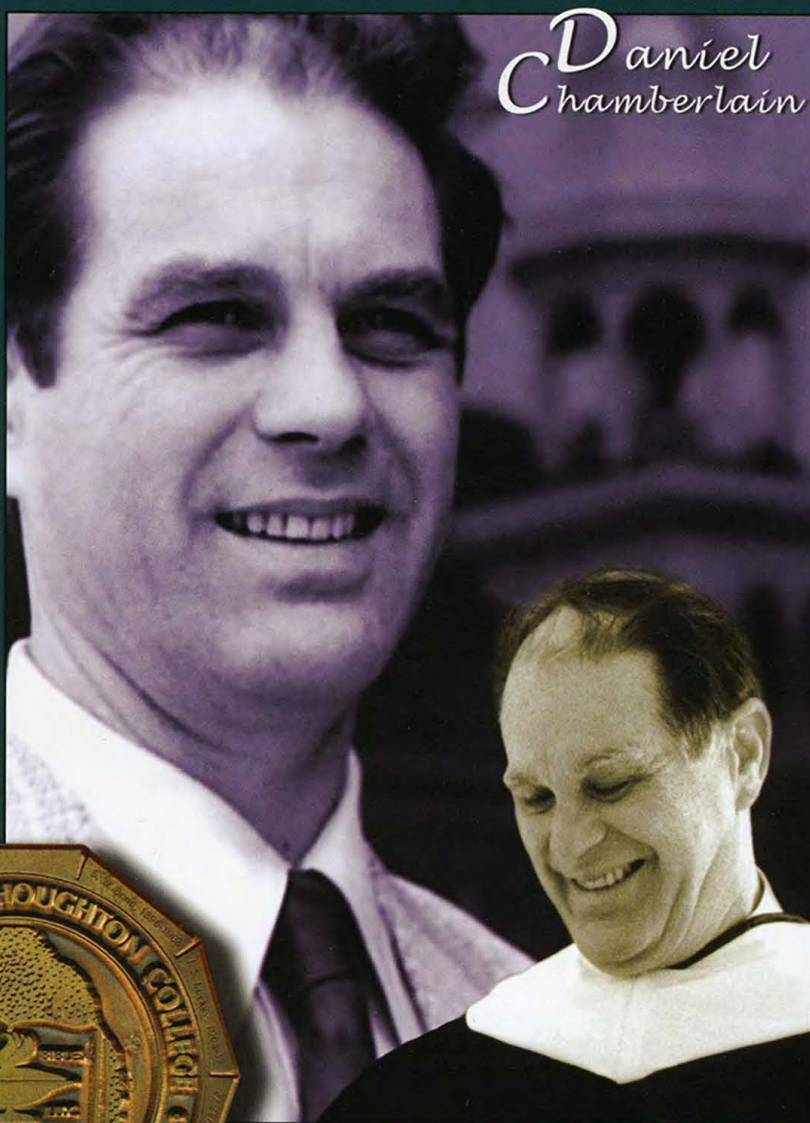


HOUGHTON

# Milieu



25 Years of Service

HOUGHTON COLLEGE • FALL 2001

## *"This is God's college..."*



*Tim Fuller '79 is special assistant to the president and vice president of enrollment management.*

ONE OF MY EARLY memories of Dan and Joyce Chamberlain comes from their first Houghton homecoming. They appeared in costume, Joyce as a flapper (twirling beads and all), and made an instant connection with students and alumni. This turned out to be a presidential tradition, with other costumes including a circus ringmaster and a tie-dyed, wigged "hippie."

Stable, long-term leadership is another tradition at Houghton College, and President Chamberlain has proved a worthy successor to James Luckey and Stephen Paine. Under his leadership, the college has continued to build on the firm foundation laid by his predecessors. The faculty is even stronger now than it was in 1976. Campus improvements have been timely and welcomed, including The Center for the Arts, the Academic Building, South Hall, the Stevens Art Studios, and townhouses. Programmatic changes include revisions in what we now call Integrative Studies, the core of every Houghton education; the First-Year Honors Program, off-campus programs in London and Tanzania; and the Educational Technology Initiative.

What does stable leadership mean to Houghton when the average tenure for college presidents is only seven years? It means that alumni from President Chamberlain's early years are now sending their children here, confident that the same bright, caring, godly man who was "their" president is still leading the institution. It means that alumni and employees know that his commitment to the college runs deep and firm, and this encourages them to commit their energy, resources, and lives. It means

that other college presidents look to him as an example of commitment and excellence, which elevates Houghton's influence.

One of my first face-to-face meetings with the president came in the mid-1980s. I had been offered a job at another Christian college, and I didn't know much about the place. My boss, Wayne MacBeth '75, commented that the president knew a lot about that college and encouraged me to speak with him. I was a bit nervous as I entered his office to talk about leaving Houghton for another job, but he put me at ease and offered helpful advice about the college and the job search process in general. He closed our meeting with this statement:

"Tim, this is God's college, not mine. I don't want to see you go, but I'm confident that God will continue to raise up people to do His work here, just as he has done for over 100 years."

Houghton is a better place because Dan and Joyce Chamberlain heeded the Lord's call to come here 25 years ago. May God strengthen them to continue in His service.



*The Chamberlains in Homecoming regalia*



## Calendar

### NOVEMBER

- 17 Artist Series concert:  
Ying Quartet  
Gallery reception
- 21 Residence halls close
- 22-23 College offices closed
- 26 Classes resume

### DECEMBER

- 3 Gallery reception
- 6-8 Madrigal Dinners
- 14 Last day of classes  
Symphonic Winds concert
- 16 The Messiah
- 17-20 Final exams
- 21 Residence halls close
- 24-26 College offices closed

### JANUARY 2002

- 1 College offices closed
- 13 Residence halls open
- 14 Classes begin
- 20-24 Christian Life  
Emphasis Week

### FEBRUARY

- 9 Symphonic Winds concert
- 16 Artist Series concert:  
Brazilian Guitar Quartet  
Gallery reception
- 19 February break begins
- 25 Classes resume
- 28-Mar. 2 Campaign kickoff

### MARCH

- 1 Gallery reception
- 2 Philharmonia concert
- 8 Artist Series concert:  
Houghton College Choral  
Union and Rochester  
Philharmonia Orchestra
- 9 International Dinner
- 14-16 Drama production
- 22 Easter break begins
- 29 Good Friday:  
College offices closed

Milieu welcomes opinions, insights, or evaluations from our readers. Tell us what you're thinking—exchange an idea or two. Send letters in care of the editor to the college, or fax (585) 567-9668, or e-mail: milieu@houghton.edu.

Dear Editor,

I always look forward to receiving the *Milieu* so I can find out what's happening with my former classmates and at Houghton. It's definitely a highlight to my mail run.

Thank you,  
Laura (Schaeffer '98) Rowe  
Gorham, Maine

Dear Editor,

First let me congratulate you on your excellent summer 2001 *Milieu*! Very picturesque and informative! I'll await more detail on Mrs. Helen Paine's home going. She was my Sunday school teacher and a friend and now united with her beloved "Steve" and Marjorie.

In our faithful Lord,  
Mary (Brunner '50) Hernandez  
Orlando, Florida

*See page 27 for Mrs. Paine's obituary.*

Dear Editor,

In my opinion, the summer issue was creative, laid out in a great way, and had style. (Well, as a contributor, I think so.) Three of my old associates at Houghton sent the whole article to me with nice words. (Did they think I wouldn't know about it or get a copy?!) Good job.

We held our 50th wedding anniversary on the Queen Mary with 95 of our closest friends and family present. We had sailed twice on the Queen Mary as a family (1955 and 1963) so it was a real homecoming for us.

Blessings,  
Dean Gilliland '50  
Pasadena, California



Dear Editor,

It is always great fun for me to get *Milieu*. I immediately turn to the "Milestones" section to see what members of my class and those surrounding us are doing. I then turn to "Down the Aisle" and "Future Alumni," although my class is probably past that. Thanks for putting out such a great publication.

Richard Walker '77  
Carol Stream, Illinois

Dear Editor,

My writing this note is due to an article in the summer 2001 issue. I refer to the one by Sheila DiTullio '77 ("My Father, My Hero"). It was well written and was a wonderful description of her father. I can relate to his story. I was 12 when my father and our family came to these shores from the Netherlands. My father, too, had a dream: he encouraged my sister and me to study diligently and "the sky will be the limit." I graduated from Houghton in 1941. In 1944 the Presbyterian Church ordained me a minister. Thank you for keeping me abreast of Houghton. I am now 85 years young and still preaching. I continue to praise the Lord for the many, many blessings He has given me throughout those years.

Herman Dam '41  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee



## Faculty news

**Robert Danner**, who was vice president of student life for 20 years—the longest tenure of any Houghton chief student affairs officer—has retired, sort of. He's moved across campus to Fancher, where he is serving part time in the admission office. Recently he received the Boender Award from the Association of Christians in Student Development for his contributions to the field.

**Richard Halberg '71**, professor of business administration, spent eight days in Hungary interviewing natives about their opinions on issues related to economic freedom, ethics, and the changes that have occurred in their country during the past decade. His work included providing two seminars and administering focus groups. He says, "The data will form the basis for a Houghton campus presentation and a paper for a professional conference." His wife, **Ginny (Alexander '71)**, part-time instructor of piano, provided special music at the Word of Life Hungary family camp, and Professor Halberg gave his testimony of faith.

**Irmgard Howard**, professor of chemistry and chair of the department, participated in her third and final summer at the Templeton/Oxford seminars on Science and Christianity. She says, "We had a chance to interact with such famous people as mathematics/physicist Roger Penrose and biochemist/Nobel laureate Christian deDuke."

**Timothy Leonard '91**, assistant professor of biology, has been named to the board of directors for the Western New York Area Rural Health Education

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# New faculty on campus

HOUGHTON WELCOMED seven new full-time faculty members for the 2001-02 year.

**Shirley Close** is visiting associate professor of voice. Close, who earned a master's of music in voice from the University of Southern California, joined Houghton from the Nationaltheater Mannheim (Germany).

**Mark LaCelle-Peterson** is associate professor of education. He received an Ed.M. from Harvard and an Ed.D. from the Graduate School of Education. Before coming to Houghton, he was associate professor of education and director of the graduate programs in education at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y.

**Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82** is assistant professor of religion. She earned a Ph.D. in theological and religious studies at Drew University. Kristina was assistant professor of religion at Roberts Wesleyan College.

**Davis McGuirt** is assistant professor of biology. He earned his doctorate of veterinary medicine from the University of

Georgia. McGuirt has held various positions, including veterinarian, pastor, and high school biology teacher.

