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How do you
picture service?

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A broad view of service

By Douglas E. Roorbach '81



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ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS about working on a college campus is that you never know when a philosophical discussion is going to break out—and if you're not careful you're liable to learn something. About a month ago I was sitting in a dull committee meeting, trying to stay awake, when a discussion flared regarding the concepts of vocation, careers, and service. We were trying to figure out how to survey alumni regarding their activities after graduation: whether they went to graduate schools, entered the workforce, or started families.

One committee member pointed out that, as Christians, our "vocation" (in its primary meaning as "a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action; especially: a divine call to the religious life" [Merriam-Webster]) might have little to do with our careers and more to do with service. This led us down another path altogether—discussing the concept of service and how to survey our alumni regarding their involvement in service activities, at their churches, or in their communities.

I'd had a taste of this issue some time ago, when my grandmother would talk about her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren (she lived a long time) who were in "full-time Christian service." When Grandma Chew said that, she meant they were either missionaries or pastors, like my uncles or sister. She wouldn't have included teachers who are modeling Christian living each day, nor stay-at-home parents, who pour themselves into raising a godly family: driving them to lessons and practices, volunteering at their schools, cooking, cleaning, and managing households. I loved my grandmother—she taught me a lot about walking with the Lord—but whenever she said "full-time Christian service" it burned me up.

So when we settled on the topic of "service" for this issue of *Milieu*, I had some idea of how complicated it might get. We chose "service" because in the last several issues we've been sharing the qualities that make Houghton College unique. Through the years Houghton has changed, so that each of us has had a Houghton experience that differs slightly—as Shirley Mullen pointed out so well in her Founders' Day address. Yet certain bedrock qualities remain, as timeless as the creek stone on our buildings. In this year's annual report (see page 31), and in other publications as well, we have emphasized four of those qualities:

- A tradition of academic excellence,
- A foundation of faith, and
- A commitment to service...
- In an intentional community.

In last June's *Milieu* we focused on the Houghton community, and in October's issue we talked about faith. Every issue includes a special "People & Programs" section highlighting a particular academic area.

We hope you will come to see service as broadly as possible: from selling tires and coaching your son's basketball team to serving soup for the hungry. We want to portray the very point that committee member was making: our "vocation" as Christians may be—in fact, probably is—a different entity than our career. However, the way we conduct ourselves in our careers does reflect on our "call to the religious life."

What is that calling? "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever," says the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Grandma Chew, who is doing just that, would say: "Amen!"



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From the editor:

In response to his article, "Frightening Gamble" [fall 2003], David Huth '95 received an outpouring of letters, some sent directly to him and some sent to *Milieu*. Those sent to *Milieu* are printed in the lengthy letters section that follows. We asked Huth to write a general response to both the letters he received directly and to those printed here.

At least one reader questioned *Milieu's* purpose in running Huth's article, then offered a possible rationale: to stimulate discussion and honest debate about the Christian faith. We think that's a good reason. It is important to note that the college—and even the *Milieu* staff—does not always agree with everything presented in these pages. In the words of the college catalog, though, we do "strive to provide a challenging environment which is also nurturing and supportive." As Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82 wrote so eloquently in her article ["Why I Teach at Houghton"] in the same issue: "We also pose questions about the nature of God as we wrestle together to understand more fully the Love that carries us through this life."
—Editor

Frightening Gamble

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the *Milieu* for including in the fall 2003 edition David Huth's poignant self-analysis ["Frightening Gamble," fall 2003] since the discovery of his leukemia. David's courage to confess his "angst" as a Christian in the face of life-threatening cancer is to be commended, since all too many Christians conclude uncritically that fear of death is simply the consequence of inadequate faith.

Like Job, David is confronting God with his anger and perhaps even bitterness as he senses (rightly or wrongly) his life is falling apart. The point is that he feels it is falling apart, and other Christians do likewise, with the difference that most other Christians are unwilling to admit going through what St. John of the cross calls "the dark night of the soul."

