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Shirley A. Mullen*



ANNUAL REPORT:
"YOURS FOR FIXING
UP THE WORLD"

"Which One is Not Like the Other?"

by Wayne MacBeth '75



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SESAME STREET ASKED THE QUESTION in the title above on a regular basis. I enjoyed watching children ponder the choices that, at first glance, did not seem different from each other. They would call out their choice to the TV screen. Then they would hear the correct answer and learn the truth about the differences between the objects presented. They were learning how to differentiate between situations that seemed similar on the surface.

In enrollment management today, I see older children (and their parents) trying to answer this same question about college choices they are making. I enjoy helping families to find and focus on the strengths and unique aspects of the college educational experience at Houghton. Three characteristics stand out at Houghton today.

Academic Rigor

Every year I have conversations with Houghton graduates who indicate (usually with delight!) that graduate school coursework was no harder than—and in some cases was easier than!—the work they had done at Houghton. When students come to Houghton they have to work, often harder than they ever have before. This results in the discovery of gifts and skills that students sharpen to produce the best work they have ever done. It is one of the compelling reasons why Houghton is among the very few Christian colleges cited in *US News & World Report's* college rankings as a top national liberal arts college. *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* calls Houghton "the mid-Atlantic's premier evangelical Christian college."

Houghton students study with students from MIT at Los Alamos National Laboratory, get paid to do photon light research at Cornell, study law at Harvard graduate school and continue to gain admission to numerous medical schools, including top-ranked Johns Hopkins. The thoughtful prospective student comes to the realization that Houghton is unusual in having both a faithful Christian foundation and a powerful academic commitment.

Global Engagement

After returning to Houghton in 2004 I was amazed to discover that so many students included a cross-cultural experience in their Houghton education. In fact, about half of the class of 2007 spent some of their Houghton education in an international location like London, Tanzania, Australia, Morocco, Egypt, Honduras, Costa Rica, Thailand or elsewhere. Today, students at Houghton investigate international issues like human trafficking, poverty, evangelism and church planting and HIV/AIDS. Houghton students are more interested than ever before in serving and finding employment in ways that allow them to respond to life's most difficult issues.

Christian Commitment

In the 21st century, Houghton remains firmly committed to the idea of a Christian liberal arts educational experience. I regularly hear comments from today's students and faculty regarding their discussions of how faith integrates with one's studies. They wrestle with issues of justice and how to make a difference in the broken places and among desperate people.

I see more students who are intentional about making positive strides in their faith journeys than ever before. They join small groups, attend chapel, commit to community, bring their faith into the classrooms and the residence halls and—through acts of service—live their faith throughout Allegany County, the city of Buffalo and other parts of Western New York. I have been on many college campuses and few match the vibrant interest in matters of life and faith I see among Houghton students, faculty and staff.

When prospective students and their families do their homework on colleges well, they discover the answer to that Sesame Street question and they begin to understand the marketing theme we use in our Admission department at Houghton: "Not all classrooms are the same."



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Memories of the presidents' houses

On July 31, 1942 "Momma and Daddy brought me to Houghton College. We drove 277 miles. Got here at about 6:30." (from my diaries) Arrangements had been made by my father and Dr. Paine for me to go to the Paine's house (number four) the first of August to help when their third baby was to be born. I was also to be a student at the college. I was to stay in the house until school started, then move to Gaoyodea. The rest of the school year, my duties were to be

housekeeper, laundry lady, cook and baby sitter. The house was a two-story duplex. There were three bedrooms, living and dining room, kitchen, dinette and bathroom and an attached garage, plus a basement. I ironed, canned beans, baked cookies and cleaned the house. When Dr. Paine signed my *Boulder* he wrote, "Best wishes to our other girl."

The president's house was replaced by the Paine Science Center. I cherish the memories of the gracious and loving Paine family in their home.

Helen (Willett '46) Tschantz
Massillon, OH

My heart is prompted to comment on President Paine's house in picture number two, though my perspective will be that of a child. Memories ooze from that photograph that take me back to the late 1940s and early 1950s. My father built our family home (now owned by the Bruce Brenneman family) on the lot next to the Paine's. We moved into our house shortly before the Paines moved into theirs. Dr. Paine's daughter Mimi became my best friend and school chum.

Their home was immense and magnificent: two floors with very large rooms and very large windows, and a basement. When you entered the house, you could see part of the kitchen out of the corner of your eye, but the aromas that wafted from there could overtake any visitor. Many times my unspoken wish was granted and I was invited to stay for dinner. Family prayers always followed the meal. Dr. Paine would select a chapter

from the Bible, which everyone but me would recite, and that was followed with prayer. (Later I realized that the family hadn't memorized

taught and learned: God can be ever present in tragic circumstances.

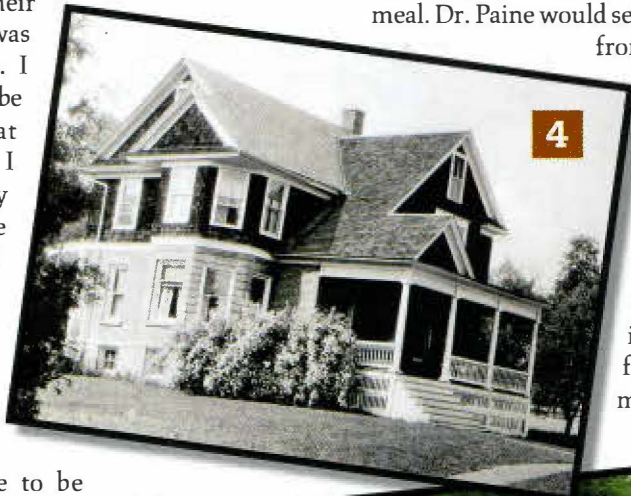
From the beginning, our family knew what an important man Dr. Paine was. Even so, outside chores and mowing the lawn was not beneath him. I would watch him push that mower over the huge expanse of their yard; it seemed like an exhaustive job. It was not unusual for him to stop in his tracks when he saw me emerge from my house, and approach me with kind, thoughtful attention—heady stuff for this youngster.

A few years before Dr. Paine died I returned. With slowing step and a racing heart, I reached the Paine threshold. Suddenly the door opened and there they were, Dr. and Mrs. Paine, still cheerful in countenance, and welcoming. Nothing had changed; even the kitchen aroma was the same, except there was something different. It took just a moment to try to accept it...everything was exactly as

it should have been, but, oh, so much smaller. Even outside, the huge and expansive yard I could have easily mowed. And the Brennemens—so gracious to let me wander through the rooms of my own home—had also managed to alter the sizes of the familiar, loving rooms my dad built. Everything, everywhere had shrunk.

With somber and hallowed respect I considered the importance of what had remained; the immenseness and magnificence of the souls and spirits of those who had lived here—those who had influenced my life profoundly; values that were mentored to me from these homes had found their mark and taken root. No need for earthly largeness here, only the acceptance that the "Father's love is vast beyond all measure."

Gerrie (Evans '65) Raw
Huntsville, AL

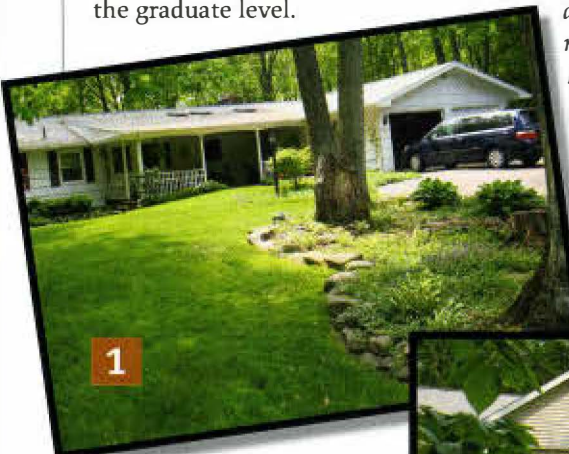


the whole Bible, as I had presumed—only selected chapters.)

The dining room holds the most sobering of memories, for this is where Margie Paine, the oldest child, was given 24-hour care as she struggled with polio. Margie's bed was set up in the dining room so she had a spectacular view of their backyard landscape to "the point" (the end of the property, which then plummeted to the road). Her caregivers were endlessly cheerful and patient in this corner, (as was Margie), and to this eight-year-old, a subtle lesson was

In the summer '07 issue of *Milieu* I was surprised to see a picture of the house I lived in while attending Houghton (1939-1942)—number four, the Paine house. My uncle and aunt, Harry E. ("H. E.") and Emma Rosenberger, were childless, but God laid it upon their hearts to offer opportunities for college to their nieces and nephews and other young people they knew. They lived on the second floor of the Paine house; the students had bedrooms on the top floor.

It wasn't only a matter of providing us with room and breakfast in exchange for doing tasks like cleaning, and, in my case, ironing men's shirts. It was a matter of the intellectual and spiritual inspiration and guidance. H.E. taught philosophy, psychology, church history, ethics and had a deep interest in history. Emma had an interest in literature. Oh, the conversations we had about all those subjects! It is no wonder that I majored in American history and literature, even at the graduate level.



I cannot say enough about the value of the spiritual benefit of the college. It provided the environment in which I became a Christian, profiting under the ministry of such men as E.W. Black. Oh, yes, house number four brings back many memories for me.

Lois Craig '43
Ft. Dodge, IA

In September 1924 Ruby Moor and I registered as freshmen and spent our first night at the president's home (number 4), because our reserved room at Gao had been taken. We spent our freshman year at "the Ice Box." Those wonderful memories are a blessing for me now.

Edith (Davis '29) Densmore
Franklin, IN

In last issue's Picture This ("The Presidents' Houses"), the house labeled number one was where President Chamberlain and his family lived during the early years of his tenure. In addition to the Chamberlain's many children, at least one alumna shared a room at that house during her college years. The house is now owned by Ben King—Professor of Voice; Director, School of Music and Associate Dean for Music—and his family. House number two was the Paine's house after they moved from house number four, which, as Tschantz noted, was razed to make room for the Paine Science Center. The house remains in the hands of a Paine family member: David and LuAnne (Miller '90) Brubaker '90 and their children live there. LuAnne's mother is Carolyn (Paine '60) Miller, daughter of Stephen Paine. House number four had served as the president's house for several earlier presidents, and



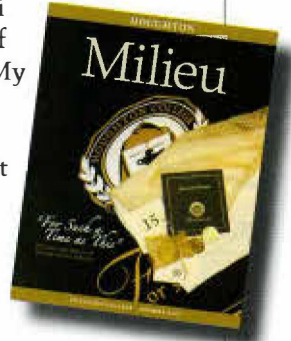
had other residents as well, as Craig remembered, including the family of "Pop" Mills. House number three is the current president's house, occupied by the Chamberlains upon its completion in the late 1990s and now home of President Shirley Mullen '76. —Editor

Alumni Presidents

I read with interest the summer 2007 issue of the *Milieu*, especially the materials on Shirley Mullen, but I had one question. In the interview with Mullen, the interviewer addresses her with the comment, "You're the first member of the alumni to become president of Houghton College." My father, **Wilber T.**

Dayton '38, was an alumnus and president for a term in the 1970s. Am I missing something here?

Don Dayton '63
Monrovia, CA



No, we missed it. The late Dr. Dayton, president from 1972-76, graduated from Houghton magna cum laude in 1938. We apologize to the Dayton family for making this error. —Editor

For the Record

I am honored that someone submitted information to "Milestones" on my behalf, however, there were some significant errors in what appeared. First, I am chief resident of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University at Buffalo, not for the entire university. Second, there is no trauma center at Women's and Children's Hospital of Buffalo (WCHOB); my primary responsibilities are in the emergency departments at the Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo General Hospital and the WCHOB. Finally, I am not the youth pastor at my church; I am one of the volunteer youth leaders and the organist and director of music.

I love the *Milieu* and find the articles to be both intriguing and entertaining. I have very fond memories of my time at Houghton, and still feel a sense of excitement whenever I am on campus. Thanks for keeping the alumni connected in this way.

Jeff Thompson '01
East Aurora, NY

Mullen Inaugurated

Community hosts festivities, colloquium and ceremony; gives gifts and celebrates

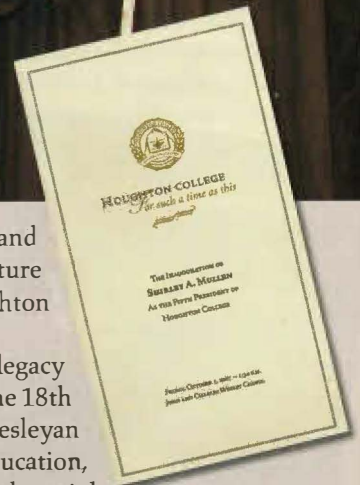
IT WAS IN THE 1920S THAT HOUGHTON COLLEGE received its permanent charter, so to kick off President Mullen's Inaugural Weekend the Student Life Office hosted a "Roaring Twenties" party on the quad. Students, parents, faculty and staff, retirees, community members and visitors attended, many in period costumes. They heard jazz music, poetry readings and skits performed from the steps of the Luckey Building and wandered the Quad from tent to tent sampling food—Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Klondike bars, Kool-Aid,



Members of the Mullen family were in attendance.