**Peter Meilaender** is assistant professor of political science. He holds a Ph.D. from Notre Dame. He spent a year as a visiting assistant professor in the department of Government and International Studies there and another as a visiting assistant professor and the Gerst Postdoctoral Fellow at Duke University.

**Ronald Rohe** is associate professor of physics. He earned a Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was associate professor of physics at Mount Vernon Nazarene College.

Houghton's new director of urban ministries/pastoral and church ministries program is **Marvin Scroggins**, who also holds the title of assistant professor of intercultural studies. Scroggins holds graduate degrees from Wheaton College (MBA in economic development), Eastern Mennonite University (M.Div.), and Biola University (Ed.D.).



*Top row, from left: Rohe, Mark LaCelle-Peterson, McGuirt, and Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82; bottom, from left: Scroggins and Meilaender. Not available for photo: Close*

Greg Bish '95



(Faculty news continued from page 3)

Center (WNY R-AHEC). In August, he participated in their first MASH (Medical Academy of Sciences for Health) camp, which was held at Cuba (N.Y.) Memorial Hospital. Prof. Leonard presented an overview of health professions to seventh- and eighth-grade children.

**Carl Schultz '53**, professor of Old Testament, has been awarded a \$2,000 development grant from the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences for his teaching of the course Science and Scripture, which he offered for the second time this past spring. This summer he participated in his third and final year of seminars on Science and Religion in Oxford, England, sponsored by the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities and the Templeton Foundation.

**Mark Taylor**, associate professor of music, conducted the Wellsville Performing Arts Orchestra for his third season. He continues leading the Allegany Youth Wind Ensemble, which he founded in 1999. He was one of several local participants in the August community band concert offered on Houghton's quad.

Students in **Dick Wing's** Principles of Writing course now have access to their course materials on CD-ROM, thanks to his tireless work in organizing content. His e-text, titled "Principles of Effective College Writing," includes sample student essays, works of Houghton writing faculty, and sections on basic grammar skills, revising, and copy cutting.

**Daniel Woolsey '77**, professor of education, has been chosen to be a member of the committee for the award in excellence in poetry given by the National

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## King, Lewis promoted

**BEN KING**, PROFESSOR of voice, has been appointed director of the School of Music. David Lewis, women's soccer coach and director of Christian life, is now associate vice president for Christian life.

King replaces George Boespflug, who has taken a position at Biola University (Calif.). King, who has taught at Houghton for 17 years (1980-92, 1996-present), will provide leadership for the undergraduate music program while overseeing the development, marketing, and implementation of the new master of music program. He will also carry the title of associate academic dean for music.

A Texas native, King earned a doctorate from the Eastman School of Music. He said, "I am humbled and grateful for the confidence that this appointment implies."

Lewis, who has served at Houghton since 1993, will continue to provide leadership for the women's soccer team and the chapel program. He has also taken on



King (left) and Lewis

church relations responsibilities. Lewis will oversee ministry teams like Godspeed and Heirborne, and work to establish mutually beneficial relationships between the college and churches and pastors.

He earned a D.Min. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Lewis said, "I look forward to the challenge of coordinating several different, yet related, areas of campus spiritual life."

## Students recognized



Seventeen students have been named to Who's Who Among American College and University Students. Four others were selected as Barnabas servant-leaders. They are: (back row, from left) Rachel Grillo, Wellsville, N.Y. (Barnabas award), and Thomas Forsberg, Vestal, N.Y. (Barnabas). The remainder are Who's Who: (back row, beginning second from left): Joshua Ziefle, Bridgeton, N.J.; Melissa Winey, Orrville, Ohio; Christine Smith, Grantham, N.H.; Benjamin Sabine, Weymouth, Nova Scotia; Colin Ryan, Olean, N.Y.; and Emily Roorda, Spencer, N.Y. Front row Who's Who, from left: Michael Meiners, Lima, N.Y.; Abigail Hobson, Albany, N.Y.; Amy Gingrich, Richfield, Pa.; Seth Edwards, Williamsville, N.Y.; Brandon Danner, Hanover, Pa.; and Bethany Brooks, Lancaster, Pa. Not available for photo: Who's Who: Clara Chacon, San Cristobal, Venezuela; Meghan Edwards, King's Park, N.Y.; Lynne Learned, North Tonawanda, N.Y.; Heather Mamm, Bedford, Nova Scotia; and Kristin Wieland, Wantagh, N.Y.; Barnabas award: Laurelyn Shaw, Akron, Ohio; and Rebecca Smith, Hinsdale, N.Y.



# September 11: students pray, donate blood



Jason Mucher

*On the last day of Christian Life Emphasis Week, students, faculty, and staff gathered around the quad to pray for our nation and the victims of the terrorist attacks.*

AT 11 A.M. ON TUESDAY, September 11, just two hours after the attacks on America, students, faculty, and staff gathered in Wesley Chapel to pray for the nation, its leaders, and the victims of the morning's tragedy.

After introductory remarks by vice president for academic affairs Ron Oakerson, and Denise Bakerink '83, interim dean of students, Christian ministries professor Mike Walters led the community in prayer. He opened with words from Psalm 2 and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Some students then remained in the chapel while others gathered around the quad. During the lunch hour and early afternoon, and for days following, students watched coverage of the tragedy at televisions placed throughout the campus center. Classes continued as scheduled.

Since the catastrophe, students have traveled as far as Rochester, N.Y., to donate blood.

The Student Government Association sponsored an informational forum to discuss the recent terrorist attacks. B. David Benedict, professor of political science, offered an historical perspective; Robert Black, professor of economics, examined the economic impact; and Abe Hussein, a Muslim man from the local community, spoke on his personal perspective.

Rep. Amo Houghton (R-Corning) spoke to the student body on Friday, Sept. 28, during a special assembly.

Have you experienced some aspect of this tragedy? *Milieu* would like to hear about it. Send your stories and photos to the college in care of the editor.

Council of Teachers of English. The committee meets twice a year to plan and implement publications, displays, and programs to foster excellence in children's poetry. Year 2003 marks the next time a poetry award will be given.

**Jo-Anne (Olsen '69) Young**, instructor of horsemanship and director of the equestrian program, hosted Molly Sivewright from England for a dressage and jumping clinic this summer. She says, "Campers, camp staff, and riders coming from as far away as Washington, D.C., benefited from her expertise." Other summer highlights included a dressage clinic featuring Walter Zettl and a Western New York Pony Clubs regional stadium jumping rally.

**Paula Valley** moved from part to full time as a reference librarian this year. She has considerable experience as a librarian and researcher, most recently with Jamestown Community College and St. Bonaventure University. Valley holds a master of information and library science degree from SUNY Buffalo, where she earned her B.S. in human development, family and community relations.

**Mark Yuly**, associate professor of physics, provided hands-on learning for the students who took his Research in Physics course this summer. He accompanied them to Los Alamos National Laboratory where they collaborated with other researchers to learn more about the force that binds the nucleus together. Professor Yuly said, "The students were involved in almost all aspects of the experiment, from detector construction and surveying to electronic design and analysis."



## Enrollment sets record

For the second-straight year, Houghton welcomes to campus a record-number of students. College officials have reported the enrollment for 2001-2002 is 1,359 well above last year's total of 1,246.

"This enrollment is a wonderful affirmation of the overall quality of the Houghton College experience academically, spiritually, and socially. We have a strong faculty and a good reputation, and prospective students are recognizing that in increasing numbers," said Tim Fuller '79, vice president for enrollment management.

The number of first-year students at Houghton's main campus is also at an all-time high, 360, compared to last year's total of 354.

Completion of nine townhouse units over the summer has helped the college deal with the increased number of students. The college currently has 29 townhouse units, housing a total of 200 juniors and seniors.



Neil Cowley '00

## Sports teams participate in missions



Women's soccer team in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, participating in an after-game "chant" with friends made on their two-week mission trip

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, Houghton sports teams have participated in seven short-term missions trips around the world.

The men's and women's basketball teams recently returned from a two-week sojourn in the Czech Republic, part

pia, and the Ethiopian Football Federation.

The volleyball team spent two weeks in Honduras last summer.

The trips are multi-purposed," said athletics director Skip Lord '80. "It's an opportunity for athletes to use their tal-

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—Lewis

of a five-year commitment to support the efforts of Wesleyan World Missions there.

The women's soccer team spent spring break in Ethiopia, partnering in ministry with Missionary Athletes International, SIM of Ethiopia, Youth for Christ Ethio-

ents to serve God and share the Gospel. They grow as a team."

David Lewis, coach of the women's soccer team, said, "Being immersed in a new culture fosters understanding about the world around us."



# Alumni weekends: something for everyone



From left: Gospel recording artist George Beverly Shea '32, his wife, Karlene, and artist John Howard Sanden

OVER 600 ALUMNI returned to campus between June and August for senior fellowship and alumni weekends.

During Alumni Weekend I, President Chamberlain unveiled John Howard Sanden's three-quarter-length (61" by 56") portrait of Grammy-winning gospel recording artist—and former Houghton student—George Beverly Shea '32. Sanden is noted for his portraits of leading figures in American public, professional, and business life. Sanden

and Shea were both present when the portrait was unveiled on Friday, June 15, at Houghton's Center for the Arts. Many of Shea's family members and more than 100 alumni celebrated the event.

"The portrait is a valuable addition to the college collection," said Roselyn Danner '84, director of the Ortlip Gallery. "It enhances our entire collection, and it's very fitting that the portrait hang in the Center for the Arts; it's an illustration of a man who gave his music to God."

Both artists have ties to Houghton, which makes the gift even more meaningful. Shea lived in Houghton as a child and attended the college in 1928-29. He served as chair for two college campaigns and still has family members in the community, including his brother Alton '36. Shea received an honorary doctorate of fine arts from Houghton in 1956.

Sanden's association with Houghton began in the early '90s, when his daughter was a student. In 1993 he presented a portrait lecture in the Stevens Art Studios and in 1994 he delivered the Founders' Day Convocation Address. Houghton presented him with an honorary doctorate of fine arts at that convocation.

Alumni Weekend II in August hosted about 450 alumni who revisited with old friends and participated in worship led by the college's student ministry team Godspeed. President Chamberlain unveiled portraits of professors emeriti Ken and Kay Lindley painted by Aileen (Ortlip) Shea. Children enjoyed a program tailor-made for them: a comic juggler, games, crafts, and mini golf.



Alumni children shared their vision for college.