What should be encouraging to un-

derstand is that a feeling of abandonment by God or fearing loss of God's protection often has nothing to do with sin or inadequate faith. God tests his own by allowing the rain "to fall on the just and unjust." Even the Psalmist David who was characterized by God as his "friend" sometimes cried out to God: "Why have you forsaken me?" What is reassuring is that the Psalmist David came through the pain to an increasingly mature faith in God, and I am fully confident that his namesake will do likewise.

I like the sure confidence of the Apostle Paul who underwent terrible personal trials but who could say to the Philippian Christians: "He who has begun a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." You say, David, that you are engaged in a "frightening gamble," yet the outcome is certain. As with Pascal's famous "wager," it seems obvious in your article that you are staking your life on the surest bet in this world, namely, that "God is, and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him."

I call upon all of David's friends to bear him up before the throne of God's mercy and grace in supplication for renewed hope and strength as well as for continued remission of his leukemia. Let's pray that he will have fewer agonizing valleys to pass through and more spiritually energizing mountains to climb as he moves forward in his pilgrimage toward his heavenly home.

Paul Johnson, professor emeritus
Houghton, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

Wow! "Frightening Gamble," by Dave Huth in the fall 2003 issue was a refreshing dose of honesty and openness. If you love life, you want to hang on to it. It's that simple. Christianity doesn't provide all the answers. It just offers a safe place to ask the questions. I am really glad *Milieu* ran this piece. When I was in college, I often felt Houghton tried to give me the answers. Ironically (or perhaps as a result), it was there that I learned to question accepted wisdom, to think for myself, and to listen to my

heart. Sounds like I'm not alone. Thank you, Dave, for rejecting clichés and platitudes, and for giving us your heart instead.

Sally Parker '85
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

Dave Huth's article ["Frightening Gamble," fall 2003] acquainted us with a modern-day Job—with some very disturbing differences. Job's "comforters" did little to help him, and his present day counterpart needs none of them either. He has our prayers and well wishes and it would be great to leave it to that. But even a casual reader would be struck by the disturbing spectacle of a Christian college publication promoting the idea that biblical faith is a "frightening gamble!"

Huth struggles with feelings—or lack of them. A detachment from reality. Fear. Resentment of trite and shallow clichés. Any of us who have experienced something of "the dark night of the soul" will fully sympathize. But is the bedrock doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus and of our participation in it a "desperate gamble?"

Somewhere along the way Huth has picked up the pseudo-Christian philosophy of faith as a "leap in the dark," and it has come home to haunt him in his hour of need. "Hope" in the New Testament sense is not the subjective wish or feeling as we use the word today. It is the confidence of an objective reality. "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered..." (Hebrews 6:19-20).

"Faith," someone has said, "is the acknowledgement of what God has said, and the willingness to do it." It is a leap out of, not into, the darkness.

Ernie Preston '50
Fillmore, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for having the fortitude to print the "Huth-Gamble" article [fall 2003]. It is not often that alternative viewpoints are entertained in this com-

munity. If not comforting, the article was at least an honest attempt at reconciling the enigmatic and often ineffable incongruities of our faith. Perhaps this type of vulnerable and candid reflection will allow others to enter more meaningful dialog, one that will examine and counter the superfluous cliché-rich "god-talk" that is so often offered as solace, but is received by the "careful" believer as nothing more than "ear-candy."

Scot E. Bennett, professor of art
Houghton College

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the fall issue of the *Houghton Milieu*, and your article ("Frightening Gamble" by Dave Huth) disturbed me so much that I felt I needed to write to you.