Marshmallow Fluff, and more—and reading of inventions and pop-culture icons from the decade when Houghton became a college.

Houghton grew out of a rich legacy of thought and action—began in the 18th century and associated with the Wesleyan tradition—that brings together education, the movement of the spirit and social transformation. President Mullen, a historian by training, brings a keen interest in the meaning of this legacy for the college's time and place in the 21st century. So, appropriately, the inauguration day began with a colloquium exploring God's



Colloquium Presenters

Joel Carpenter is the director of the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity at Calvin College. He has also served as provost at Calvin and prior to that was the director of the religion program of the Pew Charitable Trusts. A historian with degrees from Calvin and the Johns Hopkins University, Carpenter has taught at Calvin, Trinity International University and Wheaton College. He has published extensively, most notably the award-winning study *Revive Us Again: The Reawakening of American*

Fundamentalism.

James Kirby is dean and professor of church history at the Perkins School of Theology. Kirby has degrees from McMurry University, Southern Methodist University and Drew University and spent a year as a John M. Moore Fellow at Cambridge University. He has served as dean and president ad interim of Southern Methodist University, and has held administrative positions and professorships at Drew University, Oklahoma State University and Sweet Briar

as College's Fifth President

calling for Houghton in the context of its history, mission and Wesleyan heritage and in the vision of its role in the church, the world and the kingdom of God.

Four distinguished panelists (see below) discussed the topic "Fixing up this World: Houghton College and the Wesleyan Imperative for Personal Transformation and Global Engagement." (Willard J. Houghton was fond of signing his letters with the catch-phrase "Yours for fixing up this world," and the college continues to embody that concern for engaging the human condition and human culture.) They asked what is particularly Wesleyan about this local and global engagement? How does the Wesleyan Methodist connection to American revivalism inform our social conscience? Does it matter in the 'post-denominational' American church? Should it? How does our heritage inform our response to the needs of Allegany County and the state of New York? How does our heritage inform our response to Darfur? To HIV/AIDS? To reaching the globe for Christ?

The panelists' initial remarks came from their experience and expertise: "Revivals & Colleges" (Carpenter), "Wesleyan Higher Education in America" (Kirby), "Global Engagement and the Role of Language in Personal and Social Transformation" (Miller) and "Holiness of Heart and Life as a Matrix for Transformation: John and Charles Wesley as Theological Mentors" (Tyson). A question and answer session followed the presenters' remarks, moderated by **Jack Connell '83**, special assistant to the president for church relations.

After a buffet luncheon open to the entire community, faculty donned academic regalia and representatives from more than 60 colleges assembled for the inauguration ceremony. **Karl Eastlack '79**, chair of the board of trustees, convened the convocation and introduced those who would participate. He especially noted the presence on the platform of family members representing previous presidents **Luckey, Paine and Dayton**; President emeritus **Daniel**

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College. Kirby is the author of numerous articles and three books. Ordained in 1955, he has served congregations in Texas and Milford, PA.

Carolyn (Paine '60) Miller is president of SIL International. She and her husband **John '57** have served with SIL in the Philippines, Malaysia, Laos and Thailand. The second daughter of the late **Stephen W. Paine**, second president of Houghton College, Miller holds a master's degree from the University of North Dakota and



Thursday night's gala featured products—such as Life Savers and Klondike Bars—that were popularized in the 1920s.



Barbershop quartets were popular in the 1920s—this one features Michael Cox '00; Wes Oden, pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Church; Ralph Kerr and Daryl Stevenson '72.

an honorary doctorate from Houghton. She has published articles on language development, education and linguistics, based on her work in Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand.

John R. Tyson is professor of theology at Houghton. A graduate of Grove City College and Asbury Theological Seminary, Tyson earned his master's and doctorate in theological and religious studies at Drew University. He has published four books and more than three dozen articles about the early Methodists.



Shirley Close, former Houghton music professor, sings during the inauguration.

Chamberlain and **Philip Stockin '67**, headmaster of Houghton Academy. **Ian Lennox '51**, chair emeritus of the board, gave an invocation, after which the crowd of more than 1,500 sang "O God Our Help in Ages Past." Chamberlain then read selections from Hebrews 11, after which former faculty member **Shirley Close** sang "How Firm a Foundation," accompanied by **Virginia (Alexander '71) Halberg**.

Robert Wennberg, distinguished professor emeritus of philosophy at Westmont College, then presented Mullen to the crowd. Wennberg was a mentor to Mullen during her tenure at Westmont—the two team-taught a class for over 20 years—and he provided the lightest moment of the essentially serious ceremony. He noted that many Houghton College alumni had found their way onto the

Westmont faculty and that here was one returning to her alma mater, then noted that "Houghton giveth and Houghton has taken away," and, as the crowd responded with laughter, added "blessed be the name of Houghton."

Mullen's address followed (see page 9 for excerpts), after which trustees **Kevin Knowlton '79** and **Bobbie Strand** and professors **Linda Mills '74 Woolsey** and **Paul Young '76** presented a "Charge to the Candidate and to the College Community," responded to by Mullen and the congregation. Following the charge, Eastlack and Lennox completed the investiture ceremony by draping a presidential medallion over Mullen's neck.

As Mullen stood before the assembly, the Houghton College Choral Union performed "Te Deum," then **Earle Wilson**, general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, offered a prayer of blessing. The congregation sang the Doxology, after which the president's father, **Larry Mullen**, professor emeritus of philosophy, gave the benediction.

After the inaugural ceremony, many came to the campus center to enjoy a reception that filled the main level and the dining hall. As guests enjoyed dipping cookies and fruit into the chocolate fountains and sampling from the tables of cheese and crackers, shrimp and other hors d'oeuvres, various groups presented gifts to Mullen. The faculty, staff, students, leadership boards, Houghton Academy and The Wesleyan Church each made presentations, followed by the unveiling of the gift from the class of 2007: a portrait of Mullen painted by **Kyle Stevenson '96**.

The inaugural ceremonies ended with a concert Friday evening which featured the world premiere of "Such a Time," a composition for piano, chamber singers and ensemble by **Mark D. Hijleh**, professor of composition and conducting. The program also included music by the Symphonic Winds and performances by **Judy A. Congdon**, professor of organ, and **Eric S. Thomas**, assistant professor of voice. Attendees also heard "Walking the Ridge Home," original verse read by Poet in Residence **John R. "Jack" Leax '66**, professor of English, and viewed a work of sculpture by **Gary D. Baxter**, professor of art.

On Saturday, the college enjoyed more activities for Homecoming and Family Weekend, including the annual parade and a volleyball match and both women's and men's soccer games (they all won!). The students had their annual Homecoming banquet Saturday evening, followed by Spot. On Sunday morning, families in attendance were invited to share breakfast with the president and then to share in a Family Renewal Service.



Phil Stockin '67, headmaster of Houghton Academy, presents a gift depicting the common history of the two institutions to President Mullen.

"For Such a Time as This"

On October 5, 2007, Shirley A. Mullen '76 was inaugurated as the fifth president of Houghton College, capping a time of activities and ceremonies welcoming her to the position. She chose the theme "For Such a Time as This" for the inaugural season and for the title of her inaugural address. Following are some excerpts from that speech:



I'VE SPENT A LOT OF MY LIFE thinking about time—and timing. Historians do that. We argue about why the Russian Revolution came in 1917 rather than in 1905. We speculate about what might have happened if Abraham Lincoln had been too tired to go the Ford Theater on that fateful evening in the spring of 1865. What if? We also celebrate those moments when the gifts and genius of a particular person or institution exactly match the needs of a particular moment.

It is this contingency and timeliness that climaxes in the book of Esther with Mordecai's words: "Who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

That same word came to Willard J. Houghton, a farmer and Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School agent in 1883: "It's your time." Houghton saw around him a world torn apart. He believed that things could be different and that education was part of the key. He believed that God wanted an institution of learning in western New York—one specifically committed to the task of "fixing up the world"—of preparing young people to be agents of "light" in the dark and painful places of that time. And so, Houghton Seminary was born. Now there are over 16,000 Houghton alumni around the world, all shaped by their Houghton education to be agents of wholeness and

social transformation.

But the world is still not "fixed up." Our planet is ailing as never before. Our world is fragmented. Technology has outstripped moral strictures. It is a world yearning for beauty—in nature, in the arts, in relationships. It is a world uncertain about where to turn for hope.

It is just the right moment for Houghton College, the very circumstances for which a Christian liberal arts college in the Wesleyan tradition was called into being. We do not have easy answers to the challenges facing our planet. We do, however, have a well-proven strategy for meeting this moment in time.

We are in the business of producing the kind of people who will meet these issues in thousands of specific situations around the world each day—in the professions, in business, in community development, in ministry. They will speak to these issues not with words alone, but with their lives. They will be agents of truthfulness, peacemaking and hope in the dark places of our time.

They know how to speak across the religion-science divide in our culture. They know how to speak across the religious-secular divide. They have the tools to adapt to changing circumstances. They know how to learn, how to analyze arguments, how to evaluate information, how to write with clarity and grace, how to work in situations where there is no instruction manual.

The needs of our time are very great. Houghton has a demonstrated record of being able to meet those needs. So, what's the challenge? What's the contingency? What's the risk? The risk for our community is three-fold:

First, we risk hiding away, like Esther in her palace. We cannot simply celebrate a heritage of those who met the tough issues of their time. We honor them most by daring to meet the tough issues of our time. Second, we risk taking our record as a Christian liberal arts college for granted. We need to do the hard work of compelling a truly integrated education to happen. Finally, we risk not explaining ourselves to the world and to the church of our time.

We are a people called to "fix up the world." For the sake of our students, for the sake of the church, for the sake of our culture and, above all, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, may God make us worthy of this call, make us adequate for our time...for such a time as this.

To read the full text of President Mullen's address, visit www.houghton.edu/news/inaugural_address.htm.

Faculty/Staff News

John Brittain, dean of the chapel, is co-author, with four others, of the recently published *Sermons on the Second Readings, Series II, Cycle A*. Brittain's article "Hugh Bourne and the Magic Methodists" has been accepted for publication by *Methodist History*.

Associate Professor of Theology **Jonathan Case** taught at the Missionary Training Institute (Indianapolis, IN) and at Cornerstone Festival 2007 (Bushnell, IL), presenting a series of seminars on Trinitarian theology and on global issues facing Christian missions.

Judy Congdon served as a faculty member and recitalist for a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) at Ohio University. The POE is a national program sponsored by the American Guild of Organists to provide training and encouragement for young (pre-college) organists. A book review by Congdon appears in the September issue of the journal *Reformed Worship*.

Laurie Dashnau, associate professor of English, taught an intensive summer course entitled "Crafting the Essay" for the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth residential site at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, and attended a summer institute for writing center directors at Oregon State University.

Paul DeBoer, professor of music, and **Gary Stith**, associate professor of music education, served on the teaching faculty at the Csehy Summer Institute of Music at the Philadelphia Biblical University in Langhorne, PA. DeBoer served as trumpet instructor and Stith conducted the senior high band.

Pete Hutchinson, resident director of Shenawana, republished *The History of Graphite, New York* by Wilford C. Ross, Hutchinson's great-grandfather. The reprinted book includes special additions for Hague, NY's bicentennial.

Mike Lastoria spent five weeks in Nairobi, Kenya, where he taught a summer block course in marriage therapy and family systems at Daystar University's graduate

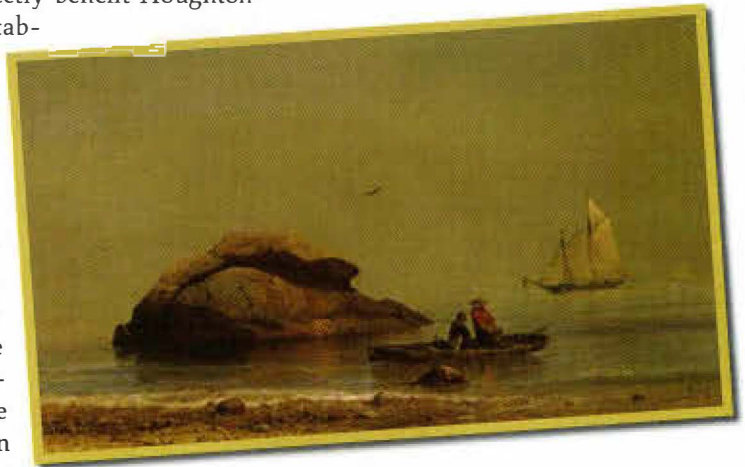
Painting Sold at Sotheby's

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE of a painting at Sotheby's, one of the oldest and largest art auctioneers in the world, have endowed a scholarship at Houghton. Ruth Bergen donated "Admiring the Catch," oil on canvas, signed, by Mauritz Frederick Hendrick de Haas to establish The Ruth L. Bergen Scholarship Fund in Memory of John Bergen.