Archival publication spurs memories from days long ago



Class of '96, from left: Kathy (Hibbard) Halberg, Emily (Harkins) Roussie, Leah (Kipp) Bertram, and Amy (Kolb) Riggs

**Don't miss next year's reunion!**

## Senior Alumni Fellowship

- June 13-14

## Alumni Weekend I

- June 14-16 for the classes of '47, '52, '57, '62, and '67

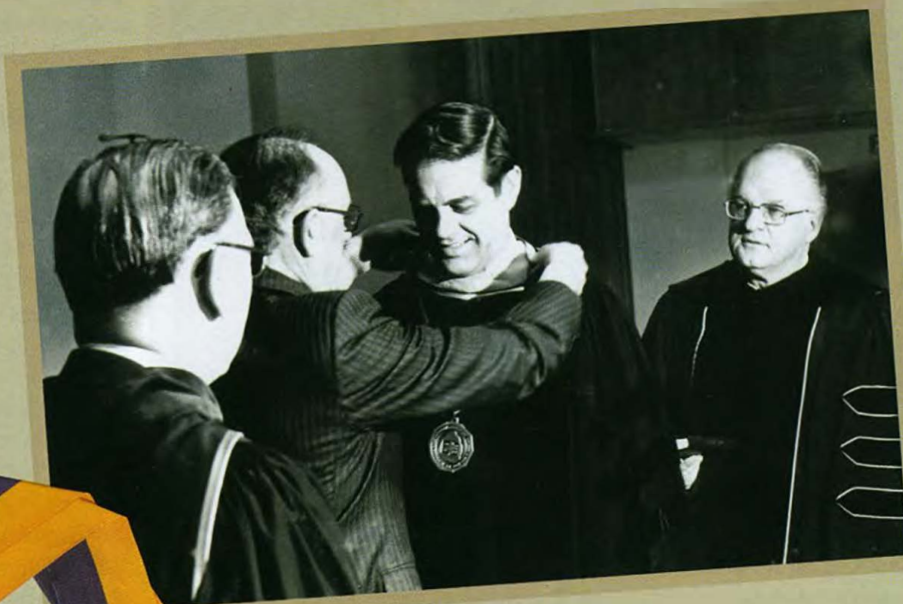
## Alumni Weekend II

- July 19-21 for the classes of '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, and '97




# An Inaugural Retrospective

by Graham Walker '79



*"Houghton must be a hospitable shelter for the human spirit where the personal touch marks everything."*

—Chamberlain, 1977

1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
 <p>Daniel Chamberlain becomes college's ninth president</p> <p>Celebration of our country's bicentennial</p>	<p>Fire destroys portion of Luckey Building</p> <p>First flight of space shuttle "Enterprise"</p>	<p>Groundbreaking for PE center</p> <p>First test-tube baby born, in England</p>	<p>Men's soccer team advance to NAIA national tournament</p> <p>Soviet troops enter Afghanistan</p>	<p>Phys. Ed. Center dedicated</p> <p>Ronald Reagan elected president</p>



President Daniel R. Chamberlain delivered his inaugural address on March 25, 1977, several months into his term. In the nearly 25 years since, he has kept faith with the principles and goals he laid out that day.

He pledged, up front, loyalty to the Church that founded and nurtures us. But he drew our attention to the interdependence of Houghton College and The Wesleyan Church, which required, at the college, a dynamic balance between freedom and order that is so essential to developing maturity, an oblique but unmistakable reference to recent campus troubles. Due in large part to his efforts, the college today enjoys a dynamic relationship with its sponsoring church. The campus is free from a narrowly denominational spirit, yet its ministerial and pre-seminary graduates fill pulpits all over The Wesleyan Church (and other denominations). Houghton teams minister in churches far and wide. Many Houghton graduates serve as faculty and staff at the four other Wesleyan colleges, and other institutions.

Houghton, President Chamberlain also said, "must strive for excellence in every aspect of our individual and corporate life so that every graduate is well-equipped to serve." Today, 80 percent of the faculty hold the highest degree possible in their fields; students' SAT scores, already high, keep edging upward; and Houghton's academic quality is recognized by *U.S. News*, *Barron's*, and the *Templeton Guide*. Despite its smaller-sized student body, Houghton generates more eventual Ph.D. recipients than virtually any other Christian college. (Only three schools produce more.) Houghton's technology initiatives equip our students with cutting-edge skills.

At the same time, President Chamberlain reminded us that Houghton's academic mission was "broader and more basic than providing job skills, anchored in our firm foundation as a liberal arts college." He has deepened this foundation. The First-Year Honors Program dramatically showcases the liberal arts. And all students follow a first-year curriculum that emphasizes, like the honors program, the spiritual and intellectual inheritance of two thousand years of Christian civilization. Most importantly, the common core includes a substantial requirement in Bible and theology.

The new president's vision that day went beyond academics: "More than a place of information," he said, "Houghton must be a hospitable shelter for the human spirit where the personal touch marks everything." In that way, he added, we can "promote the development of the whole person and make

our campus a place of truth, beauty, goodness, and wholeness." He himself has provided the personal touch. In 1981, when six leading seniors were killed in a highway accident, his grief and involvement touched everyone, and five years later he authorized the Soaring Eagles sculpture at the center of campus in their memory. (See sidebar, page 25.)

This kind of presidential leadership has kept traditions from stagnating. As a result, students manage, more than ever, to fuse brainpower with service, and with athletic performance, into a harmonious whole honoring the Lord. Service and ministry groups flourished at Houghton before the Chamberlain years, but they seem even more numerous now. Even the highest-performing students are involved in organizations like Allegany County Outreach, Habitat for Humanity, Heirborne, Youth for Christ, and many others. Faculty are as deeply involved as students. Not coincidentally, Houghton recently marked the silver anniversary of its winning intercollegiate sports program. President Chamberlain attended many of those games.

Though he urged "excellence," this president also wanted the kind of excellence that might never be lauded by the world's opinion-makers. "There must be ample opportunity," he insisted, "for the true worship that enables us to draw near to God and to His other children." Thus, chapel is still required and is supplemented by Koinonia worship on Sunday evenings, Christian Life Emphasis Weeks, Gospel Choir, and a multitude of prayer- and Bible-study opportunities.

In the same way, although this new president wanted a college "dedicated to intellectual freedom," he also pointed out that true freedom comes from knowing truth and its source. Nothing in his speech was more moving than this. "Our task in Christian higher education," he asserted, "is to bring every member of the community to truth and to God who is the source of all truth, but our means must be appropriate to our worthy ends. We cannot reach the goal by fear. We may obscure it by too much hurry."

President Chamberlain's inauguration opened the way to a revitalized college. How fitting that, a year after his speech, a new campus entrance was built—the first of many steps he has taken to beautify and expand Houghton's buildings and grounds. **HC**

*Graham Walker '79 is associate professor of politics at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and visiting scholar in religion and philosophy at the American Enterprise Institute, also in Washington. He serves on Houghton's board of trustees, representing the Chesapeake District of The Wesleyan Church.*

1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Six seniors killed in car accident	Archives dedicated and opened	Houghton College turns 100	Grading system to be changed to plus or minus	South Hall is constructed
Sandra Day O'Connor becomes 1st woman Supreme Court justice	Dolby Laboratories introduces surround sound	China's population passes one billion mark	Baby Fae receives a baboon heart	Correspondent Terry Anderson kidnapped in Beirut



# A Keeper of the Flame

by Paul Mills '61

In 1883, Willard J. Houghton foresaw Houghton College as "a light on the hill." His vision was to change the rowdy community of Jockey Street into a place of worship, praise, and contemplation toward God. Rarely does the vision of an institution's founder extend 20 or 40 years into the future. But in Houghton's case, it spans more than a century. Many brilliant and dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators have served the institution. Among them is its current president.

Some 25 years ago a perceptive churchman who believed in God-given missions stepped on the Houghton College campus to continue its heritage of excellence in Christian higher education, as president. Daniel R. Chamberlain was born into a family committed to Christian higher education: his mother taught at Holiness Evangelistic Institute at El Monte, Calif., and his father subsequently served as its president. Dan and his siblings attended there, and Dan's first position after graduating from college was on its faculty (the name had been changed to Western Pilgrim College). He later served as dean.


When Dan took the reigns at Houghton College, he understood instinctively what this "light on the hill" should look like and what it should accomplish. He was prepared for this presidency not only by his formal education but also by the legacy of a family sacrificially committed to Christian higher education and to the Light of the World: Jesus. As a result, Dan combines intellectual acumen with a dependence upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been my privilege to serve with him on The Wesleyan Church General Board, the Wesleyan Educational Council, the Council of Presidents of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the Council of Independent Colleges, and the


Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. He has served in executive positions in all of these organizations. The depth, breadth, and energy he brings to a discussion are widely recognized. His insight into difficult situations is perceptive, and often lightning-quick. This is not to say he isn't considerate of other ideas or opinions, but it doesn't take him long to grasp and size up the issues. I have seen him be the voice for a cause even though he stood alone. In the long run, his perception of many of those causes was correct. He is patient to get to the right solution. One of his greatest gifts is the ability to persuasively bring along the rest of the team when a decision is in the making. The organizations that he has served are better because of his passion, his perceptiveness, and his persistence.

We are each admonished to be light in this dark world. President Chamberlain has been willing, over the years, to become a light on behalf of Christian higher education. Houghton College has always been known in the eastern portion of this country as one of the premier liberal arts colleges. But during Dr. Chamberlain's tenure its reputation has expanded to national and international spheres. The "light on the hill" has never shone brighter, or clearer, or farther.

Dan's heritage, his strong work ethic, his trust in the Lord, and his integrity has each contributed to who he is. And who he is has influenced Christian higher education not only on the Houghton College campus but also in the broader context of higher education, encompassing the students, faculty, and staff of several colleges, The Wesleyan Church at large, leadership on professional boards, and the world of philanthropic giving.

Personally, I appreciate Dan for his thoughtfulness, his loyalty to principle, people, and calling, his competitive spirit, his deadpan humor, and his love for his heritage. He lets his light so shine before men that they see his good works and glorify his Father in heaven. He is a dedicated keeper of the flame. 