You see, I, too, have experienced cancer. In 1998, one year after retiring from teaching in the music department at Houghton, the phone rang and my doctor said, "You know, that lump on your leg was cancer." He sounded almost as shocked as I was. At the time of the call, I had been preparing for a Bible study I was leading at our church. The first question said to meditate on Phillipians 4: 6-7: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

As I sat down after taking the call and hearing all of the tests and doctor's appointments he had already set up for me, I stared at my assignment. I looked up the Bible verses and not only meditated on them, but I memorized them. Every time I had doubts or fears about the outcome of this ordeal, I repeated those verses and asked God to give me the peace He had promised.

Any serious illness makes us focus on ourselves, but I have some suggestions for you. First, read your Bible every day, meditate on a passage, and pray often. Thank Him for another day to look to Him for strength and guidance and ask Him to increase your faith. Remember

in Mark 9:24 the father whose son had a destructive spirit? Jesus said if he could believe, all things were possible. The father cried out, "I believe; help thou my unbelief." We all doubt at times, whether we are sick or well, but we don't have to continue to doubt.

Start thinking about what is real. Phillipians 4:8 says to think on these things, the first being what is true. It is true that you have leukemia. It is also true that God loves you. He loves you so much that He sent His son to die for you. Think of all the positives in your life—not just the material ones, but especially the spiritual. Are you still in remission? Hasn't God given you the marvelous gift of creativity and the ability and opportunity to express it?

Finally, and most importantly, start spending more time thinking about God than yourself. Remember that as a child of God, you need to love and serve Him. Ask yourself if all that you are doing is pleasing to God and glorifying Him. It is so easy to get caught up in materialism and the pleasures of this life, but nothing is so important as pleasing God.

We all love this beautiful, exciting world and all it has to offer. Remember, though, as a Christian, this earth is not our home. We are pilgrims and strangers here. If the Lord chooses to take you to Himself, and as you said, we will all be there someday, if we confessed our sins and received the free gift of salvation through the blood of Jesus, rejoice that you will have that much longer to enjoy His presence and worship Him with the multitude of believers that have predeceased you.

Believe me, I understand your confusion and questions, because I experienced many of the same feelings. However, the suggestions I have made for you have helped me to grow closer to the Lord and to trust Him in every aspect of my life.

As an artist, it is only reasonable that you would want to create a work of art that would define your talents and artistic ability. My prayer is that you will love, trust, and serve the Lord in such a way that your life will become

God's masterpiece.

Sincerely,
Betty R. Giles
Belmont, N.Y.

[Huth responds]

It's impossible for me to reply fully in a small space to the overwhelming quantity of letters I received after publication of my recent essay ("Frightening Gamble," fall 2003). All who wrote, like me, care about these ideas and about Houghton College as a place where Christian faith is taken seriously and pursued with passion.

The responses I received fell roughly into two categories. Most notes were from people expressing support and gratitude that I had put in writing thoughts and feelings similar to their own. I was happy to receive these because the essay was difficult to write, and I hoped that my story might encourage some others to try to stay a Christian even if they don't feel up to the task.

A second group of responses were from folks who were less encouraging. Many of them used a form of the word "disturb." It was never my intent to disturb or offend anyone. In general, these honest writers wished to make the case that a Christian can have a full assurance of heaven, that Christianity can offer a perfect comfort and peace in all of life's crises, and that the Holy Spirit can give us a supernatural joy and calm in the face of death, allowing us to know the certainty of Christianity's truth. I have no reason to disbelieve any of these things.

What I find impossible to accept, however, is that authentic faith must be characterized this way. If I did, I would be forced to exclude myself from our religion and relationship with God. Some who wrote me have come to the same conclusion.

To some, if my faith is clung to with trembling and fear, in desperate hope despite my inability to feel sure about what happens after I die, then this is not good enough. One claims it is not Biblical faith, but rather a "pseudo Christian philosophy." Another suggests it represents

self-centered thinking and not enough time in prayer and Bible reading. My "faith" is inappropriate and not real; it gives a wrong impression of Christian life, from an incorrect education about Christian truth, according to another.