"We are pleased that the proceeds of the sale will directly benefit Houghton students by establishing an endowed scholarship that will provide financial assistance to students from western New York majoring in business," said Eric Alcott, vice president for advancement. The painting sold in five minutes for

\$60,000.

Mrs. Bergen's first husband, the late John Peachey, was instrumental in the merger of Houghton College and the Buffalo Bible Institute, which, in turn, established Houghton's West Seneca campus. She remained a close friend of Houghton and, along with her second husband, the late John Bergen, participated in several alumni trips.



Admiring the Catch, oil on canvas by Mauritz Frederick Hendrick de Haas

Breaking the Stereotype

THIS SUMMER THE National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) named eight Highlanders athletic teams as "Scholar Teams," meaning that their student-athletes had a combined grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0. A ninth team, field hockey, would have made the list as well (with a GPA of 3.328), but the NAIA doesn't oversee that sport.

"We're certainly pleased that so many of our teams were able to earn this recognition," said **Harold "Skip" Lord '80**, director of athletics. "It's not unusual for our scholar-athletes to achieve in the classroom, but to have the NAIA recognize the breadth of that achievement is something special."

Two of the teams ranked in the nation's top 10 in their respective sports: men's soccer tied for ninth (3.08

GPA) and volleyball was fifth with an impressive 3.49 GPA. The other teams to qualify were men's cross country (3.30 GPA, ranked 12th in the nation), men's track and field (3.11, tied for 13th), women's basketball (3.42, 14th), women's track and field (3.35, tied for 19th), women's cross country (3.32, 22nd) and women's soccer (3.29, tied for 24th).

"It says a lot about the quality of the students who choose to come here," Lord says, "that they are able to balance the physical demands of intercollegiate athletics with the mental discipline that the academic program requires." Students who participated in intercollegiate athletics had a combined GPA of 3.23, the same as that of the Houghton student body as a whole, and are studying in 26 different majors.

Carl Lambein Recognized

HOUGHTON RECOGNIZED Carl Lambein for his continuous support of the college and honored his 100th birthday with a small ceremony in July that included the unveiling of a portrait of Lambein. A prominent Buffalo businessman, Lambein founded Southgate Plaza in 1955. While building Southgate, Lambein moved a house to the Buffalo Suburban Campus of Buffalo Bible Institute, located right next to the plaza. In 1969 Houghton College merged with Buffalo Bible Institute and began the relationship between Houghton and Lambein.

In 1972 Lambein made possible and broke ground for the Lambein Learning Center, the main academic building at Houghton's West Seneca campus. From 1978-1998 he served as a member on Houghton's president's advisory council on excellence. Lambein Residence Hall was renamed in honor of his late wife Irma Lambein, who passed away in 1984.

Lambein's portrait—the last commissioned portrait painted by **Aileen Ortlip Shea H'91**—will hang in the Lambein Learning Center.



Carl Lambein celebrates his 100th birthday with his wife Marion.

College Sponsors Kingdom Bound Again

FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE year Houghton College was a title sponsor of western New York's premier Christian music festival, Kingdom Bound 2007, in August. During the festival, college volunteers gave T-shirts to all prospective students and youth pastors who completed a reply card, then held drawings from the reply cards collected to give away three Lenova laptop computers. The college also sponsored an alumni picnic during the festival.

"Thousands of conversations take place about where Houghton is, what

it means to attend a Christian college and what kind of majors and programs we offer," said Wayne MacBeth, vice president for enrollment management and market relations.

Kingdom Bound is an annual Christian music festival held at Darien Lake amusement park and camping resort in Darien Center, NY. It is one of North America's largest and longest running events of its kind and typically attracts about 65,000 people from all over the United States and Canada over its four days.

program in counseling psychology.

Athletics Director **Harold "Skip" Lord '80** was part of a panel presentation on mentoring coaches at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics convention in Orlando, FL.

Associate Professor of Piano **William John Newbrough** recently performed in the morning services at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Newbrough also provided music for several events in Buffalo and Rochester to celebrate the inauguration of President Mullen.



William John Newbrough

Director of The Houghton Fund **Julie Palmer '03** completed her master's in comparative and regional studies for Russia and Eurasia from American University's School of International Service. Her thesis was on "The Political-Economy of Russia's Energy Sector: The Challenges of Transforming an Energy Dependence Post-Soviet State."

Admission Office Coordinator **Norm Smithley** received a Firefighter of the Year Award from state Senator Catharine Young for his work with the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department.

Professor of Theology **John Tyson** won the 2007 Saddlebag Award from the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church for his book *In the Midst of Early Methodism: Lady Huntingdon and Her Correspondents*. This award honors the best book published in 2006 on the history, biography, polity or theology of United Methodism or its predecessor bodies.

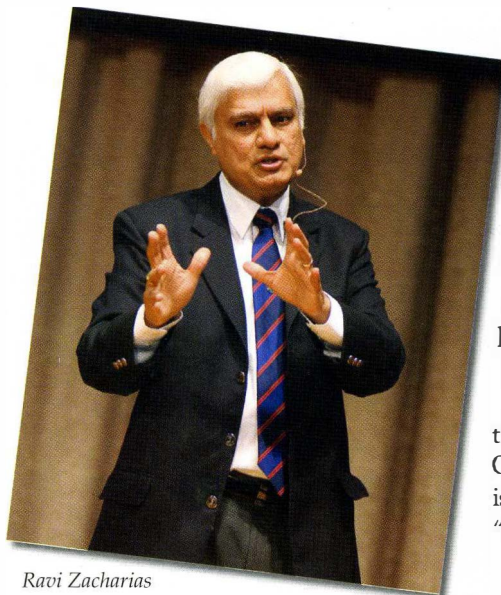
Who's on Campus?

MANY EXCITING VISITORS come to Houghton College throughout the year for concerts, lectures, colloquia, chapels, performances, panel discussions and more. While we do not have the space to present information on every person or group, in each issue of *Milieu* we try to share with you a sampling of the interesting guests who have been on campus recently:

The Houghton College Artist Series' 2007-2008 season began with a performance by the **American Brass Quintet** and pianist **Billy Childs** in October. The group is the longest continuously performing brass quintet in North America and has played in virtually all of the world's major concert halls and music festivals. The quintet has over 45 recordings and over 100 commissioned works, including a new piece by Billy Childs, which it performed. Childs won two Grammys in 2006 and is known to both the classical and jazz music worlds for his work with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Monterey Jazz Festival and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

Christian composers and performers **Keith and Kristyn Getty** presented a concert and a chapel in August. Keith Getty is best known for his hymn compositions; with Stuart Townend he co-wrote "In Christ Alone," "See What a Morning" and "Joy Has Dawned." He has also composed and arranged music for film soundtracks, including re-orchestration of excerpts from "Music from the Lord of the Rings Trilogy," and worked on recordings by Michael W. Smith, Natalie Grant, Bebo Norman and Watermark. Kristyn Getty is a contemporary gospel singer who occasionally diversifies into the worlds of jazz and Celtic music. She has performed with artists such as Alvin Slaughter, Moya Brennan and Kiki Dee. She has co-written many popular Christian songs with her husband including "There is a Higher Throne."

Ben Patterson, campus pastor at Westmont College since 2001, presented a series entitled "The Case for Joy" during Houghton College's Christian Life Emphasis Week (CLEW) in September. Patterson is a contributing editor to *Christianity Today* and the *Leadership Journal*, and has written several books including *He Has Made Me Glad*, which was the primary source for his CLEW



Ravi Zacharias

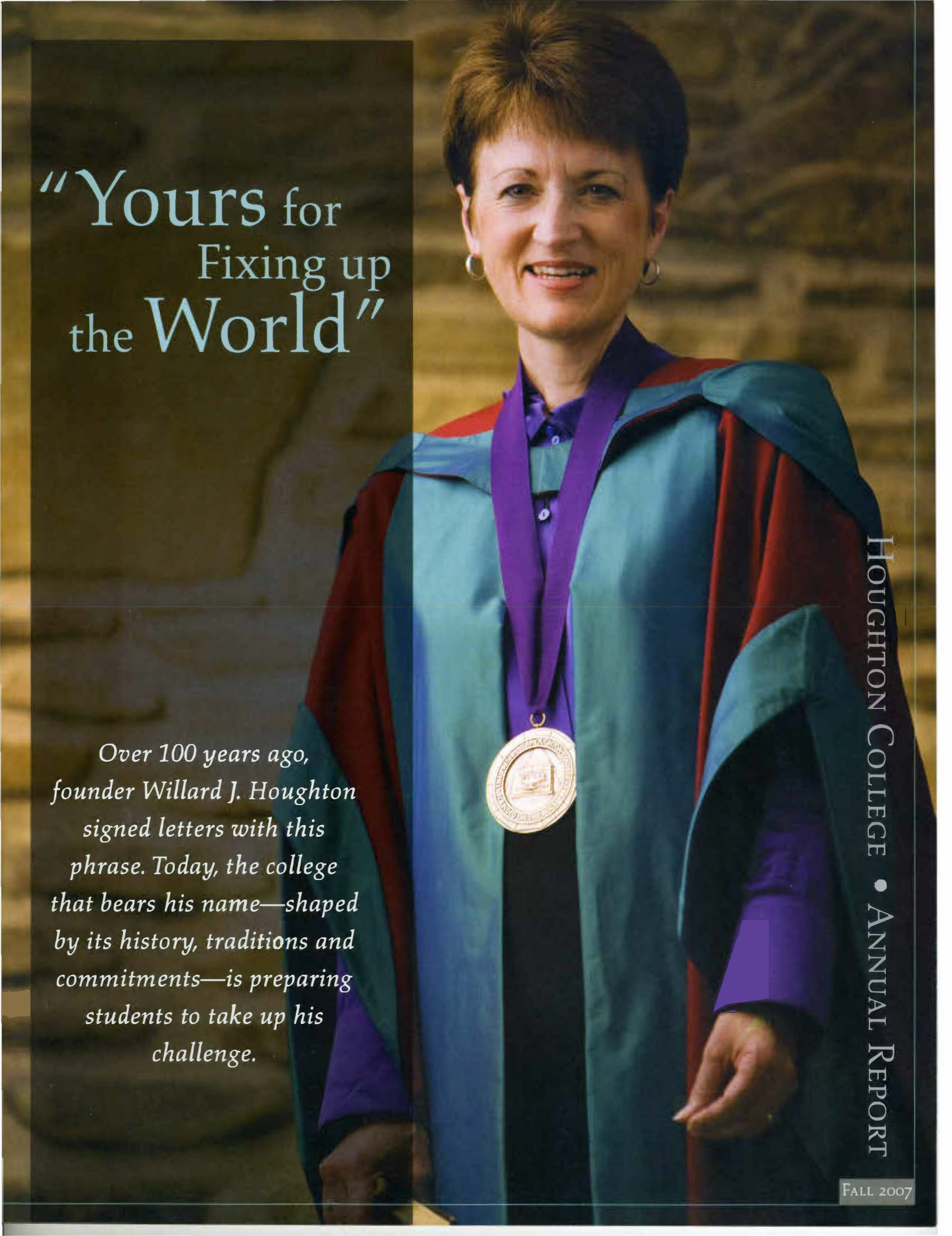
talks. Patterson spent six years as dean of the chapel at Hope College in Holland, MI, where attendance at the voluntary chapel program grew from 50 students to more than 1,000. Previously, he was the founding pastor of Irvine (CA) Presbyterian Church.

Douglas Perkins '67, training director for Coastal Pacific Xpress, Inc. in Vancouver, BC, Canada, was the first speaker for the business department's 2007-08 Guest Executive Dinner series. Perkins received a master's from Trinity University and a doctorate from Seattle University. For the past five years he has been working in organizational development giving particular attention to leadership training.

The director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture and the Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School, **Miroslav Volf**, presented two lectures at Houghton College in October. A native of Croatia, Volf has forged a theology of forgiveness and non-violence in the face of the horrendous violence experienced in Croatia and Serbia in the 1990s. While he maintains active interest in many aspects of faith's relation to culture, his primary work has focused on theological understandings of work, the church, the Trinity, violence, reconciliation and memory. The author of 10 books, Volf has given many prestigious lectureships including the Dudleian Lecture at Harvard; the Chavasse Lectures, at Oxford; the Waldenstrom Lectures, Stockholm; and the Gray lectures, Duke University.

Derek Webb, a former member of the band Caedmon's Call, filled Wesley Chapel for a concert in September. Webb is touring in support of his new album "The Ringing Bell," released in May.