*Paul Rees Mills '61 is president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, Okla.*

1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
 <p>Soaring Eagles sculpture dedicated at Homecoming</p> <p>Desi Arnaz (Ricky Ricardo, from "I Love Lucy," ) died at age 69</p>	<p>Gao dorm razed; Fancher Hall moved and turned</p> <p>Softball turns 100</p>	<p>Woolsey Hall razed, dining hall remodeled, ground broken for academic building</p> <p>Terrorist bomb explodes PanAm 747 in mid air</p>	<p>Chamberlains on sabbatical for a semester</p> <p>Tiananmen Square massacre</p>	<p>Houghton named one of 10 best Christian colleges in nation</p> <p>Military coup in Bangladesh</p>



The Inauguration of  
Daniel R. Chamberlain  
as President of  
Houghton College  
Half After Ten O'Clock, Friday,  
March Twenty-Fifth,  
Nineteen Hundred and  
Seventy-Seven  
Houghton, New York



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#### Events Schedule

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24**  
11:05 a.m. Historical Perspective Chapel Wesley Chapel  
Dr. Katherine Lindley, Dr. Frieda Gillette,  
Mr. Wesley Nussey  
10:15 p.m. Community Presidential Toast Reinhold Campus Center  
Carol Brown, Bruce Chamberlain,  
Ray W. Chamberlain, Sr., Larry Christensen,  
Stephen Horst, Herschel Riss

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25**  
9-10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Guest Registration Campus Center  
10-10 a.m. Pre-Inaugural Organ Recital Wesley Chapel  
Dr. Charles H. Finney  
10:30 a.m. Inauguration Convocation Wesley Chapel  
12:15-1:30 p.m. Buffet Luncheon Campus Center  
1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Campus Tours Wesley Chapel  
8:15 p.m. Artist Series  
Houghton College Choir with members of the  
Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra - directed  
by Dr. Donald Bailey

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New reader system  
installed for tracking  
chapel attendance

Gorbachev resigns as  
last president of USSR

1992

Women's soccer one of  
six teams in the nation  
NOT to receive a red or  
yellow card

Bill Clinton elected  
US president

1993

First P.A.C.E. students  
graduate

World Trade Center  
bombing in NYC

1994

Coach Doug Burke  
retires after serving 27  
years

Nelson Mandela sworn  
in as president of South  
Africa

1995

Emeritus chair of  
the fine arts Charles  
Finney dies

Oklahoma City  
federal building  
bombed





# Hostess Extraordinaire



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*Houghton makes a difference in young peoples' lives. I'm privileged to be a part of that."*

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
 First-Year Honors Program begins	Educational technology initiative enhances learning for students	Buffalo's King Urban Life Center opens	Center for the Arts dedicated	College receives \$15M for master's program in music
 Racial hostility leads to several church burnings in US	Armed rebellion in Albania	Hurricane Mitch kills 9,000 people in Central America	First balloon flight around world	George W. Bush elected U.S. president



While this commemorative issue extols the work and character of the man who has led Houghton College for a quarter of a century, it would fall short without a conversation with "First Lady" Joyce Chamberlain.

When Joyce (Books) married Daniel Chamberlain 49 years ago, he was a senior at Upland College, where they'd met. Although romantic pursuits interrupted her academic career at this time, Joyce later earned a B.A. from California State College, and, after producing seven children, earned a master's degree in education from Penn State. Subsequently, Joyce raised children, taught in the public school system, and supported her husband. A woman of many interests and talents, today Joyce enjoys the Chamberlains' 20 grandchildren and has built a well-deserved reputation as hostess *extraordinaire*.

**Milieu:**

**What is your role as "First Lady" of Houghton College?**

**Joyce:** My primary responsibility and pleasure has been to support my husband. I enjoy entertaining guests. I'd rather bake than clean! And I enjoy traveling with Dan.

**Milieu:** When the president's away, how do you play?

**Joyce:** I love to shop! Also, my friends and I love to get together and play games. We also make a big deal out of celebrating each others' birthdays. Dan can't believe how many activities we can think of to do together.

**Milieu:** Aside from being the "significant other" of Houghton's president, what's important in your life?

**Joyce:** My family is very important to me. Also, besides our children and grandchildren, we have two Chinese women who were students at the academy or college, who call us their adopted parents. In 1989 I was the matron of honor at one wedding. I asked her if she didn't want some young friend to stand up with her. She said, "No, you are my best friend."

**Milieu:** When you first moved to Houghton, how did you balance the duties of being the president's wife, teaching, and raising children?

**Joyce:** It was a tug of war. I had to make lists for everything. But teaching—working outside the home—gave me a sense of well being. I felt validated.

**Milieu:** What is your greatest reward in your position now?

**Joyce:** It's a blessing to see students receive a quality education. Houghton makes a difference in young peoples' lives. I'm privileged to be a part of that.


**Milieu:** What do you do that best complements the president's task?

**Joyce:** I'd have to say that entertaining has been the most helpful. I enjoy conversing with people and being hospitable. For me, it has been wonderful to bake for students and their families or college visitors. The graduation tea has really grown. I finally got smart and now I have Pioneer College Caterers manage the behind-the-scenes things like making sure we don't run out of coffee. That frees me up to stand beside Dan, where I'd rather be than in the kitchen.

**Milieu:** How has the new presidential home enhanced your ability to serve as hostess?

**Joyce:** Oh, this house is incredible. I am thankful to have such a fine place to serve our guests. I think it's important to have a place you're proud of. A house this nice helps make Houghton College look good.

**Milieu:** Given the benefit of your experience in hosting 25 years' worth of students, parents, and friends, what would you like to share with that small segment of the world that hasn't been a guest in the Chamberlain home?

**Joyce:** I would wish that all people everywhere experience the difference Christ makes in a life. It is by God's grace I'm here. I wish all people could know Him. 



# Images of a president



*Grandpa Dan: before there were 20*



*Young Dan: obviously presidential material*



*Founders' Day, October 5, 2001: President Chamberlain with new doctor of humane letters hood, joined by Ron Oakerson (left), academic dean, and trustees' chair Ian Lennox '50*



*All hands on deck: the Chamberlains celebrate their heritage with a reunion every other summer.*



*The Chamberlain clan (Dan, top row, far left) in full portrait regalia*





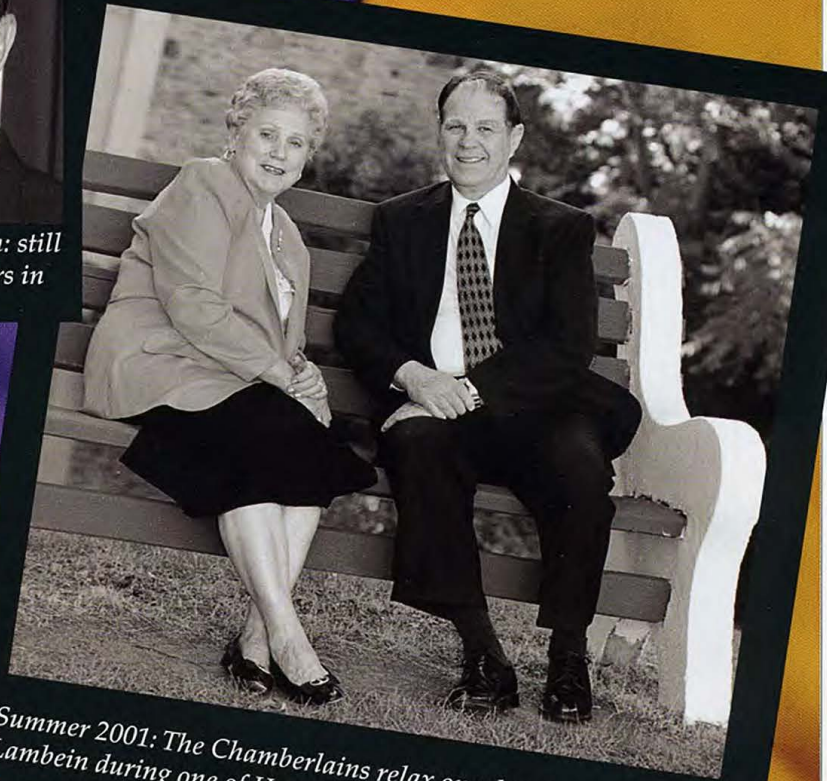
*Dan in his 30s, before he landed at Houghton*



*Young-minded Dan: still hearty after 25 years in the "oval office"*



*President Chamberlain at Houghton's 100-year birthday celebration: some people can eat their cake and have it, too...*



*Summer 2001: The Chamberlains relax on a bench near Lambein during one of Houghton's beautiful days.*



*Boy wonder: never one to toot his own horn*



*On the sideline: "Watch it, watch it!"*



*"How could you have missed that?!"*



# Partnering with Community

by Edward Coll, Jr.



*President Chamberlain and Congressman Amo Houghton (R-N.Y.)*

When I assumed the presidency at Alfred University (N.Y.) in February 1982, one of the first colleagues I met was President Daniel Chamberlain. I was impressed with his intelligence, warmth, and wonderful sense of humor. I was also struck by his quiet but strong commitment to Christian education. That was never up for compromise.

Dan and I have had a wonderful partnership over the past two decades. We were both active members of the four-college committee consisting of Houghton, Alfred University, Alfred State College, and St. Bonaventure University. Every four months we presidents would meet to discuss ways our campuses could cooperate to save money, use faculty to the greatest advantage, and initiate new programs to strengthen the education provided our students.

Dan was at the forefront of these conversations, urging us to find new approaches for old systems, and designing unique

academic offerings that would benefit each of our campuses and fulfill our missions.

But President Chamberlain's reputation reaches beyond Houghton. Long considered one of our nation's leading educators, Dan has provided the Upstate Southern Tier region with his vision for economic development and his desire to improve the lot of our neighbors in this beautiful area that has a long history of economic hardship.

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*"His quiet but strong commitment to Christian education was never up for compromise."*

Dan's abundant energy extends far beyond the campus as he works with state and county political leaders to create new opportunities for the citizens of our region. On several occasions, Dan and I have expressed our mutual disappointment that each spring we have to witness so much mind power leaving our area as graduates of our four campuses receive their degrees, pack their belongings, and leave for job opportunities in other parts of the country.

President Chamberlain is also one of the founding members of the committee of 44, a volunteer organization of business, civic, and political leaders tasked to solve the problems of economic hardship in the Southern Tier, especially in Allegany County. This committee has already made significant progress in its first year of operation, thanks in large measure to the bountiful resources Dan has placed at the disposal of the committee to include Houghton administrators, faculty, and campus resources. If the committee achieves its objectives, much of the credit will be attributed to Daniel Chamberlain and Houghton College.