It may be true that I'm a sorry example of what makes a good Christian, but I can't accept that my faith is not good enough to qualify me as a Christian at all. My love for Jesus (and for others who find it hard to be a Christian but try anyway) prevents me.

Some letters suggest that I don't have truly Christian faith, asserting that Christianity should offer comfort in my darkest hours. Yet these folks offered me none. I have rarely, if ever, been comforted by Christianity, or by any argument about how to correctly believe its propositions. I have, however, been comforted more times than I can count by Christians.

One person who read my essay, whose own faith clearly has little (or no) similarity to my struggle, offered me unexpected friendship in response, with no expressed desire to change my mind about "objective reality." This 12-year-old boy has done more to assure me of Christ's love and faithfulness than the 60 letters I received. To him, especially, I say, "Thank you."

Generalizing about Tanzania?

Dear Editor:

First, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the *HOUGHTON Milieu* for faithfully serving as a link between me and Houghton College for the last 26 years. Houghton molded me into what I am today; I am yet to find an institution that has influenced my life like it.

Second, my main concern is to respond to the article by Prof. Rich Perkins ["Reflections on Tanzania," fall 2003]. He shared his reflections concerning his visit to Tanzania with Houghton's program. I learned about this program from President Chamberlain when I visited Houghton in June 2001. I was impressed by the changes and developments at Houghton

over the years, therefore, I was excited when I saw the article on Houghton's activities in my next-door country.

However, I was disappointed in the way Perkins advanced his theory of contingency thinking. He associates contingency thinking with modernization and implies that Tanzania's are undeveloped. Whereas I want to agree with Perkins's observation of bumps, farming on hill slopes, and the duct tape issue, I find the evidence too insignificant to make the kind of generalizations he makes. I think his short stay in Tanzania was not sufficient to allow him to speak about a culture that has existed for thousands of years. I can cite several examples that suggest a lack of contingency thinking among Americans I saw in three weeks I visited the U.S. in November 2003. The tendency of scholars and tourists who visit a people for a few weeks and then speak authoritatively as experts is annoying.

What is most disturbing in Perkins's article is the fact that he based his argument on 19th-century theories. In particular, I believe he borrowed from Levy-Bruhl's theory, which was based on social structures. According to him, societies are divided in two: civilized and primitive. The civilized mentality that corresponds to that of Europeans is trained to analyze and think logically, always seeking the cause of natural phenomena. The primitive mentality, in contrast, is that of undeveloped peoples and is pre-logical and mystical. They do not inquire into objective causal connections, but are, instead, supernatural oriented. This kind of thinking in modern times does not augur well with Africans. It is equally in bad taste considering the mission and vision of Houghton College. Prof. Perkins would do well if he familiarized himself with modern social theories as well as a good understanding of the Biblical teaching about God's people. Only in this way would he serve Houghton College satisfactorily and reach out without bias and prejudice to God's people throughout the world.

Adam Chepkwony '76,
prof. of religion,
Moi University, Eloret, Kenya

Dear Editor:

Professor Perkins makes several statements that reflect an ethnocentric bias and lack of sociological scholarship. He makes numerous observations about what he calls the "lack of contingency planning" in Tanzania. He describes seeing an extension cord that presented a hazard to pedestrians at the airport in Dar es Salaam and concludes that this hazard could have been avoided by use of a "simple, inexpensive duct-tape solution." That certainly seems plausible. However, did Professor Perkins see any duct tape for sale in Tanzania? If so, how much did it cost? Let us compare the cost of duct tape and the average per capita adult income in Tanzania of \$270 U.S. dollars. If, for example, duct tape costs the equivalent of \$2.70 in U.S. dollars, then it would represent 1/100 of the annual income for the average Tanzanian. If the average person living in Allegany County earns \$27,000 per year and buys duct tape for \$2.70, then the cost of the duct tape represents 1/10,000 of this individual's annual income. What is simple and inexpensive in the U.S. is not necessarily so simple and inexpensive in other parts of the world.