Ravi Zacharias, internationally known lecturer and author, spoke at a chapel in September. Zacharias has addressed writers of the peace accord in South Africa, President Fujimori's cabinet and parliament in Peru, and military officers at the Lenin Military Academy and the Center for Geopolitical Strategy in Moscow. He has given the main address at the National Day of Prayer in Washington, DC, and has spoken twice at the Annual Prayer Breakfast at the United Nations in New York. His weekly radio program, "Let My People Think," is broadcast over 1,500 stations worldwide. Zacharias' most recent books include *The Grand Weaver* and *Walking from East to West: God in the Shadows*.

A woman with short brown hair, smiling, wearing a blue and red academic regalia with a gold medallion. The background is a blurred stone wall.

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"Yours for Fixing up the World"

by Shirley A. Mullen '76



As a historian, I have been in many discussions about whether people make their times or the times make the person. Did World War II make Winston Churchill? Or did Winston Churchill make World War II? Did interwar Europe create an Adolf Hitler? Or did Adolf Hitler create the reality of his time? We sometimes speak of people having been "ahead of their time" or "behind the times." When the individual and the time seem perfectly matched for each other, though, the impact is powerful and unmistakable.

Houghton has been prepared by its history, by its traditions and by its commitments for the beginning of the 21st century. There are so many things about Houghton's story that have prepared it to have a maximum impact in this time. In the stories that follow, we want to show you just a few:

First, Houghton is about inviting students to be whole people—people who bring their thinking, their feeling and their doing together, all within the context of their spiritual and moral commitments—in a fragmented world. Houghton is spiritually invested. It encourages students to hold convictions—to stand firm in an age of relativism—but to speak those convictions with graciousness and civility, and to be ready to learn from others who might disagree.

Second, Houghton is about preparing students to be highly effective in both the "science" and the "art" of a profession, whether it be in business, medicine, law, education, social work or others. In an age that exalts efficiency and the "bottom line," we want our students to do all of their work with care and love, to see work as a "calling" rather than simply as a "career." The 21st century is a time of non-stop change, more than any other time in history. To be educated today, one must have the skills to learn for a lifetime. Houghton prepares students not just for their first job, but for their last one as well. Houghton graduates are academically prepared.

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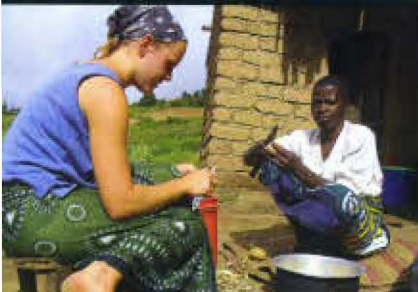


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Third, Houghton is about equipping our students to be good community builders, both locally and globally. In an age that emphasizes what is “mine, by right,” we are carrying on the Wesleyan tradition of cultivating people who care about justice: for women, for ethnic minorities, for the poor and disenfranchised and for those who are imprisoned by addictions of any kind. In an age where most of the world’s population does not live in the West, we want our students to be gracious guests in places that are not their own and to be sufficiently

“at home” in any situation to be able to make an impact for good. Houghton is globally engaged.

Throughout Houghton’s history one characteristic has not changed: our commitment to leave the world more the way that God intended it to be than when we found it. We are carrying on the tradition established by our founder, Willard J. Houghton, who often signed his letters “yours for fixing up the world.” That commitment is as fresh today as it was in 1883.



An Arm of the Church

by Jack Connell '83

For three generations, my family's life has been profoundly shaped by two institutions.

The first is the church. My grandfather gave his life to Christ at a small, Wesleyan Methodist church in western Pennsylvania; my grandmother at a Baptist church in the Western New York village of Angelica (just down the road "a piece" from Houghton). They met, married and served together as pastor and pastor's wife for 50 years. Their seven children all grew

up in the church and serve the Lord faithfully today (three of them in some form of pastoral ministry). My mother, the oldest of the seven, met and married a pastor, so I also grew up in a parsonage and had a childhood centered around participation in the church. And, in spite of all my youthful insistence that I would be anything but a pastor, I have just completed 20 years of pastoral service. We have been a church-saturated family for three generations, with my

children comprising the fourth.

The second institution that has shaped my family for these generations is Houghton College. The college where the young man from western Pennsylvania went to receive a ministerial education and ended up meeting the comely Baptist girl from Angelica? Houghton. The college where they sent all seven of their children? Houghton. The college where I attended and also met and married a pretty Baptist girl? Houghton. The college where I will be sending all four of my children? Houghton. (Some of them don't know this yet, so please don't tell them.)

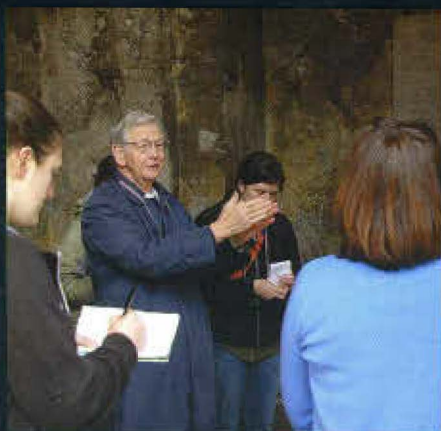
Of all the ways God has showered his grace into my life and the life of my family, these two institutions—the church and Houghton College—are central. So perhaps you can imagine the joy I have now as I serve in a position that allows me to strengthen the connections between the two institutions. As executive director of church relations, my role is to facilitate the development of sustained relationships between Houghton College and church communities—both inside and outside the Wesleyan denomination—for the mutual benefit of the college and the church.

This is not a new emphasis here. From its founding, Houghton has been deeply committed to its identity as a church-sponsored institution. We view ourselves as an arm of the church and desire to do everything we can to partner with the church in our shared desire to advance God's kingdom. Of course, the primary way Houghton serves the church is by equipping the next generation of leaders—young men and women who will be well-prepared to serve Christ and his church in all walks of life all around the world. And never has the world needed the kind of people Houghton produces more than it needs them today!

Beyond that central task, Houghton also desires to serve and to provide resources to the church in other ways. We want to provide seminars and workshops for pastors and church leaders that will equip them for effective 21st-century ministry. We want to make our faculty available to speak in local churches about timely topics and issues in a way that will



Christian Life Emphasis Week speaker Ben Patterson addresses area pastors in a special session arranged by Church Relations.



Where He Walked

Last spring, **Carl Schultz '53**, professor of Old Testament, led a tour of the Holy Land that included 12 students and eight adults. Associate Professor of Communication and Business **Daniel Minchen**, who was on the trip, wrote down some thoughts of the travelers. Here are excerpts:

We visited the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the house of Caiaphas where Jesus was judged, and a dungeon where he was likely held after the pronouncement. **Lisa Coutras '07** read Scripture in this

stony place as our group sensed the desperation of prison. "Our time here makes the narrative of the Bible more authentic because you see that it is real and tangible," she said.

"After walking around the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, the Dead Sea, and Jerusalem, I am faced with the mystery of God, how the incarnate and unlimited God of all creation, could indeed become a man and walk this earth," said **Ian Galloway '08**, "The questions remain, but with them I have gained a greater sense of the depth of God."



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model “thinking Christianly” about important matters. We want our campus to be a place where church leaders can come for a day of solitude, or bring their church leadership team for a planning retreat. We want our amazing students to be available to serve in churches through music, sports, drama and youth ministry. Put simply, we want all of the resources God has so graciously given Houghton to be available to serve and strengthen His church.

Houghton has a long record of doing this kind of thing. My first real exposure to Houghton came through a student ministry team called “Youth in One Accord” that came to our church for a weekend and made a deep impression on this junior high boy. I wanted to be like those Houghton students! Various church and denominational groups have used the Houghton

campus often, for many types of events. Houghton faculty members have traveled to countless churches to teach Sunday school classes, fill the pulpit and offer seminars. I remember both my grandfather and my father coming to Houghton for “Minister’s Conference” so that they could learn from world-class pastors and theologians.

Houghton’s heart has always been with the church. We have a unique role in the kingdom that will help the body of Christ flourish and prevail, and I am honored to be one small part of that ongoing partnership. May that partnership continue to be strengthened...for the sake of many future generations.

Jack Connell '83 is executive director of church relations and serves on the president's staff.

Koinonia

“...Koinonia is exerting a strong influence this semester. Close to 500 college students gather on Sunday evenings in Wesley Chapel for this hour of singing, praying and praising God. The church selects and trains the students who lead these services.” — from “A Day at Houghton Wesleyan Church,” by Wesley D. Oden, senior pastor.

Mercy Seat

Mercy Seat is a student-led prayer movement which meets Monday-Friday from 9-11pm in the basement of

Wesley Chapel to intercede on behalf of the campus, the county, and the nations and to seek intimate encounter with the Lord. Meetings are led by a worship team, combining worship songs, intercessory prayers, meditation on scripture, and various forms of art. Each semester the ministry sponsors a 24-hour service of prayer. For more information come to any weeknight meeting.—from the *houghton.edu* Web site

MLK Service Day (right)

Approximately 500 Houghton College students, faculty and staff

volunteered at 35 sites throughout western New Year during the college’s annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day on March 17. It was the eighth year of this event.



"We Want Them...to Change the World"

by Elizabeth Bordonaro '07

The Houghton College communication department is forming a new identity. Not only has it become a separate entity, splitting previous ties to the English department,

but, with the addition of new classes such as "Introduction to Web Communication," "Digital Video" and "American Public Address," and some passionate faculty, the communication major is "finding its own voice," according to **Will Nowadly '08**.

"The split from the English department gives us a new identity," Nowadly says. "Being a communication major feels more specialized now."

The amicable split was a goal of department chair Doug Gaerte, professor of communication. "Communication complements the English department," he says, "but it also complements so many other areas: business, philosophy and missions, for example. It was a foundation for ancient learning, and, in recent years, with the development of new technological outlets like Pod-casting, it has become the wave of the future. These days it doesn't take a radio or television broadcast to effectively communicate ideas; technological advancements in computer broadcasting have made it possible for anyone to broadcast from the internet."

Being a part of the English department for so many

years was a blessing, Gaerte says: "I have had a tremendous amount of support from the English department's chair, **Linda Mills '74 Woolsey**. She supported the split and could see the vision. Though it was bittersweet, it was time, and we are all excited about what's ahead."

The success of forming the new department depended greatly on hiring new faculty members. After a widespread search, the college found two teachers to fill the need. "When we found both **David Huth '91** and Daniel Minchen, I was ecstatic," says Gaerte. "I prayed that we would get one, and we got both! Dave has a strong background in media arts and a dynamic teaching style, while Dan brings 27 years of professional experience in PR, marketing and advertising, as well as a passion for sharing that experience with students. Without them, this would not have been possible."

In addition to new personnel, the department has benefited from additions to the physical plant, specifically a state-of-the-art, Apple-based multimedia lab, where students are able to learn hands-on. Huth hopes to give students an edge by using industry standard hardware and software in the 12-station lab. "It enables us to provide



Summer Research Institute

The college established an undergraduate program, the Summer Research Institute, which brought together physics, chemistry, biology, math and computer science faculty and students in an intense research environment. The Institute included a program of weekly, informal seminars in which students presented plans, problems and results. Students kept logbooks of their research activities and findings and will have the opportunity to present their work at scientific meetings during the regular academic year.

As part of this program Houghton students and faculty collaborated on research in the following areas:

Four students worked with Assistant Professor of Physics Brandon Hoffman at Cornell University with Cornell Professor Shefford Baker and the Cornell Center for Materials Research. The group performed electron backscattering





the very best equipment to our students in a uniquely collaborative atmosphere," he says, "a place where students can get a feel for cutting-edge technology and experience working collaboratively." Though the equipment is the same as that used in the production of major motion pictures, cartoon animations and video games, that's not what Huth wants the students doing. "Our department's goal is not to crank out the next Hollywood blockbuster," he says. "That's not what this is about; it's about something else, something more personal, more human."

Huth, and the department as a whole, wants to equip students to use the tools in order to reach the public and serve a greater good. Huth says he begins each semester with a question: "I ask students, 'What do you have to say and how are you going to say it?'" Communication major **Kerry Brogan '09**, for one, not only listened to that question, but took action. "Kerry produced an advocacy video on human trafficking for her final personal media project," Huth says. "Once finished, she posted it on the internet, where it not only interested a much larger

audience than originally intended, but it also allowed for a partnership to develop with World Hope International—an affiliation that continues as she works with them in their efforts to end human trafficking."

The communication faculty is not only shaping an identity for the department, but also earning a reputation for outreach. Since the split, all three faculty members have been using their specific gifts to revamp the curriculum, and to share their mission with students. "We all bring something special to the table," Gaerte says. "We joke about how different we all are—David is a free-spirit, Daniel is a corporate guy and I'm somewhere in the middle—but we are all idealists and we share a common vision. We all care deeply for social justice and we want to share that passion with our students. We want them to use the skills they learn from us to do something to change the world, to make it better."

Liz Bordonaro '07 works in the alumni relations department of Houghton's Advancement Office.

experiments in order to study various nanostructure systems.