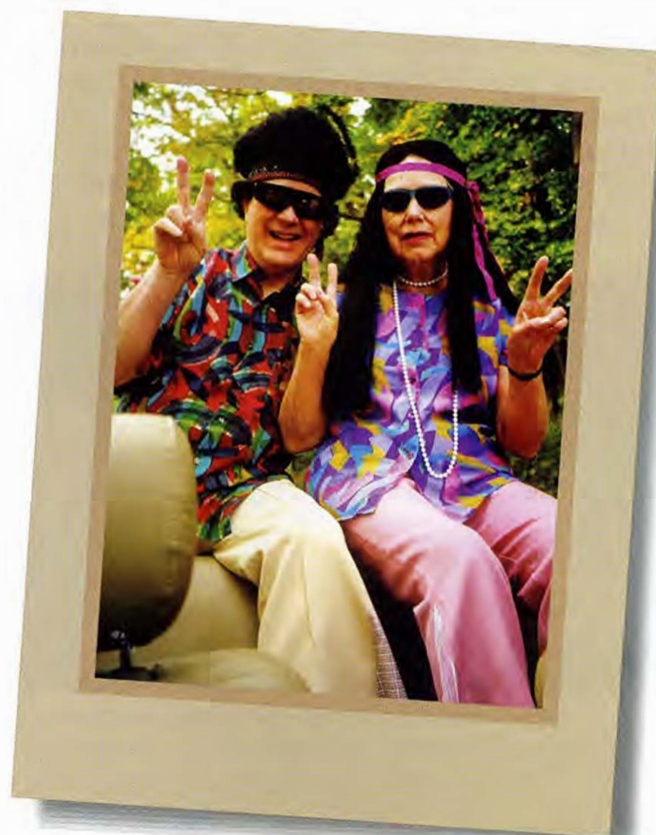
To celebrate 25 years of a presidency is an achievement few individuals have ever experienced in higher education anywhere in the world. As tributes and messages of congratulations pour into the Houghton campus, I'm certain Dan will accept them with a silent thanks to his partner of this quarter-century adventure. I'm certain he would be the first to admit that his silver anniversary would never have happened without the steadfast support he has received from his wife, Joyce. Congratulations Joyce and Dan. We are all privileged to know you.

*Edward G. Coll, Jr. is president emeritus of Alfred University in Alfred, New York.*



## Chamber- Lines

*How well do you  
know the president?*



1. Dan Chamberlain was born in the same state as
  - a. Richard Nixon
  - b. William Harrison
  - c. Theodore Roosevelt
  - d. Harry Truman
2. The "R" in "Daniel R. Chamberlain" stands for
  - a. Robert
  - b. Raymond
  - c. Royce
  - d. Richard
3. When Dan was a boy, his parents served as missionaries to
  - a. Haiti
  - b. Jamaica
  - c. South Miami
  - d. Cuba
4. He has \_\_\_\_\_ brothers that are ordained ministers.
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 4
5. As a young boy, Dan was responsible for
  - a. babysitting his sisters
  - b. doing the family's ironing
  - c. making breakfast every Sunday
  - d. feeding the goats
6. Joyce Chamberlain's maiden name was
  - a. Andrews
  - b. Books
  - c. Cleaver
  - d. Delaney
7. Dan's favorite game is
  - a. Chinese Checkers
  - b. Rook
  - c. Chutes and Ladders
  - d. Mexican Train
8. In his early years at Houghton, Dan offered a short course in
  - a. speed-reading
  - b. racquetball
  - c. English grammar
  - d. fund raising
9. One of his jobs as a college student was
  - a. cleaning chicken coops
  - b. shining the president's car
  - c. weeding flower beds
  - d. washing dormitory windows
10. In his annual state-of-the-college addresses, Dan often quotes
  - a. baseball star Yogi Berra
  - b. music star John Denver
  - c. acting star Henry Fonda
  - d. racquetball star Charlie Garfinkle
11. The president has fixed up a number of
  - a. dates for his daughters
  - b. campus potholes
  - c. midnight breakfasts
  - d. Porsche 911s
12. Approximately what percentage of all Houghton alumni have graduated during Dan's years in office?
  - a. thirty percent
  - b. forty percent
  - c. fifty percent
  - d. sixty percent

*Answers: d, a, b, c, b, b, b, a, a, a, d, c*



Share your important life experiences—employment, honors, graduate school, marriage, and births—through Milieu. Your news, as well as your photos, are a great way to connect with classmates, so please, send them in. Contact: Alumni Office, One Willard Avenue, Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744, or e-mail: milieu@houghton.edu. Classes with this symbol **REUNION** will be celebrating their reunions this summer.



Helping their dad, Willard Smith '35 (center), celebrate his 90th birthday in July were daughters (from left) Eileen Siglin '66, Aileen Brothers '67, Lannie Thomas '60, Jeanne Calder '70, and Evie Day '63.

**38** **Mark Beecher** has been retired from his work as an electrician for 20 years. He and his wife, Encia, have lived in Florida for 34 years. They are involved in their local Nazarene church.

**44** On March 11, **Margaret (Hamilton) Hill** celebrated 70 years as organist and pianist with her church. She received red roses and the book by Anne Graham Lotz, "Just Give Me Jesus." Later in the month Margaret presented a recital. She says, "I'm still playing for services. God is so good!"

**46** **Dorothy (Edwards) Young** and her husband, John, celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 30. Dorothy served as principal of Lakeland Christian School in New Jersey for 33 years. She now teaches learning disabled students part time. Dorothy writes, "I received a good education from Houghton and went on to serve in God's vineyard with my husband."



Comedian Bill Cosby poses with Warren Ball '49 after Ball's 100-meter race in Philadelphia in April.

**48** **Hazel Edwards** has returned to the states after 50 years in missionary service in Latin America.

In June, **Virginia (Warner) Steffel** and her husband, Milan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family—including her brother, **John Warner '52**—and friends, in Bear, Del.

**49** The Penn Relays at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, in April, included runner **Warren Ball**. He placed third in his event, the 100-meter race for participants age 65 and over. Warren wore the number 72 on his back, connoting his age. Among the over 60,000 spectators was comedian Bill Cosby, who said to Warren, "Next year I will compete with you and I guarantee you will win!" Warren, who has received many medals through the years, says, "I received my track training (and some medals as well!) at Houghton."

**56** A part-time rehabilitation nurse at Mary Black Hospital in Boiling Springs, SC, **Nancy (Hoobler) Uber** and her husband, Norman, spent February serving in Haiti with the Allegany Wesleyan Methodist Connection. The year before, the Ubers toured Israel with God's Bible School.

Before he retired this year, **John**

**Peterson** received the Distinguished Teachers Award at Newark Academy in New Hampshire.

**58** In January, **Louis George** retired from his position as executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire, a position he'd held



since 1992. He and his wife, **Priscilla (Pierce '56)**, celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on June 22. She is a substitute teacher in Concord, N.H., area schools.

**61** **Gerald** and his wife, **Barbara (Conant '62)**, are retired after serving with OMF International in Thailand for 35 years. Twenty-five of those years were spent at Phayao Bible College, where they served as teachers, and Gerald held a number of administrative positions, such as academic dean and business manager.

**62** **Naomi Glock**, who has served in Suriname with Wycliffe Bible Translators for 33 years, began a new assignment in Belize in August: training Creole-speaking people who want to read and write in their language. Her work in Suriname included translating the Bible into the Saramaccan language and developing a mother-tongue literacy program.



Glock '62

**63** **LeRoy Bechtel** is serving in Vianopolis, Brazil, as a music teacher to children in grades 1-12 at a school for missionary kids. He was music director of Family Life Ministries in Bath, N.Y., for 26 years.

**66** **Richard Koch** has been with Verizon (formerly NY Telephone, NYNEX, and Bell Atlantic) for 30 years. Currently he is manager of the telecommunications call center.

**67** In February, **David Hicks** became the fifth president of Bethany Fellowship International in Minneapolis, Minn. Since 1980 he had been U.S. director of Operation Mobilization. He and his wife, **Cathy (Castor**

## Required reading

**Arnold W. Cook, *From a Star to Park Avenue, or Lemons & Cream Puffs: My AUTObiography*. Self-published; 155 pp.**

Arnold Cook, emeritus professor of business administration, has followed his earlier book, *Of a Boy and His Valley*, with this volume reporting his life through early 2001.

Arnold's saga presents myriad anecdotes chronologically, but it also uses the 29 automobiles in his personal history as tangential benchmarks for the development of his career and his family's fortunes. Star, Zephyr, Studebaker, Hudson, Daihatsu, and Winnebago play their roles before the retirement Buick appears.

Those who missed the duress of World War II will find his wartime challenges and observations illuminating. Houghton alumni, especially from the Cook years (1960-1989), should enjoy his reminiscences relative to their alma mater. And campers will empathize with his many tales of excitement and woe along the nation's highways.

Available in the Houghton Campus Store or from the author (20831 Frank Walters Road, Stanwood, Washington 98292). (Reviewer: R. L. Wing, emeritus professor of writing.)



**Brown, R.S.; Snyder, D.M.; and Dave Peterson '67, J.W. (2000). *Textbook for Mental Health: A Narrative Approach*. Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing. 485 pp. folio.**

In developing this textbook for their university course, the authors have woven relevant research together with illustrative anecdotes to produce an engaging survey of the various facets of mental health. They challenge the reader to react to the issues raised in ways that will foster a positive, health-promoting lifestyle. They attempt to integrate assessment of mental, physical, and spiritual vitality in their concept of mental health, taking a holistic approach. The book is compatible with recent calls by others in the field for a renewal of an earlier focus on positive psychology. Consequently, the writers emphasize more than the detection and correction of problems. In addition to discussing the management of anxiety, stress, and grief, they encourage the reader to enhance mood, foster relationships, and strengthen personal patterns of life. The authors combine coverage of standard topics in introductory psychology with practical efforts to apply the information to the life of the reader. Issues faced by college students receive greater emphasis than in many textbooks. Suicide rejection, for example, occupies 68 pages, while brain research (a major topic in most introductory psychology textbooks) covers 12 pages. While clearly designed to be a text for a college course, the self-assessment features, journal-writing exercises, and captivating illustrations make the book suitable for personal study, as well. Textbook may be purchased from the publisher, Pearson Custom Publishing. (Reviewer: Paul Young '76, professor of psychology.)







*President of Bethany Fellowship International, David Hicks '67 and his wife, Cathy (Castor '66)*

'66), served in India (where their four grown children were born). They enjoy being grandparents to six children.

**Christine (Mehrling) Lamos** has earned a doctorate of ministry in Christian education from International Bible College and Seminary.

**72** This spring, **David Frasier** accepted the position of assistant dean and director of MBA programs at the University of Buffalo School of Management. He is responsible for curriculum management, student recruitment, admissions, and advertising. He had been director of Houghton's adult-degree-completion program (called P.A.C.E.) and had served on the business faculty since 1979.