Professor of Physics Mark Yuly and two students collaborated with researchers from MIT, the University of Kentucky, Bogazici University (in Turkey) and the Los Alamos National Laboratory on a series of nuclear physics experiments at the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center. Their research focused on exploring the structure of the atomic nucleus and the behavior of the strong nuclear force, the force responsible for holding the nucleus together.

Associate Professor of Biology Jacqueline Crisman worked with two students to identify white blood cells expressing meprins during normal and chronic inflammatory states.

Associate Professor of Biology Matt Pelletier and two students attempted to express two therapeutically useful proteins found in plants. The first, relaxin, is a hormone that has been used to treat patients with scleroderma, a disease characterized by thickening and hardening of the skin. The second

protein, pre-thrombin 2, promotes blood coagulation.

Professor of Biology Jim Wolfe and two students investigated the mechanisms which determine the water quality and basic ecology of Star Lake. Star Lake—220 acres in size and up to 70 feet deep—is one of a limited number of perched, seepage, kettle lakes in the Adirondacks. The group researched nutrient levels (specifically phosphorus and nitrogen) in the lake and examined the food chain, from phytoplankton to zooplankton to fish.

Globally Engaged: “We Sharpen one Another”

by Naomi (Spurrier '05) Smith

In May, Ndunge Kiiti '84, associate professor of intercultural studies, traveled with six Houghton students to Chilimarca, Bolivia, for a special topics class on “Foundations of

Community-Based Health Development.” For three weeks the students worked with a program run by MAP International, a development agency that focuses on “total health.” MAP defines “total health” as the capacity of individuals, families and communities to transform the conditions that affect their physical, emotional, social, economical, environmental and spiritual well-being. In addition to meeting the immediate health needs of the Bolivian people, MAP works for justice, advocacy and mediation for the abused; provides health education and training for children and adults; encourages community concern for the disabled; and seeks to establish potable water sources and sound agricultural methods. The program also trains Bolivians to carry the work forward; over 800 people from Chilimarca and surrounding areas are now health promoters, improving the health of their own communities.

For the Houghton students who traveled to Bolivia, this chance to connect with a new model of medicine was deeply thought-provoking. “In the States, we often think of health as a purely physical issue—the absence of disease—rather than thinking about health as holistic, community-oriented and preventative, something we work together to promote in one another,” reflected **Katherine Cogdill '08**, a pre-med major from Massachusetts. MAP’s emphasis on Bolivians helping Bolivians changed the way that **Madeline Arkin '09**, a pre-med major from New York, viewed medical missions. “As foreigners, our role is simply to facilitate the development

of minds, spirits and techniques,” Arkin explained. “We can bring our ideas but we must also listen to theirs—what do they know? What can they teach us?”

Such questions are at the heart of what Kiiti wants to teach her students about effectively engaging with the world. Kiiti grew up in Kenya and attended Rift Valley Academy before enrolling at Houghton College. After graduating, she earned a masters degree through Daystar University in Kenya and her doctoral degree at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. For the past 16 years she has served with MAP, developing partnerships to enhance MAP’s health education programs in Africa and Latin America. Kiiti’s continued service with MAP allows her to remain involved in practical international development and opens opportunities for Houghton students to be a part of this global network. Kiiti regularly takes students to development conferences at Cornell or in Washington, D.C., where they can listen to experts raise questions and debate current issues. “This is what you will have to reckon with,” she tells her students. “These are the kind of questions you will be asked.” Kiiti aims to inform her students about the realities of working in difficult places and to prepare them to be thoughtful communicators in their work.

Overseas programs like the one in Bolivia can be excellent places for learning how to face challenges and communicate well. “Not all classrooms are the same,” Kiiti affirms. She explains that experiential learning helps students see other peoples and



Zambian Literacy

For the second year, a team of Houghton students and faculty members traveled to Choma, Zambia, to continue the development and delivery of a literacy project begun in 2006 in partnership with World Hope International. This year’s team, led by Associate Professor of Education **Cathy Freytag** and Instructor of Education **Sunshine Sullivan**, included nine students. Houghton students planned and delivered an English literacy program that served more than 80 third through ninth grade students. Each day, Zambian children would meet in small groups with their Houghton teachers for intense English instruction.

Russian Orphanages

Houghton students explored Moscow and Perm, Russia as part of a Mayterm class in Russian Culture. Led by Professor of Sociology **Jayne Maugans**, the group visited historic sites in Moscow including Red Square, the Kremlin, Victory Park, St. Basil Cathedral, the Izmailovsky Market and the Bloshoi Ballet. In Perm, the students stayed in the homes of students from the Higher School of Economics. Houghton students participated in roundtable discussions with Russian students. While in Perm, the group visited orphanages, donating clothing, toys and supplies and



cultures clearly, without the distortion that comes from the lens of media. By engaging face-to-face with other peoples and cultures, students start to see root causes of world problems instead of just the symptoms. They come to understand how issues like poverty and HIV/AIDS are intricately bound to larger systems of government and culture. Over time, students develop relationships and start to look at life from a different perspective. "Often a student will come back from an overseas program and talk about how the experience changed him or her," Kiiti says. "Experiential learning creates transformation on both sides—we sharpen one another."

The conditions and realities they encountered in Bolivia sobered the Houghton students. Between morning and evening classes, they worked on practical service projects. "We were constructing a simple house for a local family," Cogdill explains, "and I suddenly realized that 13 people would be living in a space the size of my living room." As she plastered walls and laid stone floors, Arkin was struck by the contrast between her life and the lives of the people she was serving. "I will never understand the true extent of poverty," she admits. "If I was in need, I would always have a place to turn... I am extremely privileged." As she interacted with the Bolivian people, Cogdill began to ask questions about the nature of poverty in the United States as well. "We generally think of poverty as the lack of material wealth," she says, "but could our communities be suffering from relational and spiritual poverty instead?"

Kiiti views this mutual education as an intrinsic part of global engagement. "We must realize the change that is occurring in the world and recognize that God is at work locally, nationally and internationally," she insists. Kiiti pushes her students—and indeed, all of us—to find ways to connect with

God's work in all cultures, to look at issues from different perspectives and to find creative ways to meet difficult needs. She explains that one way to be creative in our approach may be to consider the call of Micah 6:8 to love mercy *and* justice. "Christ changed individuals, but he also changed systems," Kiiti says. "As Christians, we must strengthen our response to include justice as well as charity."

Since returning from Bolivia, the Houghton students have taken time to consider their own life work. Codgill now aims to earn a masters in public health degree as well as her medical degree, in the hope that dual degrees will make her a more flexible and effective doctor. Arkin has realized that her place of medical service may be in the United States rather than primarily overseas. "I can go and help," she explains, "but I can't go and *do*. There is need overseas, but there is also need here." **Leanne Jones '08**, a pre-med major from Hawaii, echoes her classmate's words. "To become globally engaged, now, is not to rush to 'needy' countries with my stethoscope, confident in my ability to help. I have realized that it would be the height of hubris for me to assume that my only role in medical missions would be as a 'savior.' In actuality, my role would be more as a means of support," Jones says.

Like most transformations, the process of becoming globally engaged does not happen overnight. As individuals and communities, we must constantly be challenging ourselves to engage in kingdom work strategically and effectively. "God is doing something bigger than we can imagine," Kiiti says with a smile. "Take your background and your passions and ask how you can join Him."

Naomi (Spurrier '05) Smith works in the Advancement Office of Houghton College.

spent time refurbishing a building that will become an orphanage.

Pierro Wins Gilman Scholarship

Jocylin Pierro '08, a sociology major, received one of only 420 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships from the Institute of International Education. Pierro is studying in Australia this academic year. The scholarship—sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs—covers up to \$8,000 for her study abroad costs.

Service in India

In May, nine Houghton College students spent three weeks observing and working with Youth for Christ's (YFC) National Director Prabakaran George in India. Traveling with **John Brittain**, dean of the chapel, the students visited at the Ragpickers School in Chennai, then flew to Bangalore, where they were part of a state-wide YFC Conference, visited the studios of the Far Eastern Broadcasting Association, toured the headquarters of the Indian Bible Society, led staff worship at the Bangalore Baptist Mission Hospital and visited the headquarters of India Evangelical Missions. Next, the

group traveled to Kanyakumari where the group led worship and Brittain was a speaker for a nationwide YFC staff conference. They also ministered and interacted with students at a Church of South India tailoring program and assisted with vacation Bible schools. At the conclusion of the conference the team traveled to Nagercoil, where they led the morning service of a Salvation Army Church and participated in a youth conference. They also helped lay a cement roof for a new YFC building that will house a tailoring program for survivors of the tsunami.

When Students Lead the Way

by Charles Massey

Over the past several years, Houghton students and alumni have put their knowledge and passion for fixing up the world into practice in programs throughout the greater Buffalo area. They demonstrate the spiritually invested, academically equipped global engagement we have been discussing in the previous pages.

What inspires 40 or more Houghton students to get up early on Saturday mornings and take an hour-and-a-half bus ride to Buffalo, spend a couple of hours in the city, then take the long bus ride back to Houghton? It wasn't something the college planned.

Journey's End—It began in the fall of 2004, when eight students chose to come to Buffalo each Saturday to tutor Somali Bantu children who had arrived in Buffalo from refugee camps in Kenya. Andy Gallman, professor of linguistics, who was teaching a course in which the Houghton students were enrolled, worked with Journey's End Refugee Services to organize the placements and arranged for the college to provide transportation. When the course ended, the students decided to continue the tutoring during the spring semester—and invited a few friends to join them. In fact, more than 25 student tutors started making the weekly trip.

This fall Houghton students are in their seventh semester of tutoring refugees in their homes. There have been a few changes: we have moved from vans to a bus to transport the 40+ student tutors participating, for example. **Jessica McDonnell '07** is coordinating the Saturday tutoring program as a part of her work with Western New York AmeriCorps.

New Horizons—The success of the tutoring effort led representatives of the college and Journey's End to explore the possibility of organizing a summer program for refugee children (four to 12 years old) that would focus on language and math skills and prepare them for school. Through a collaborative effort with AmeriCorps and the King Urban Life Center, the New Horizons program was born. The five-week summer program, begun in 2005, served 50 refugees (42 children and eight mothers), with nine staff (Houghton College students or recent graduates, serving through AmeriCorps) and numerous volunteers from area churches.

This summer **Liz Garofano '05**—who was one of the volunteers that first year—directed the third annual New Horizons as part of her AmeriCorps assignment. She and her staff of 10 (including eight Houghton students or recent graduates) expanded the program and collaborated with the Buffalo public school's "Jump Start" to serve nearly 150 refugees, using Our Lady of Loretto School and two public schools.

Hope—That isn't all that is happening in the effort to respond to the needs of refugees living in Buffalo. Realizing that

primary funding for the resettlement of refugees in the United States is limited to their first six months here and that the road to self-sufficiency is not likely to be traversed in so short a time, **Bonnie (Wheeler '77) MacBeth** and **Anna Ireland '00** have taken the leadership in establishing Hope Refugee Services, working closely with the Houghton Office for Urban Connections. MacBeth is serving as an AmeriCorps/VISTA member this year, assigned to facilitate Hope's development. Ireland is a doctoral student in cultural anthropology at the University at Buffalo, teaches a sociology course at Houghton, supervises Houghton interns in Buffalo and assists in the Office for Urban Connections.

As co-directors, the women are designing Hope to complement and supplement the work of four resettlement agencies that serve Buffalo. Its offices and drop-in center are in a house on Breckenridge Street that was given to Houghton in May by Providence Community, with the hope that the college would continue to use the facility for ministry and maintain a positive presence in the neighborhood.

In addition to helping individuals and families find help, Hope is addressing the educational and housing needs of refugees. On October 6 the group launched Focused Learning for Youth (FLY), an after-school and Saturday educational enrichment



Jessica McDonnell '07 (top), Shiloh Harb '10 (right) and Fatuma Anbure, a Somali Bantu refugee, with her three children.



program for middle school refugee students. Houghton, D'Youville College, Buffalo State and The Wesleyan Church of Hamburg currently supply tutors for the program, which is housed at Our Lady of Loretto School. **Shiloh Harkness '10** is a sociology intern who also assists at the drop-in center and with FLY.

RUN—Another initiative of the Office for Urban Connections, Renewing Urban Neighborhoods (RUN), is primarily the work of **Jer Clifton '07**, who is serving a year with AmeriCorps/VISTA with the assignment to work with community-based organizations to improve the quality of life in the Grant-Ferry area. Clifton has taken advantage of his residence in the college's Breckenridge house to become acquainted with the neighbors and has initiated a block club. He works with a coalition of West Side community housing groups to address housing matters and has been appointed as a community liaison to the Buffalo housing court. (Housing for refugees is a shared concern of RUN and Hope.)

Jericho Road—Jericho Road Family Practice, established ten years ago by **Myron Glick, M.D. '88**, is just four blocks from the Breckenridge house, and is well known among organizations and agencies working with refugees because of its willingness to serve the medical needs of all. **Polly (Jennejahn '80) Tice** is a social worker/chaplain with Jericho Road Family Practice.

Jericho Road Ministries is the non-profit organization that owns the facility on Barton Street that houses the family practice, as well as Journey's End Refugee Services and the RiverRock Church (more on that below). **Stephanie Smith '07** and **Alicia Walmus '07** are serving AmeriCorps/VISTA terms with Jericho Road Ministries, which looks for ways to address the whole range of needs of the poor, beyond the medical.

Bob Tice '80, Polly's husband, is the pastor at RiverRock Church. RiverRock describes itself as "An Assembly of the Nations in the City" and the makeup of the congregation supports the label. Among the approximately 120 adults and children attending, there are individuals from Burma, Burundi, Congo, Cuba, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Sudan, Togo, Vietnam and the Mohawk and Seneca Nations—as well as Caucasian-Americans and African-Americans.

Greater Buffalo—While we have been mostly sharing about the work of students and alumni with refugees, there are many other programs throughout the greater Buffalo area where you can find Houghton well represented:

- **Cap Farrow '79**, with the strong support of his wife

Barb (Bowser '78), is pastor of Grace Community Church, a year-old Wesleyan congregation on the city's West Side.

- **Mark Cerbone '78** and his wife Diann provide the direction for Peace of the City Ministries, an organization that addresses the spiritual, educational (with a special focus on literacy), economic and social needs of children and youth.

- **Heather Hodson '03** is in her second year of teaching in the preschool program at Cornerstone Manor, after serving at the King Center Charter School (KCCS) through AmeriCorps. At KCCS Heather coordinated the Saturday reading program that has relied on Houghton College students as tutors since its inception seven years ago.

- **Janelle Briggs '05** is a graduate student in library science at the University at Buffalo and the part-time coordinator of the KCCS library and the Saturday reading program. Janelle served two terms with AmeriCorps, one as a caseworker at Journey's End Refugee Services and the other at the KCCS.

- **Rod McCallum '05** is the founder of Queen City Farm (QCF) on Utica Street. QCF is developing an urban farm on 20 empty lots in a neglected area for which the city has been attempting to find constructive use. QCF is also attempting to restore a once-grand Victorian house that has been abandoned and marked for demolition.

- **Lindsey (Kestler '06) Pasioka** is a fourth grade teacher at KCCS. Last year she served an AmeriCorps term with the United Methodist Church in Belfast and directed the Houghton College math camp for third graders from Belfast Central School and KCCS. The director at KCCS is **Claity Price Massey**, who taught at Houghton from 1977-2000.

- Students in language and literacy courses at Houghton are pen pals to third and fourth graders at KCCS. The college students visit each fall and KCCS students visit Houghton each spring. Houghton has also been the major source for tutors for the Saturday reading program at the school. This is the eighth year of Houghton participation with both the Pen Pals and Saturday reading programs.

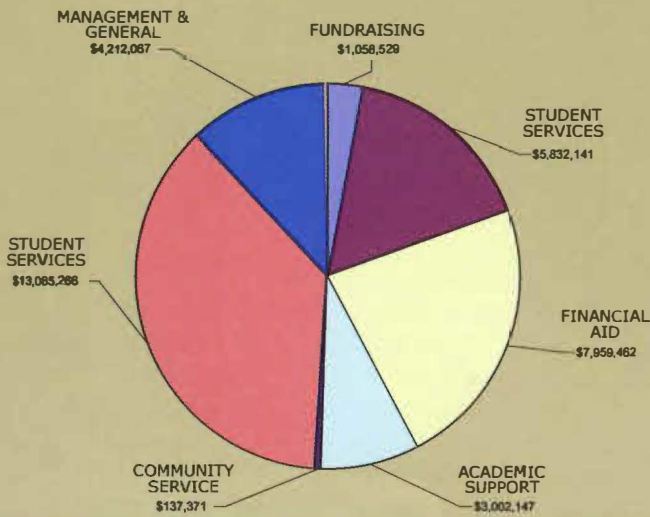
- **Russ Kingsbury '78** and **Brian Ellsworth '88** run Youth Advantage, an organization that uses sports to build connections with and positively impact the lives of a large number of Buffalo teens. As many as 30 boys and girls from Youth Advantage have attended Houghton's summer basketball camps in a single year. Kingsbury and Ellsworth brought a group of 20 to participate in the Houghton 3-on-3 tournament last spring, and the Houghton women's basketball team has helped out at the Friday night sports ministry at Expressway Assembly of God church in Buffalo.

It is the mission of Houghton College to equip students to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world. In recent years the college has given much attention to "service-learning" as an intentional strategy in pursuit of that mission. That most Houghton students take seriously the idea of becoming scholar-servants is apparent; they often lead the way in discovering new opportunities for global engagement and using their academic preparation to its best advantage.

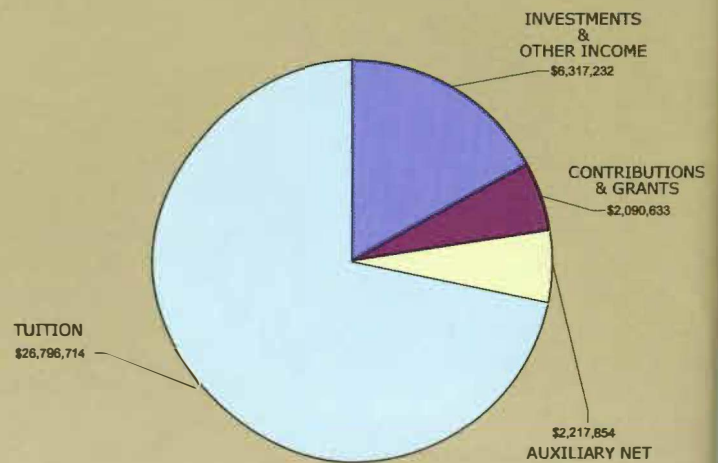
Charles E. Massey is professor of education and coordinator of the Office for Urban Connections. Now in his 32nd year at Houghton, Chuck and his wife Claity live in Buffalo.

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50 **Bob Dingman** has published an article about the important questions military personnel face as Christians in combat situations in the May/June issue of *Today's Christian* magazine. Dingman lives in Thousand Oaks, CA.

57 **Harold and Mary (Sell '56) Kingdon** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 22. He is a professor emeritus of Christian ministries who retired from Houghton in 2006. As newlyweds the Kingdons lived in housing near where Shenewana now stands while Harold was finishing his degree. The Kingdons' children include **Sheryl (Kingdon '80) Johnson, Edwin Kingdon '86, James Kingdon '88** and **Jill Kingdon '85**.



Harold and Mary (Sell '56) Kingdon

58 **Bruce Hess** and his wife Donna have moved back to Houghton to be OMS missionaries in residence following 17 years' service as directors of the Northeast

Region and 23 years in Colombia and Ecuador. This summer the Hess family had



Hess family reunion

a reunion that included **Matt Hess '87, Glenn and Jodi (Carlson '88) Hess '85** and **Linda (Hess '87) Nunez**, plus eight grandchildren (pictured, in *Highlander T-shirts, with Bruce and Donna*).

62 The University Press of Florida has just published *From Parsifal to Peron*, by **Bob Claxton**. The book is a history of radio in Argentina from 1920-1944.

66 Commissioners **William and Marilyn ('65) Francis** have been appointed as territorial leaders for the Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda, effective July 1. Bill is the new territorial commander and Marilyn is the territorial president of women's ministries.

67 **Wayne Dunn** received his doctorate in counselor education and supervision from Regent University in May. Dunn already had two bachelor's degrees and two master's degrees and he is a licensed counselor and an ordained Southern Baptist minister. Following a 20-year career in college teaching and administration

in Ohio, Dunn has spent the last seven years as a counselor at the Covenant Counseling Center in High Point, NC.

He also is in his 16th year as organist/pianist at the English Road Baptist Church in High Point and is on the faculty of John Wesley College there. His e-mail address is dunnmusician@triad.rr.com.

69 **Susan (Jennett) Horton** has been appointed director of the Trumbull (CT) Library. Horton had worked for 17 years at the Danbury Library, most recently as head of the audio-media department.

74 After 33 years with Storage Technology, where he was the chief architect for a successful data storage system and had numerous patents awarded for his inventions, **Steve Blendermann** has retired. Blendermann says he is looking forward to being more involved in ministry.

75 **Karen L. Oberst** has published *But I Tell You: Jesus Introduces a Better Way*

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Wayne Dunn '67

Almond Butter Blossoms

½ cup butter, softened *
 ½ cup almond butter **
 ½ cup white granulated sugar
 ½ cup light brown sugar, packed
 ¾ teaspoon baking soda
 ½ teaspoon cream of tartar
 ¼ teaspoon salt[§]
 1 egg
 2 tablespoons milk
 ½ teaspoon pure vanilla
 1 cup whole wheat flour
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 3 tablespoons granulated white sugar
 2 tablespoons finely ground almonds
 48 to 60 Hershey milk chocolate kisses with almonds



1. Pre-heat oven to 350°. In a large mixing bowl, beat butter and almond butter with electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add ½ cup granulated sugar, brown sugar, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt. Beat until combined, scraping the bowl occasionally. Beat in egg, milk, and vanilla until combined. Beat in whole wheat flour and as much of the all-purpose flour as you can with the mixer. Stir in any remaining flour.

2. In a shallow dish, combine 3 tablespoons of sugar and the ground almonds. Shape the dough into 1" balls and roll them in the sugar mixture to coat. Place them 2" apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes (until the sugar mixture just begins to crack).^{§§} Remove from oven and immediately press a chocolate kiss into the center of each cookie. Transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool.

Makes 48 to 60 cookies.

* Substitutes do not work well.

** Available at health food stores.

§ To reduce salt and accentuate almond flavor, substitute 1/8 teaspoon pure almond extract for the salt.

§§ The ideal length of time to bake these cookies, taking into account oven temperature variance, is best determined by when the sugar mixture begins to crack. They taste the best when completely cooled so that the chocolate kiss firms back up.

Alumna's Recipe Is Award-Winning

Better Homes and Gardens magazine selected Cynthia (Patronski '98) Lustig's almond butter blossoms as the second-place winner in its monthly recipe contest last December. The category was "Santa-pleasing cookies," and entrants were encouraged to submit a basic, beloved cookie recipe, but give it a twist. The assignment was perfect for Lustig, since she loves to experiment with dishes—"see what's in the 'fridge and throw it all together," is how she describes her cooking style—admitting that she rarely follows a recipe, even if she has one. Her husband, Matt '01, usually enjoys her "experiments," but bemoans the fact that—since she rarely measures or writes things down—the dish almost never comes out the same way twice.

This time, though, Lustig took a more clinical approach. She was reminded of stories told by Professor Irmgard Howard of how to use chemistry in real life, she says, so she researched and experimented with the ingredients and cooking times. (Lustig can tell you the chemical differences among several types of baking powder, and that the whole wheat flour adds a "nutty" texture to the cookies.)

Still, cooking is more of an art than a science, and, when Lustig was done her husband sampled the cookies and declared them "OK." Somewhat daunted by such faint praise, Lustig went out. When she returned, there was not a cookie to be found. While she was gone, Matt had discovered that after the cookies cool completely their taste improves from "OK" to "award-winning."

Lustig's awards included a framed certificate from the magazine, \$200 in cash and having her recipe printed in the December 2006 issue. The Lustigs used the prize money to go on a "Weekend to Remember" sponsored by FamilyLife.



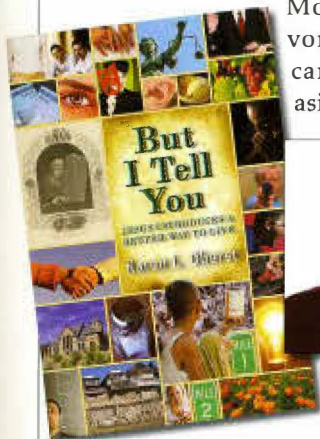
Matt and Cynthia (Patronski '98) Lustig '01 with their daughter.



HOUGHTON COLLEGE ALUMNI were well-represented at the Allegany County Athletic Association Hall of Fame Night. Pictured at left are **Darlene Wells '75** (on right) and next to her is her niece, **Krista Newell '00**. Also on hand were **Cassie Merrill '08** (far left picture, on right) and **Becky Kallal '08** (far left picture, on left), current players on the Highlanders women's basketball team. Newell was Kallal's coach when both were at Delaware County Christian School in Newtown Square, PA.

to *Live*, a book on The Sermon on the Mount. One reviewer said "It is quiet and approachable, sweetly preparing us to meet the day. But watch out: Oberst's book, like its subject the Sermon on the

Mount, has a flavor of challenge we cannot easily put aside."



Karen Oberst '75

79 Tim Hutton has been appointed associate clinical professor of family medicine at the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine of McMaster University, in Hamilton, Ontario. Hutton will continue to maintain a solo private family practice in the town of St. George. He and his wife **Sue (Cooper)** are the parents of **Heather '07**, **Alastair '10** and **Andrew, 11**.