**73** **John Bullock** has been appointed director of the clinical research laboratory at Keesler AFB, Miss. He writes that the lab is one of only three in the Air Force that conducts and coordinates both human and animal studies.

**William Meyers** was one of 28 missionaries commissioned by the general board of Global Ministries in April. He is serving as the director of Shalom House Christian Servicemen's Center in Tongduchon, South Korea. A news release from the organization states that since Bill became director, "attendance has more than doubled." Shalom House offers Christian counseling services and classes in Bible studies and English.

**77** **Richard Walker** is director for technical services at MTL Insurance Co. in Oak Brook, Ill. He serves on the board of missions at his church, College Church of Wheaton, where he and his family have attended for 13 years.

**78** **Cindy (McPherson) Tenney** has completed her 22nd year as the high school Spanish teacher at Genesee Valley Central School (N.Y.). Her e-mail address is [ctenney@gvcs.wnyric.org](mailto:ctenney@gvcs.wnyric.org).

**79** **Joelle (McKnight) Pember** and her family live in Halifax, Nova Scotia, since her husband, Doug, accepted a new position. She writes, "I still have the privilege of being a full-time mother."

**Leslie "Tyke" Tenney** has been appointed the elementary principal at Friendship Central School (N.Y.). Friends may e-mail her at [ttenney@friend.wnyric.org](mailto:ttenney@friend.wnyric.org).

**82** **Andrew Mullen** has accepted the position of associate professor of education at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif. (See "Future Alumni.")



*William Francis '66 (left), chief secretary of the Salvation Army's USA Eastern Territory, is shown here comforting a police officer at "Ground Zero" on the corner of Cortlandt and Church streets in Manhattan, the day after the terrorist attacks on America. Francis says, "He was thanking the Salvation Army for their work; I, in turn, was thanking him for all he and his fellow policemen and firefighters were doing. I told him that the Lord will continue to give him strength and that he should keep looking to the Lord for courage and hope."*

## Hoop it up!

All alumni who played intercollegiate basketball are invited to campus for a special reunion weekend January 18-19, 2002. Highlights will include a Friday evening reception, alumni games, pre-game meals with current teams, and a banquet for all athlete alumni and students. Join this "winning" event for less than \$40/person (not including housing). Childcare will be provided during all programs and participants receive a free commemorative T-shirt. For more information, call 585-567-9645 or e-mail [basketballcamp@houghton.edu](mailto:basketballcamp@houghton.edu).





# MILESTONES

**83** Jeannine (Sanson) Krieger says she is "focusing primarily on my role of mother to our five children, who range in age from 14 years to infant. I also teach private music lessons part time in my home." (See "Future alumni.")

**Karen (Woodmansee) Martin** is the assistant principal of Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She would like to receive e-mail from friends: [kmartinqcs@hotmail.com](mailto:kmartinqcs@hotmail.com).

**84** Michelle (Lang) Dunlap and her husband Jim recently celebrated 13 years of marriage. She says her teaching career is on hold (after 15 years) to "enjoy our four children at home." She welcomes e-mail from friends at [jfireworks4@aol.com](mailto:jfireworks4@aol.com). (See "Future alumni.")

**86** William Wichterman is one of several contributors to the new book, *Building a Healthy Culture: Strategies for an American Renaissance*. Wichterman's chapter is titled "Politics: Downstream from Culture or The Polis and the Unwritten Constitution of the Heart: The Loss of Transcendence and Its Implications for Republican Democracy."

**87** In April, Mark Blakeslee, a physician specializing in neurology and sleep disorders, joined the staff of the Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, Pa.

**88** Heidi Best is director of vocal music at the new Frank Sinatra School of the Performing Arts in Queens. For four years she was a chorus teacher at DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx. The high school was featured in the major motion picture "Finding Forrester." Friends may e-mail her at [heidibest@aol.com](mailto:heidibest@aol.com).

**Stephen "Punque" Vance** recently passed Level III Full Alpine Certification for Professional Ski Instructors of America-Eastern Division, and is currently training for the Eastern PSIA De-

velopment Team. He's a snow sports staff trainer and full-time adult instructor, as well as a marketing representative for Smugglers' Notch, Vt., Vermont Ski Areas Association, and SKI USA at Ski and Travel Shows all across North America and England. (See "Future alumni.") Friends may e-mail Punque at [pvance@together.net](mailto:pvance@together.net).

**90** In May, Charles Howard and his wife, Melissa (see "Down the aisle"), began a three-year mission assignment to

Uganda with CURE International, an organization that establishes hospitals for the surgical and rehabilitative care of crippled children in developing countries. Charles is executive director of the hospital. Friends may contact him at [mchowie@juno.com](mailto:mchowie@juno.com).

In November 2000, Randy Glasner began teaching music to grades K-5 at Taylor Elementary School in Arlington, Va. He also directs the 5th-grade chorus. This summer he performed as a clarinetist with the orchestra of the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Aus-

## Future alumni

Eric & Rebecca (Keene '91)	Ashley '90	Calla Ruth	3-16-01
Perry & Julie (Siemens '89)	Bailey	Madeleine Grace	3-23-00
Rick & Kristin (Marolf '92)	Beach	Jeremiah Ezekiel	3-27-01
David & LuAnne (Miller '90)	Brubaker '90	Katherine Grace	6-25-01
Stuart & Amy (Bentley '96)	Burton	Dylan Jon	4-19-00
Mark & Michele (Freeborn '91)	Couser '90	Grace Elizabeth	7-19-00
Neil & Liesl (Shults '00)	Cowley '00	Tia Ghislaine	6-29-01
Martin & Nancy (Nystrom '87)	Crawford	Hanna Faith	2-17-00
Bryan & Kerrie (Stockin '94)	Davidson	Andrew William	6-11-01
Andy & Kim (Frymoyer '93)	Doell '93	Mary Claire	12-23-00
Jim & Michelle (Lang '84)	Dunlap	Laura Diana	3-21-01
Ed & Linda (Geiger '90)	Fleth '90	Austin Jeremiah	5-10-01
David & Rebecca Gatesman '98		Lauren Katherine	2-18-00
Irving & Margaret (Heil '82)	Gibbs '82	Naomie April	4-16-01
Tony & Mary (Putney '85)	Johnson	Kathryn Elizabeth	11-2-00
Steven** & AnnaMaria (Davis '01)	Johnson '95	Eliza Grace	8-27-01
Charles & Laurel (Hebbard '91)	Kane '91	Emma Louise	5-24-01
Tim & Amy (Wellington '97)	Kasper '97	Evan Timothy	6-18-01
Timothy & Jennifer (Kreidler '86)	Kitchen '86	Olivia Grace	4-21-01
Kevin & Jeannine (Sanson '83)	Krieger	Kennan Mark	2-1-01
Larry & Tara (Greenway '87)	Leibowitz	Dania Skye	5-19-01
Mark & Jennifer (Hutton '91)	Lockett	Evan Joseph	4-28-01
Andrew & Jana Mullen '82		Frances Lydia	1-21-01
Peter & Faith (Winchell '99)	Roeske '93	Adeline Faith	5-19-01
Jerrett & Debbi (King '90)	Roy	Joanna Elizabeth	5-24-01
Shawn & Martha (Roeske '90)	Skeele '87	Noah Shawn	7-20-01
David & Amy (Danner '93)	Sperry '91	Carolena Grace	6-30-01
Matthew & Lori (Manning '94)	Taylor '92	Rhiannon Moira	3-27-01
Trevor & Ann (Lader '88)	Thompson '88	Olivia Grace	3-29-01
Tim* & Kathy (Riley '89)	Trezise	Joyellen Kristine	7-3-01
Stephen "Punque" & Pollyanna Vance '88		Jake Edward	1-18-01
John & Tammy (Sobel '84)	Walters	Anna Rose	10-5-00
Christopher & Noelle (Gurley '95)	Winkens	Joshua Allen	1-24-01

\*faculty

\*\*staff



# MILESTONES



Recognize these Houghton divas from the Class of '68? They gathered for a pajama party at Nan (Miller) McCullough's home from June 1-3. Some hadn't seen each other in 33 years. After a weekend of laughs, dining out, and sharing life journeys, they sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness" with "new and richer meaning," says Ginny (MacNiel) Close. They are, from top row left: Winky Leinster, Ginny Close, Nan McCullough, Joan (Emery) Hartman, Nancy (Osterman) Kane; bottom row from left: Susan (Kamp) Brown, Jayne (Loomus) Gurley, Mary (Morehouse) Brown, Beverly (Hatfield) Bowman, Flo (Baker) Wolfe, and Miriam (Lawrence) Jerome. Afraid to be photographed in her PJs: Eileen (Moyer) Fairbanks

## Down the aisle

Patrick & Susan (Schultz '93) Agostinelli	2-26-00
Douglas & Stephanie Bowerman '93	5-26-01
Frederick Jerome & Kathryn (Chapman '96) Collins	12-23-00
Bruce G. & Carrie (Martin '95) Dailey Jr	5-20-01
Akash & Sarah (Stalker '02) Desai '01	6-9-01
Brett & Corina (Guardino '00) Eddy '00	6-30-01
Bernard & Jennifer (Fairfax '98) Francis	5-5-01
Timothy & Monica (Sams '01) Graffam '00	6-16-01
Kerry & Cheryly (Maruso '78) Guy	6-2-01
Eric & Daidra Hamlin '00	8-10-01
Monte & Kathleen (DePeal '95) Herford	9-23-00
Charles & Melissa Howard '90	10-2-99
Jerrad & Andrea Inlow '98	6-23-01
Matthew & Cynthia (Patronski '98) Lustig '00	6-16-01
Jason* & Alicia (Campbell '02) Mucher	8-11-01
Ryan & Tanya (Iulg '97) Nakai	7-8-00
Napp & Angela (Fulkroad '96) Nazworth	8-7-99
Todd & Jennifer (Bock '01) Nelson '93	8-14-00
Eli & Julie (Roederer '95) Rodgers	2-20-01
Jeremy & Laura (Schaeffer '98) Rowe	6-16-01
Erik & Janae (Willink '00) Ryan '99	8-26-00
Kyle & Sarah (Gagnon '00) Stevenson '96	7-21-01
Matthew & Carrie (Wenger '00) Thompson	7-14-01
Jeremy & Jule Ann (Davis '00) Wakeman '01	6-9-01
Brent & Melissa (Lack '00) Wright '98	7-29-01

\*staff

tria. This was his second opportunity with the orchestra, part of a music festival that trains vocalists for operatic careers.

**92** Sharon Hibbard is on a one-year leave of absence from her position in Houghton's Wilderness Adventures Office to serve in LaCeiba, Honduras, with Hope Corps/World Hope International. She is working closely with Wesleyan missionaries **Steve '81** and **Ruth Woolsey Strand '81** in preparing short-term volunteers. Sharon is coordinating various health and education projects throughout the country.



Sharon Hibbard '92

**93** Susan (Schultz) Agostinelli is a school psychologist for the Rochester (N.Y.) City School District. She holds a master's degree in school psychology from Alfred University. (See "Down the aisle.")

**Douglas Bowerman** has finished his residency in internal medicine at Yale and is an internist at Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, N.Y. (See "Down the aisle.")

**Miriam Grooms** has been serving with Food for the Hungry in Nairobi, Kenya, for over three years. A child of missionary parents, she says, "God has used me to love these street children, and it is a privilege I can never forget."

**Chris Mekus** is the director of youth and children's ministries at Scott Memorial Church near Virginia Beach, Va.

**Todd Nelson** and his wife, **Jennifer (Bock '01)**, are both attending Northern Illinois University; he is pursuing a graduate degree in law, she in fine arts. They can be reached at [tnelson\\_7@hotmail.com](mailto:tnelson_7@hotmail.com). (See "Down the aisle.")



**95** Aron Cole is teaching elementary music at Allegany-Limestone Central School (N.Y.). He is also the director of the Olean chapter of Barbershoppers. His wife, **Melissa (Reitler '97)**, is a stay-at-home mother of their two children. The Coles have started a music ministry, as well. Their Web site is [www.colemusic.20m.com](http://www.colemusic.20m.com). Or e-mail them at [aronandmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto:aronandmelissa@hotmail.com).

**Noelle (Gurley) Winkens** and her husband Chris are the new innkeepers at the Inn at Houghton Creek. They had been living in Green Pond, N.J. (See "Future alumni.")

**96** **Pepper Goslin** earned a doctorate of osteopathic medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. He will begin his graduate medical education soon.

**Angela (Fulkroad) Nazworth** is the communications coordinator of Hospice of North Central Florida. The Florida Public Relations Association awarded her an "Image Award" for the "best PR tool" category for bereavement materials she designed. E-mail Angela at [anazworth@hospice-cares.com](mailto:anazworth@hospice-cares.com). (See "Down the aisle.")

**Kyle Stevenson** is completing graduate training in painting at the University of Delaware. (See "Down the aisle.")

**97** In May, **Chris Studley** was chosen as the Teacher of the Year for his district in Trenton, N.J. He teaches physical education and has completed his third year. His wife, **Kelly (Daugherty)**, is a physical therapist at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

**98** **David Gatesman** is director of medical imaging at Jordan Valley Hospital in West Jordan, Vt. In May, he began work toward a master's degree in business from the University of Phoenix. (See "Future Alumni.")

**Laura (Schaeffer) Rowe** (see "Down

## Accolades

### Jeremiah Frink '96: Teacher of the Year

Perhaps the look on his face when he received the WXXI Public Broadcasting Council's 2001 Teacher of the Year Award in May mirrors the look of one of his students when Frink calls on him/her to answer a tough question.

"I was quite surprised," said the fifth-grade teacher at School 19 in Rochester, N.Y. "It's so hard to believe [I was chosen for this award] because there are so many great teachers around."

The school is a magnet school that focuses on literacy, science, and technology. The council honored Frink during an episode of Homework Hotline, a live educational show that helps Rochester-area students with homework.

Candidates were judged on their ability to creatively incorporate technology into the classroom; for demonstrating the ability to inspire students to learn, regardless of their backgrounds or abilities; and for earning the respect and admiration of their school and community.

Jeremiah exposes his students to computers as much as possible. For example, he had them create their own mini-movies for Black History Month, using computers and scanners to write, illustrate, and record oral presentations of their work. Frink's students have used PowerPoint in social studies and contributed to curriculum Web sites. He helped obtain a donation of eight computers for his class and a grant that funded the purchase of four Internet-connected computers. He says, "[Using] technology helps keep my students focused." He received a digital camera and WXXI mementos.

Connie Finney '78, associate professor of education and chair of the department, said, "Jeremiah showed early on that his efforts were geared toward equipping himself to serve others." He says, "The quiet confidence I gained at Houghton will always be with me."

Teaching, for Frink, is about achieving that lights-are-on look on a student's face. "That's powerful," he says. "That's what teaching is all about."



Greg Bish '95

## Help the Houghton history project

Needed: the 1946 graduation baccalaureate or commencement program. We are trying to recreate a list of all graduates from 1925-72. If you have a copy, please contact project coordinator Richard Wing at [Richard.wing@houghton.edu](mailto:Richard.wing@houghton.edu).



## Accolades



Sunshine Leonard '01 (number 13), shown here in this 2000 file photo, was co-captain of the women's soccer team.

### Sunshine Leonard '01: professional athlete

Sunshine Leonard '01, a four-year starter for the women's soccer team, has signed a contract to play professionally with the Charlotte Lady Eagles of the United Soccer Leagues' W-League.

Leonard closed out a stellar Houghton career with eight goals and nine assists during her senior campaign last fall. She finished as all-time assists leader with 46. Her 51 career goals placed her fourth in Houghton's records; her 148 career points are third best. She led Houghton to a 73-10-1 record, four conference titles, one regional title, and two trips to the NAIA national tournament.

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If you can help or desire additional information, please contact Jonathan Bradshaw, special assistant to the academic dean, at 585-567-9638 or 800-777-2556, ext. 6380. E-mail [jonathan.bradshaw@houghton.edu](mailto:jonathan.bradshaw@houghton.edu).

the aisle"), is a buyer for E-M-Solutions in Westbrook, Me., a sheet metal company that makes hard drives for major companies. She would love to hear from classmates; her e-mail address is [silverkelt@hotmail.com](mailto:silverkelt@hotmail.com).

Christy Shea is attending Wheaton College, pursuing a master's degree in linguistics. She had been teaching ESL at Houghton Academy for the past year and a half.

**99** Keely Jones earned a master's degree in sociology from the University of Notre Dame on May 20. President George W. Bush was the commencement

speaker. Jones's thesis was titled "More or Less: The Difference Between Giving and Volunteering." She is pursuing a Ph.D. from Notre Dame.

Jenn Rozendal earned her master's degree in visual communication (with emphases in photography, graphic design, Web design, and journalism) from the School of Journalism at Regent University, in Virginia, in May. She is webmaster for the American Center for Law and Justice in Virginia Beach. She also teaches classes in PhotoShop at a local technology school.

Erik Ryan and his wife, Janae (Willink '00), live in Washington, D.C., where they work and enjoy biking,

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rollerblading, snowshoeing and running, as well as being active in their church. (See "Down the aisle.")

**Mark VanderHaar** is director of wellness and student programs at Union University. He was resident director at Houghton's South Hall men's residence for two years while interning in the admission office. He completed a master's degree from Alfred University.

**Jessie Vanderpool** has earned a master's degree in education from Elmira College. She's a second-grade teacher in Elmira, N.Y. Friends may write her at [jessievanderpool@yahoo.com](mailto:jessievanderpool@yahoo.com).

**00 Eric Hamlin** is youth pastor at the Port City Faith Assembly of God in Oswego, N.Y. (See "Down the aisle.")

**Kristin Leach** specializes in English and Spanish advertising for the AARP Health Care Options account at Seabury & Smith, an insurance management company near her home in Lansdale, Pa.

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**01 Heidi Bressler** is teaching third grade at Nebo Elementary School in Dallas, Ga.

*Corrections from summer 2001 issue:*

The photo of the Davises in Japan was cropped incorrectly, leaving out the Japanese "Welcome to the Davis family" sign.

*In Remembrances, Royal Woodhead Jr. '50* should have been mentioned by name as having predeceased his father, **Royal Woodhead '34**. All grandchildren total 22, not 30, as printed.

'44 **Richard Elmer's** retirement village is home to 100 residents, not 20.

*Milieu* regrets these errors.

## Remembering those we loved and lost

Because extracting the victims from the wreckage and identifying them took some time, it was 1:45 on the afternoon of Friday, October 2, 1981—almost three hours after the crash had occurred—before the Erie County (N.Y.) Sheriff's Office called Dean Bob Danner to tell him that all six students in the blue Volkswagen Dasher had been killed. Apparently they had not seen a stop sign on NY 78 where it joins US 20A just outside East Aurora; a Fisher-Price tractor-trailer hit the car. The students were seniors at Houghton College—three candidates for Homecoming Queen, and their escorts—on their way to pick up costumes for the following weekend's activities. Each was 21.

Even now, 20 years later, the crash remains the most devastating tragedy in the college's history. It stunned the campus, which came together for a memorial service led by President Chamberlain, who concluded, "As at Easter, they and we have had our dark Friday, but Sunday is coming. And so we say not 'farewell,' but 'til we meet again.'"

An appropriate memorial took the shape of a sculpture. Inspired by the phrase "they shall mount up as eagles," from Isaiah 40:31, sculptor David Caccia of Sewall, N.J., fashioned six bronze eagles and mounted them—as if in flight—on three large poles. The sculpture dominates the view of the quadrangle from the campus center and is surrounded by six benches with plaques commemorating the students: Mark Anderson, Beth Andes, Alan Bushart, Joy Ellis, Albert (Bert) Rapp, and Cynthia (Cindy) Rudes.

Cindy's sister, Debbie Haas, remembers attending the memorial service with her parents, missionaries who flew in from Hong Kong. (Both Mr. and Mrs. Rudes have since passed away.) "It touched us that it impacted the school so much," she says. "I remember how devastating it was for the whole student body."

"It still hurts," agrees Mildred Rapp, Bert's mom. "People will say to you, 'You're a Christian; this is the Lord's will,' but you're still human." She and her husband Al have also stayed in touch with some of Bert's Houghton friends.

Since their son's death, the Busharts have begun a chapter in their town of Compassionate Friends, an organization to support parents whose children have died. She expressed the feelings of many of the families when she told Milieu, "If we hadn't known the Lord when [the accident] happened, I don't know what we would've done...Having faith in the Lord will get you through when nothing else will." In the months following the accident, a traffic light was added at the intersection in an effort to ensure safety.

Many alumni and friends showed their concern for the families of the students who died by making gifts to the college shortly after the accident. The college used those gifts to award scholarships to students in the ensuing years. Bert Rapp's family also founded an endowed scholarship in his name, which still exists.



*Six bronze eagles located outside the campus center memorialize the students killed in 1981.*



## Sammie Ries



Kristen Leach '00

Ruth "Sammie" (Samuels '43) Ries died May 15, in Rochester General Hospital, following heart-valve surgery. She was 79.