Stanley M. Wicks conducted a 200-voice choir, soloists and members of the San Diego Symphony in two performances of Bach's "Mass in B Minor." Singing in the choir was **David Finney '57**, eldest son of the late **Charles** and

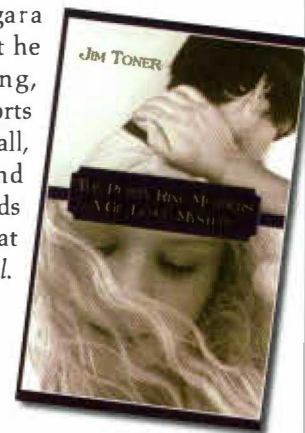
Ann Finney (faculty). Wicks has been director of church music at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego since 1998.

86 Glenn Rutland is in his 10th year at Alcon Labs, where he is a senior sales representative and sales trainer. His peers on the national sales force voted him Alcon's annual Prove-It Award in 2006. He and his wife Deborah, a stay-at-home mom, have three sons: Nathaniel (see *Future Alumni*), Joshua, 3 and Gabriel, 4. The Rutlands are members of the Valley Community Baptist Church, where they lead a group for parents of young children and are active in the drama ministry. They reside in Simsbury, CT.

87 Greg Laing recently received his master's degree (in applied theology) from Regent College in Vancouver, was licensed as a minister, and was elected as the lead pastor at Point Grey Community Church. Laing was also elected to the district leadership team of the British Columbia and Yukon District of the Pentecostal Church. Laing and his wife Andrea have two children: Parker, 7 and Alicia, 4. Prior to these changes, Laing had been associate pastor at the Point Grey church for 10 years. "Thanks to Dr. **Kay (Walberger '43) Lindley** for planting the vision in my heart to go for the master's

degree!" Laing writes. He invites friends to e-mail him at greg@pgcc.org.

88 Jim Toner has published his second novel, *The Purity Ring Murders*. Toner, who lives in Niagara Falls, says that he enjoys reading, writing and sports (softball, football, basketball and hockey). Friends can reach him at JimToner6@aol.com.



90 Mark Blasko has opened a family entertainment center featuring a miniature golf course, batting cages, ice cream, and take-out food near Concord, NH. Chuckster's will contain the world's longest miniature golf hole, a 201-foot downhill monster, and over 1,000 tons of boulders and 4,800 bricks (to line the fairways).

92 Peter Amos is the new head coach of the Rochester Rhinos women's soccer team. The Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle* wrote a lead article about Amos and his emphasis with his players in regard

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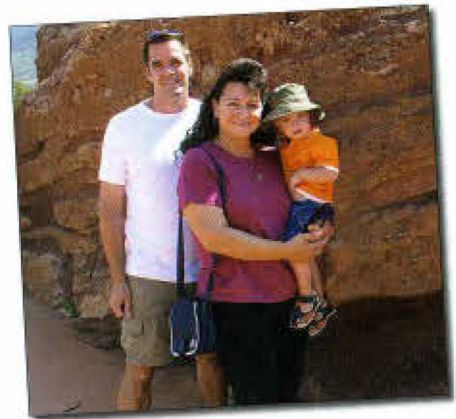
to giving back to the community. The article also talked about Amos' playing career at Houghton.

Heather (Coords) Kuruvilla recently received the Cedarville (OH) University Faculty Scholar of the Year Award. Kuruvilla has been a faculty member at Cedarville since she earned her doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1997. She is now an associate professor of biology.

Shawn Gale received his master's degree in education with an emphasis in technology in November 2006. Gale continues to teach in the Stuttgart area

of Germany. **Tami (Marzolla '93) Gale** is a stay-at-home mom for their son, Caleb (see *Future Alumni*). Previously, she worked as a magazine writer, editor and independent marketing consultant. Friends can contact them at familygale@earthlink.net.

Harold Fuller has been named general manager of the Odessa (TX) Jackalopes hockey club, which plays in the Western Professional Hockey League. "This really is a dream come true," Fuller said. "I know this will be a challenge, but it's one I look forward to." Fuller is in his 11th year with the Jackalopes franchise,



Shawn and Tammy (Marzolla '93) Gale '92 with their son.



This picture of Houghton alumni and faculty was taken at the wedding of Greg and Lauren (Phinney '06) Dickinson '06 in July. They include: Back row, from left to right: Christopher and Deborah (McKay '76) Canfield '77, Raymond Thistlethwaite '07, Sharon Askey '07, Elisabeth Allen '86, Robert Hammond '86, Richard Campbell II '76, Donald and Sara ('84) McKay '82, and Benjamin Lipscomb (faculty). Middle row, left to right: Jacob Studioso '06, Mark and Ruth (Campbell '79) Phinney '79, the bride and groom, Rosemarie (McKay '79) Dickinson, Marc Dickinson '81, Lori (Zimmerman '88) Blank, Susan Phinney '80, Sue (Grippeo '79) Miller, Susan Lipscomb (faculty), Wei and Lin Wang Hu (faculty). Front row, left to right: Jessica Melfi '06, Christine (Pszonak '07) Studioso, Karla Mauro '06, John Wurzbacher '05, Amber (Marshall '06) Niklewicz, Brenda (Bolton '90) Tremblay and Robert Campbell '77. The groom has enrolled at Harvard Law School.

Down the Aisle



Mr. & Mrs. Cordova



Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence



Mr. & Mrs. Lafferty

Down the Aisle

Matthew and Tabitha (VanDoren '05) Berryman	10/22/05
Eric and Katie (Brooks) Brownell '97	7/1/06
Joel and Bethany (Shearer '02) Cutting	7/15/05
Jonatán and Jennifer (Heise '98) Córdova	11/18/06
Greg and Lauren (Phinney '06) Dickinson '06	7/14/07
Robert and Alice (Barry '00) Drew	10/7/06
Stephen and Bethany (Cooke '99) Harry	8/2/03
Timothy and Laurel (Blakely '00) Harris	5/3/07
Christopher and Carolyn (Meerdink '99) Hughesman	9/17/05
Joel and Laure (Hanks '05) Kline	6/22/07
AJ and Lindsey (Norberg '06) Lafferty '05	12/30/06
Nathan and Stephanie (Johnson) Lawrence '97	8/5/06
Tony and Misty (Arnold '99) Logan	6/9/07
Jason and Breanne (Smullen '02) Pickett	1/6/07
Andrew and Mindy (Albrecht '03) Sauer	5/5/07
Craig and Julie (Hampson '01) Teitsma	7/13/07
Joshua and Heather (Bruce '03) Trant '03	12/30/06
Jonathan and Bethany (Stuitje '06) Weber '06	6/30/07

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which also owns a minor league baseball team, the RockHounds. Fuller also volunteers as the director of public relations for the Midland West Rotary Club, and was named the Paul Harris Fellow of the Year in 2002-03.

U.S. Representative John R. "Randy" Kuhl, Jr. (R-Hammondspport) has named **Bob Van Wicklin** as chief of staff in his Washington, DC, office. Van Wicklin has served as deputy chief of staff and spokesman in Washington since Rep. Kuhl was first sworn into Congress in January 2005. Prior to that, Van Wick-

lin served as former Rep. Arno Houghton's chief of staff. Van Wicklin first started as an intern in Houghton's Washington office in 1991, and went on to serve as staff assistant in the Olean and Corning district offices until 1994; as foreign affairs and defense adviser to Rep. Houghton in Washington until 1998; and then legisla-



Bob Van Wicklin '92

tive director and press secretary until he was named chief of staff in 2003. Van Wicklin then served as transition manager to Representative-elect Kuhl from November 2004 until January 2005. "Working for Randy Kuhl has been, and will continue to be, a great opportunity," Van Wicklin said.

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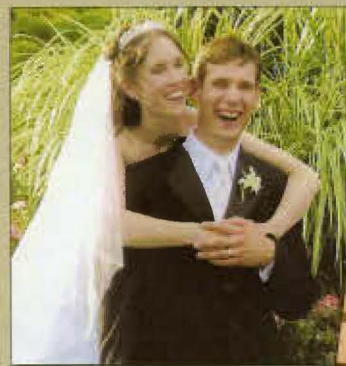
When Eric and Katie (Brooks) Brownell '97 got married, there were plenty of Houghton alumni on hand to see them down the aisle. Pictured behind the bride and groom are (left to right): Andy Hall '96, Carl Greene '96, Mike Lingenfelter '96, Bryan Kowalczyk '96, David Adams '97, Dan Lehning '96, Mark Brownell '99, Carrie Hulse '00, Christy Brownell '04, Dan and Alisha (Consolo '98) Powers '97 and Troy and Melissa (Gifford '97) Nelson '96.



Mr. & Mrs. Cutting



Mr. & Mrs. Drew



Mr. & Mrs. Teitsma



At Joel and Laure (Hanks '05) Kline's wedding, these were some of the Houghton alumni who were in attendance (from left to right): Stephanie (Moeller '04) Tanis, Heidi Tilton '05, David Pascoe '04, the bride, Noel Habashy '04 and Amanda Frey '05. Caryn Hanks '01 didn't make it into the picture.



Mr. & Mrs. Pickett



Mr. & Mrs. Trant

Down the Aisle

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Future Alumni

Blake and Nicole (Hayes '02) Arensen '03
 Jim and Rachel (Elliott '96) Baldwin

Don and Michelle (Waton '99) Bannio
 Matthew and Tabitha (VanDoren '05) Berryman

Joel and Jennifer (Carl '02) Bullock
 Lloyd and Ramona (Minniefield '93) Ervin
 Shawn and Tammi (Marzolla '93) Gale '92
 Josh and Kelly (Simson '03) Gibbel '03
 Steve and Bethany (Cooke '99) Harry
 Jason and Susan (Smith '95) Herring '95
 Jonathan and Kathie (Christensen '94) Hilsher
 Michael and Emily (Paris '95) Hoffman
 Fred and Carol (Morrison '95) Larca

Nathan and Stephanie (Johnson) Lawrence '97
 Sebastian and Rebecca (Coords '95) Loaiza '06
 Chris and Beth (Homan '99) Lundberg '99
 Jack and Jennifer McGovern '86
 Chris and Jennifer (Lytle '97) McNiven '97
 Bryan and Julie (Light '88) Meck
 John-Paul Roederer '93 and Jihane
 Glenn and Deborah Rutland '86
 Mark and Christine (King '99) Shuttleworth '98
 Kyle and Sara (Gagnon '00) Stevenson '96

Eric and Alana (Davis '97) Torraca '98
 John and Lynne (Jayne '86) Turner

Madelyn Hayes	7/19/07
Abigail Elizabeth	1/19/07
Caitlin Ruth	1/19/07
Isabella Rose	4/3/06
Tekoa	7/06
Kaylyn	8/07
Avery Olivia	5/18/07
Mia Nicole	6/22/07
Caleb	6/13/05
Collin Joshua	3/25/07
Rachel Renée	2/22/07
Nathan Ryan	4/26/06
Caleb Lewis	12/1/05
Mariel Grace	3/14/06
Alexa Johanna	3/22/05
Corinne Victoria	9/17/06
Rebekah Grace	7/27/07
Josiah S.	8/16/07
Annabeth Victoria	7/19/06
Silas John	4/15/07
William Michael Donald (Liam)	6/15/07
Pierce Bryan	12/19/06
Luca	6/27/07
Nathaniel Roger William	4/27/06
Caleb Mark	3/10/07
Samuel Mark	10/28/03
MollyGrace Rose	11/30/06
Nicholas Willam	7/24/07
Jonathan Elliot	7/28/06



Madelyn Hayes Arensen



Baldwin children: (top, left to right) Caleb, Andrew, (bottom left to right) Caitlin, Abigail



Tekoa (right) and Kaylyn Berryman



Isabella Rose Bannio (right) and Annabeth Victoria Lundberg



William Michael Donald (Liam) McNiven



Jennifer (Carl '02) and Joel Bullock with Avery Olivia

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Future Alumni



Samuel Mark and MollyGrace Rose Stevenson



Caleb Mark Shuttleworth



Mariel Grace Hoffman



Caleb Lewis Hilsher



Jonathan Elliot Turner



Rebekah Grace Lawrence



Pierce Bryan Meck



The Rutlands with their new son (far right), Nathaniel Roger William.



Collin Joshua Gibbel



Silas John McGovern



Nicholas William Torraca

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A GROUP OF HOUGHTON FRIENDS from the class of 2000 got together recently to spend an extended weekend in Silver Spring, MD. Pictured are (left to right): **Heather (Conklin '00) Huth, Doug and Rachel (Johnson '00) Graham '00, Andrew Huth '00** (who took the picture), **Mindy (Lewis '00) Hanawalt, Danielle (Teves '00) Hollenbach, Michael Hanawalt, Allen Hollenbach '00** (holding football), **Kristine Hess '00** and **Paul Ulrich '00**.