Ries was a member of Houghton Wesleyan Church. She was a missionary, with her husband Herschel '44, whom she married in 1946 (and who survives), in Liberia, West Africa, from 1953-72. They served at radio station ELWA, where she planned, wrote, produced, and participated in many of the programs that were broadcast to African people. She was an adroit storyteller and a friend to missionary kids. She and Herschel opened their home to students for weekly Home Sweet Home Bible study. Ries led Wesleyan Kids for Missions at Houghton Wesleyan Church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, including Dave '71, Deborah VanEenwyk '74, and Dan '77; nine grandchildren; four brothers, including Pierce '49 and Charles '50; and 11 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the C. A. Ries Scholarship Fund by sending a check payable to the college.

**31** Marshall Stevenson died on May 18, in Canton-Potsdam Hospital. He was 91. He set up his practice of general medicine, specializing in obstetrics, in Potsdam, N.Y., in 1939. Dr. Stevenson was the Potsdam Central School physician for many years, and he served on the Canton-Potsdam Hospital board for more than 23 years. He was also a physician for the Clarkson University hockey team for several years. He served as health officer for the town of Potsdam for 50 years, and was a member and former trustee of the Potsdam United Methodist Church. He retired from his medical practice in 1997, after 58 years. In 1989 the newborn nursery at Canton-Potsdam Hospital was named in his honor. During his lifetime he received many other awards and honors, as well. Besides his widow Lucille, he is survived by a daughter, Anne Goodwin '67; two sons, including Walter '62; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Dr. Marshall was predeceased by three brothers, including Willard '35 and Hollis '29.

**37** James Bence died July 29. Early in his life he sensed a call to the ministry. Within days of that leading, he enrolled at Houghton College, where he met his wife, Florence Lytle '35. They were married the day of his graduation, by Dr. Claude Ries. They had been married 63 years. Together they ministered to several Wesleyan churches in the Central New York District of The Wesleyan Church, pioneering two of them. Jim was district superintendent from 1967-79. He served on Houghton's board of trustees for several years. In 1968, Rev. Bence was the first recipient of the Claude Ries Pastor of the Year award and in 1985 the college presented him with a doctor of divinity degree. Jim retired from



James Bence '37

the pastorate in 1988 with the distinction of district superintendent emeritus. Survivors include his sons, Clarence '66 and Philip '78; daughters Rachel Connell '59, Priscilla Andrews '61, Norma Grover '63, Alice Davidson '67, and Evelyn '74; and granddaughters Becky (Andrews '89) Weichenthal, Tamara '92, Aimee '95, and Angela Bailey '97; and grandsons Jack Connell '83 and Bryan Davidson '94. His wife and two children predeceased him. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Haskinsville Endowed Scholarship fund by sending a check payable to the college.

**38** Grace (Parker) Fox died March 15. She was 89. A registered nurse, Grace earned her bachelor's degree from Houghton while she was an employee. She was a member of the Clinton, N.J., Fire Department Auxiliary and the Calvary Baptist Church in Flemington. She taught Sunday school for many years and delivered Meals on Wheels while she was in her eighties. According to family, Grace "was a true caregiver who spent endless hours nurturing sick people in her home, providing young people with a bed and meal when needed, and supporting many missionaries around the world." Her husband Daniel predeceased her. Two daughters—Martha Sitsman '67 and Edna Swinborne '71—survive her, as do three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**39** Lillian (Payne) Seybert died April 18, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, N.Y. She was 84. Mrs. Seybert taught school in a number of New York districts, including Portville, Allegany, and Limestone. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and of the Allegany Rebekah Lodge 407. She enjoyed singing, dancing, poetry, and playing the ukulele. In addition to her husband, Ralph, who died in 1977, she was predeceased by a daughter, two step-children; and a brother. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, five grandchildren, and nine step-grandchildren.



**58** **Stephen S. Johnson** died February 24, of a rare cancer, angiosarcoma. He was 69. He earned a law degree from the Potomac School of Law in Washington and completed the program for senior managers in government at the Harvard Business School. Johnson was a social studies teacher in Washington and started Head Start programs around the country. In 1981 he and his wife **Margaret (Harbers '57)**, who survives, bought the Great Falls Horse Center, making it a successful horseback riding school in Great Falls, Va. A member and elder—for more than 40 years—of the National Presbyterian Church, he was instrumental in the founding of the National Presbyterian School. Besides his widow, he is survived by three daughters, a sister, and two grandchildren.

**60** **Sharon (Keller) Cox** died June 13, of cancer. She passed away at home. Survivors include her husband **Douglas Cox '57**, two daughters, and a brother, **David Keller '59**.

**67** **Trudy Mosher** passed away May 16, of cancer. A voice teacher at various colleges throughout her professional career, Trudy earned a master's degree in vocal pedagogy from Indiana University and completed some doctoral course work at the University of Michigan. Active as a soprano soloist, she appeared with numerous organizations, most notably with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the Rochester Oratoria Society, with which she sang Handel's "Messiah" and Britten's "War Requiem" in the Eastman Theatre in 1978. Trudy was a member of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, Allan, two daughters, a brother, and a sister, **June (Stevenson '57) Miller**.

**Kathleen (Stewart) Perrine** died April 16, 2001, at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y. She was 55. Kathy was a board member of the Hammondsport Public Library for many years, a Cub Scout den mother, and a substitute librarian at the Hammondsport

Central School, and she was active in the retirees program at Buena Vista Wesleyan Church and Victory Highway Wesleyan Church, where she was also a member. She had served on Houghton's Alumni Association board. Her husband, **Daniel '67** survives, as do a son at home, Daniel, who is a freshman at Houghton; a sister, **Charlene '55**; a brother; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

## Friends

**Keith Cheney**, former education department chair and director of teacher education at Houghton beginning in 1963,

died June 23, in Holland, Mich. He was 93. Cheney was predeceased by his first wife, Genevieve; by his second wife, Bernice; a daughter; a sister; and two grandchildren. Survivors include his son, **John '63**; two stepsons; a sister, **Elizabeth Bashore '40**; five grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Mary Krueger Ortlip**, an internationally-known floral artist, died May 20, at Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton, Fla. In 1988 she received an honorary doctorate of fine arts from Houghton College. She is survived by her husband, Paul Ortlip, a daughter and a son, and four grandchildren.

## Helen Paine



Helen (Paul '37) Paine died May 15, in Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw, N.Y. She was married to Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton College from 1937 to 1972, who died in 1992. Mrs. Paine was 88.

Paine was a member of Houghton Wesleyan Church. She served the Houghton community with her husband during his 35-year tenure as president. In retirement, she was an active participant, with Stephen, in the production of the New International Version of the Bible.

Her family said she "died as she lived, with an unwavering faith in God, a fierce love for her family and friends, and an infinite courtesy to everyone she met."

Besides her husband, Paine was predeceased by a daughter, Marjorie, in 1955.

Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Miller '60, Miriam Kovalenko '60, and Kathryn Harriman '78; a son, Stephen '75; 14 grandchildren, including Marjorie (Miller '84) Doty, Gordon Miller '86, Nathan Miller '89, and LuAnne (Miller '90) Brubaker.

Memorials may be made to the S.W. Paine Wycliffe Endowed Student Scholarship Fund by sending a check payable to the college.



## Life is a carnival

JUNE 26, 1993. March 23, 1995. June 1, 1999. September 5, 1999. March 15, 2000. April 6, 2001. As I ponder when the journey began, all these dates could be called the beginning. The day I married Guy, the day we bought the boat, the day the shakedown cruise began, the day we left Seattle, the day we sailed to Mexico, the day we left Mazatlan for the Marquesas Islands. Life on a sailboat is not only a journey from one place to another, it is a series of beginnings and endings, each beginning charged with excitement, and each ending bittersweet. Along the way is a marvel of sights and sounds, people and places, and unexpected joys and sorrows.

As I write I am sitting on "Pneuma," an Ericson 39 sailboat, on the atoll of Fakarava in the Tuamotus. Prior to this we spent a month in the Marquesas, and before that a year in Mexico cruising the Sea of Cortez. The scenery here is reminiscent of Southern Florida, with palm trees and sand, and little powerboats hoisted on pulleys in boat sheds. There are half a dozen boats here, and another half dozen at the southern end of the atoll, 20 miles away. While we live in this remote tropical paradise, we cannot claim to be either insulated or isolated from the 21st century. I type on a new laptop and will send this article via e-mail and amateur radio. We are our own power plant, water-making plant, mechanical, electrical, laundry, food, and sanitation service. On any given day there is an easy four hours' labor just in maintaining our lifestyle. I work harder "out here" cruising than I ever did at "home." And I find more rewards than I ever did at home.

The biggest gift is time, to fully live

and feel life, and to share those moments with friends. We share the ups and downs of daily life, from fantastic sailing, snorkeling, meals, and inland trips, to marital discord, boat maintenance, and boat breakdowns. Together we navigate both the hazards of the water and the government bureaucracies that allow us to be here. Close relationships develop quickly, as our mobile lifestyle means we may spend only a month with friends, then move on with months or more passing before seeing them again. We are learning to appreciate each moment, each smile, hug, or tear as a wonderful gift. In my mind I open the gifts again. Trying to make Jiffy Pop over a campfire in British Columbia. Flying kites on the beach with Mexican kids. The laughter when we tried on bikinis at the Mercado. Birthday pizza on the barbecue. A meal shared with a poor Mexican fishing family. Mexican horse races. Grocery shopping trips, taking pulmonias home, and drinks and conversation at sunset when the work is done. Progressive appetizer parties at Christmas. Carnival in Mazatlan, the third-largest carnival in the world.

Sometimes people have come into my life so I could help them. Sometimes they are there to teach me. Often, we are there to help each other. As I look back, I see glimpses of an intricate pattern being woven in my life. The people are different colors in the tapestry and although the weaving changes threads, it is only a matter of time before the pattern repeats itself and tears of sadness become tears of joy. "Don't cry," says the Mexican dance song, "La vida es un Carnaval." Life is a carnival.



*After graduating in 1989, Melissa (Leax) Stevens traveled to Alaska where she served with the Presbyterian Volunteers in Mission. There she met her husband, Guy, who was taken in by her Houghton College sailing team sweatshirt. After they married, they moved to Seattle where they lived aboard "Pneuma," their 39-foot sloop. For several years, Melissa worked with homeless children. Two years ago the Stevenses began a cruise around the world. By Thanksgiving they expect to be in New Zealand. Melissa welcomes friends to write to her at svpneuma@hotmail.com*



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