96 **Harry and Amy (Wells) McDougall** are living in upstate New York with their three children: Steven, 11, Noelle, 5 and Logan, 3. Harry is employed by FedEx Ground while Amy works as a school psychologist for a preschool agency. Amy was recently elected to the board of directors for the Prader-Willi Alliance of New York. She will also be running a marathon-length team relay with her mother and two sisters this fall in honor of daughter Noelle, who is diagnosed with Prader-Willi Syndrome. For more information, visit their website at www.firstgiving.com/TeamNoellePWS or friends can e-mail the family at amcdoug@twcnny.rr.com.

Crista Force earned her doctor-

ate in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in science education from Texas A&M University in August. She has accepted a tenure-track position this fall as an assistant professor in science education at Baylor University.

Adam Owen has been named North Carolina Governor for the American Advertising Federation's Ad Clubs. He manages and maintains four Ad Clubs in North Carolina on a volunteer basis in addition to his work at Fairway Outdoor Advertising in Greensboro. Owen married in 2006 and he and his wife Sara can be reached at adamowen@triad.rr.com.

Kyle Stevenson completed his master of fine arts degree from the University of Delaware in 2002. Recently

he was offered tenure and promoted to associate professor at Mercer County (NJ) Community College, where he teaches painting and drawing. Stevenson and his wife, **Sarah (Gagnon '00)**, live in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, with their children: Samuel, 2 and MollyGrace, 7 months (see *Future Alumni*). Sarah has resigned from her position as a first grade teacher to stay at home with the children. Friends can e-mail them at stevenson721@yahoo.com.

98 **Jennifer (Heise) Córdova** got married last fall in Harrisburg, PA (see *Down the Aisle*). She met her husband in Mexico where Jennifer was serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The couple plans to continue



WHAT DO THESE THREE alumni couples have in common? A last name (the husbands are brothers) and the fact that they all met at Houghton. Pictured are: (from left) **Lee and Liz (Sherwood '99) Thurber '97** from Lancaster, PA; **Tim and Tami (Zerbe '90) Thurber '94**, who live in Otego, NY; and **Geoff and Melani (Slupeaceki '00) Thurber '01** from Vernon, CT.

serving in Mexico with Wycliffe, in the area of Bible translation.

99 **Misty (Arnold) Logan** has married (see *Down the Aisle*) and lives in Millington, TN, with her husband Tony. He is a middle school science teacher and she is teaching mathematics and French at Tipton-Rosemark Academy.

00 After having taught music in a middle school in New York for six years **Laúrel (Blakely) Harris** has married (see *Down the Aisle*) and teaches music at an elementary school in Texas. Her husband is a sergeant in the U.S. Army, deployed in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

02 **Jennifer Walters** has completed her master's degree in government administration from the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. She has accepted a new position as senior program officer for the M. Night Shyamalan Foundation in Malvern, PA.

03 **Joshua and Heather (Bruce) Trant** married (see *Down the Aisle*) with **Toby Cushing** and **Ben Yanda** as groomsmen and **Tim Snyder** (the bride's cousin) as an usher. Heather has completed her master's degree in physician assistant studies at the University of Texas Southwestern



Karen Buell '03

Medical Center and practices in gastroenterology. Joshua is working on his

Tietje each received one of the 214 degrees—theirs were masters of divin-



AT A RECENT LYTLE family reunion there were Houghton alumni from three generations. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) **Wes and Becky (Tam '66) Lytle '67, Jennifer (Lytle '97) McNiven, Liam McNiven** (in Jennifer's arms) and **Chris McNiven '98. Seated: Robert and Louise (Dietrich '41) Lytle '39.**

master's degree in humanities at the University of Dallas. Friends can e-mail them at hltrant@gmail.com.

Karen Buell has been appointed as a mortgage consultant by PeoplesBank, where she has been employed since 2006. Buell completed the bank's management development program before becoming assistant branch manager of the East Longmeadow, MA, office. Buell is working towards a master's in business administration at the University of Massachusetts' Isenberg School of Management.

04 **Megan (Springstead) Neurock** has completed her New Hampshire State Initial Special Education Certification for grades K-12. She plans to complete the 12 credits needed for her master's degree in the next two years. In the fall, Neurock started a new position as a special education teacher for the Cutler Elementary School in Swanzey, NH.

H. Merle Wilson and Adam

ity—awarded by Princeton Theological Seminary in May. The three-year graduate degree is the basic professional degree for ministry.

P.A.C.E.

B4 After completing the P.A.C.E. program, **Paula Fox** found a new position with Paychex as a human resources representative and consultant. She is now the human resources manager for Fairbank Farms, where she is responsible for recruiting, hiring and training new employees and for planning and coordinating development plans for all salaried employees. Fox also oversees the company's benefit plans.

Y4 **Christopher Malayny** has accepted a position in alliance and new business development with Walt Disney World in Orlando.

REMEMBRANCE

32 **Paul Vogan** died May 19; he was 96. Born in Sandy Lake, PA, on June 15, 1910, Vogan showed talent in music and athletics from an early age. At Houghton he earned letters in four sports and set records in track and field events. He was named to Houghton's Athletic Hall of Honor. He coached basketball at the college and had a winning basketball team at Mooers High School, where he taught math and science. He was district school principal in Mooers from 1944-1970.

Vogan was the first president of the New York State School Administrators

Association, and, after retiring in 1970, he was elected president of the New York State Retired Teachers Association and secretary of the National Retired Teachers Association. He continued to play organ regularly at age 96.

Vogan and his wife Elizabeth, who survives, had five children, who survive, including: **Robert Vogan '60**, **John Vogan '62** and **Carolyn (Vogan '66) Tysinger**; 12 grandchildren, including **Rohn Vogan '84**, **Jonathan Vogan '85**, **Kimberly (Vogan '87) Kerr** and **Jeffrey Vogan '91**; 26 great-grandchildren, including **Andrew Vogan '09**

and **Jonathan Vogan '10** and several nephews and nieces. His parents and both brothers predeceased him.

35 **Ethel (Doty) Zuber Cox**, 94, died at Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland, FL, on January 20. The daughter of missionary parents, she was raised in India, returning to the States to attend Houghton Academy for her senior year, then Houghton College, from which she graduated *magna cum laude*. She served with her husband, **Eddie Zuber '31**, in several Wesleyan churches in the Michi-

43 **Malcom "Dudley" Phillips, M.D.**, 86, of Fort Myers, FL, a family physician in Darlington, MD, for more than 50 years, died on September 14. Phillips attended St. Paul's School for Boys in Baltimore, MD, before coming to Houghton. He completed medical school at the University of Maryland during World War II, partially financed by working nights at Bethlehem Steel. He interned at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore 1945-46 and then did his residency in 1946-47 at Havre de Grace's Harford Memorial Hospital. In May 1947 Phillips opened his practice in the rural community of Darlington, MD, where he would practice for over 50 years and deliver more than 2,000 babies.

Phillips joined the American Academy of Family Physicians in 1952 and became a fellow in 1972. In 1981, he served as president of the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians, and was a member of the Maryland chapter's board of directors since 1979. He served as president of the American Heart Association's Harford County Advisory Board for two years and volunteered his time to numerous groups, including the Harford County Tuberculosis Medical Advisory Board, Northern Maryland Association of Retarded Citizens and the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland. In 1968 he received the Award of Merit from the Governor's Committee to Promote the Employment of the Handicapped.



Phillips was a founding member and the first president of the Darlington Volunteer Fire Company, serving from 1949-1968. He was also a former member of the Darlington Lions Club and served on the Darlington United Methodist Church board of trustees.

In the 1950s Phillips worked with Houghton's **Bob Luckey '37** to establish a fund-raising committee for medical doctors in his class and he started the medical alumni association. He set a personal example of faithfulness in giving by what he called "the drip method:" mailing

a \$50 check for the Houghton Fund every two weeks for more than 50 years! His record of faithful giving is unparalleled in Houghton's history. Using his "drip method," Phillips endowed a seminar room in the Chamberlain Center and a chapel seat in Wesley Chapel, among many other projects.

"My father loved his alma mater with all of his heart," writes **Diane (Phillips '71) Stevens**. She recalls that he helped set the cornerstone for the "old" wing of East (now Gillette) Hall and sponsored a college choir tour stop at the Darlington United Methodist Church in the 1970s. He was named Alumnus of the Year in 1969. He delivered the benediction at the Commencement ceremony in 2004, during which he handed his granddaughter **Megan (Springstead**

'04) Neurock her diploma.

Phillips is survived by his wife, Peggy; by five children, including Stevens and **Neal Phillips '74**; by 10 grandchildren, including Neurock and by one great-grandchild. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two children.

gan Conference. Following his death in 1972, Cox moved to Lakeland and taught preschool and kindergarten in a Lutheran preschool. She met Floyd Cox and they married in 1982. Just months after his death in 1999, Cox suffered a stroke which left her partially paralyzed and she entered an extended care facility. She was much loved and kept in contact with over 100 friends that were added to her life throughout the years. Cox is survived by three children, including **Rachel (Zuber '58) Bedford** and **David Zuber '65**; four stepchildren and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

70 Calvin S. Tyler, 58, of Camp Hill, PA, went home to be with his Lord while vacationing in Michigan on July 31. Tyler was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Shiremanstown, PA, and was secondary principal of Bible Baptist School. He also worked at H&R Block during the tax season for many years. He enjoyed coaching and playing golf. Tyler was preceded in death by his younger brother, **Keith Tyler '77**. Surviving are his wife of 36 years, **Irene (Denhollandr '69)**, and his two children, including **Sharilyn (Tyler '93) Bonura**. Also surviving are two grandchildren and his parents; sisters and brothers, including **Jaqueline (Tyler '63) Henry** and **Carl Tyler '74**, and his sister-in-law (Keith's wife), **Priscilla (Dayton '75) Tyler**.

Faculty/Staff

Catherine Daggett, former adjunct faculty at the equestrian center, died May 16 from injuries sustained in a car accident. Born March 8, 1938, Daggett was a lifelong horsewoman with a desire to share her love of horses and riding with students. In addition to operating her own horse farm at the Bromeley family estate at Belvidere, Daggett taught riding to generations of students, most recently at the college's equestrian center. She was head of the Bradford Pony Club for many years and a member of the Bradford Literary Club. Daggett was predeceased by her father and husband. Surviving

are her mother, two children and their spouses, six grandchildren, a brother and several nieces and nephews.

Shirley Hubbard Rees, 92, died June 4. Rees worked in the registrar's office at Houghton College before retiring more than 25 years ago. She was a former secretary at the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association when it was located in Syracuse, where she had been born in 1914. She was married in 1979 to David Rees, who died in 1996. After his death, Rees moved to Batavia, NY, where she became active in the First Wesleyan Church. She is survived by a stepson, **Arland Rees '50**; two step-grandchildren, **Carole (Rees '72) Ensell** and **John Rees '75**; four step-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Herman Osterhus went to heaven September 19, just days before his 75th birthday, after a long struggle with lung cancer. His entire immediate family and eight grandchildren were with him for some great moments of singing, scripture readings and prayer throughout his final afternoon and evening. Osterhus was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH, and of Yale University in 1954. He began his career at the Bank of New York and worked for the United Jersey Bank and People's Bank of South Bergen County (NJ) before spending 20 years at the United States Trust Company of New York. In 1996 he and his wife Carol relocated to Wake Forest, NC, and became members of the North Ridge Church in Raleigh.

Osterhus served several terms on the Houghton College President's Advisory Board (PAB), including a term as chairman. During his tenure, the PAB was instrumental in building the president's new house and renovating Big Al's snack shop.

Osterhus is survived by Carol, his wife of 49 years; four children, including **Craig Osterhus '87** and **Brian Osterhus '89** and his sister.

Lois G. Wing lost her life in a farm tractor accident on May 5. Born in Warsaw, NY, in 1935, Wing graduated from Warsaw Central School in 1953. She completed her RN training in 1956, shortly after she married **Richard L. Wing**. Together they experienced 21 years in the Air Force, during which time four children were born to them. Later, they came to Houghton, where she began a 20-year career as an administrative staff



member in student financial aid and in academic records. Her administrative duties at Houghton brought her in contact with almost all Houghton students. Also, she and her husband frequently fed student groups at their home in East Koy. She was known for her radiant, joyous personality, her infectious giggle, her wide circle of friends and her love for parlor games. In 2006, the Wings took their whole family to Hawaii for a week to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

A 30-year member of Castile Baptist Church, Lois headed the missions committee, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was a leader in the mothers of pre-schoolers program. She was also a member of the Gideons' Auxiliary for over 30 years and served for one year as New York state chaplain. She is survived by her husband Dick, emeritus professor of writing and a former administrator at Houghton College; their four children, including **Edward Wing '85** and **Alan Wing '84**; her sister, **Eileen (Griffen '52) Spear**, and a brother.