Professor Perkins states that "Tanzania's best national highway isn't even up to the standards of our typical country road" and tells of his experiences on these roads. I find it shocking that anyone would be so foolish as to travel cross-country in a land cruiser towing a trailer at 100 kilometers per hour, while apparently not wearing seat belts. Does this represent contingency thinking, or even rational thinking, on the part of Professor Perkins and the driver of this vehicle?

Professor Perkins's "reflections" reflect his ethnocentric worldview and not the application of any known sociological research methodology. I suggest he revisit Herbert Blumer's *Symbolic Interactionism, Perspective and Method*. Blumer concludes the introduction to this seminal work with this simple injunction to sociologists: "Respect the nature of the empirical world and organize a methodological stance to reflect

that respect." Respect is exactly what is lacking in Perkins's article.

Nyla (Schroth '78) Gaylord
Albion, N.Y.

[Perkins responds]

I wrote that Tanzania is a beautiful country with wonderful people. But their society is also, in my opinion, plagued by serious problems. Thoughtless farming practices, terrible roads and worse drivers, and a simply awful healthcare system are among the "messy" conditions that must be faced squarely, not smothered by politically correct happy talk.

Prof. Chepkwony reasonably suggests that had I stayed longer my opinion could have changed. Quite likely, but how long must one visit Africa to see the AIDS problem for what it is? The horrific rate of traffic fatalities? The rapidly expanding population of orphans? Was not the professor able, by his own admission, to visit the U.S. for three weeks and spot some of our faults?

I take strong exception to the professor's assertion that my observations on Tanzania's problems are "in bad taste considering the mission and vision of Houghton College." Our mission here is to profess the truth as God gives us light to see that truth, and that's what I'm doing. Our mission necessitates open debate and disagreement. It is worse than "bad

taste" to suggest otherwise.

I also want to point out that my comments involving contingency thinking haven't the least connection to Levy-Buhl's misguided musings on "primitive minds." My inspiration comes from the same modernization theory explicated in every introductory sociology textbook.

Nyla Gaylord thinks I'm ethnocentric because I think Tanzania is a mess. By her definition, critics of other cultures are guilty of ethnocentrism. By that definition, who *isn't* ethnocentric? I am guessing that Nyla is appalled by the African practice of female circumcision. If so, wouldn't that make *her* ethnocentric? Or about the fact that many Tanzanian Muslims are deeply ethnocentric about us? (If one criticizes people from another culture for being ethnocentric, doesn't that make one ethnocentric?)

Nyla points out that, to a Tanzanian, a roll of duct tape costs a day's wages, and asks if it was even on sale there. Yes, it is on sale (for about \$.50 U.S.). Keep in mind that the missing tape was to hold down the cord of a very expensive computer. Poverty is *not* the issue.

To be brief, the charge of ethnocentrism is, I believe, a distraction. Prof. Chepkwony asks what I believe is the important question here: Are Americans the model to follow when it comes to contingency thinking? For one thing,

our rational system may be headed for a complete ecological meltdown if the critics of industrial capitalism are correct (and I think they are). As others have pointed out, in the long run, rationality tends to sponsor its own demise. This, in my mind, is the *real* issue of contingency thinking.

Respectfully,
Rich Perkins, prof. of sociology

Another revival remembered

Dear Editor:

I read "When God Comes Down" [fall 2003] with great interest, but remembered that in 1934, there was another campus revival that rocked the college. Classes became prayer meetings and the Holy Spirit invaded every corner of student life.

I was a rule-breaking junior, but the prayers of classmates and teachers brought me to the altar at the old Wesleyan church. Students led the meetings, and I believe Malcolm Cronk was the preacher. Bess Fancher and Elizabeth Arlin (teachers) had prayed much for me.

God has given me many years of service for Him and it all began in 1934 at Houghton College.

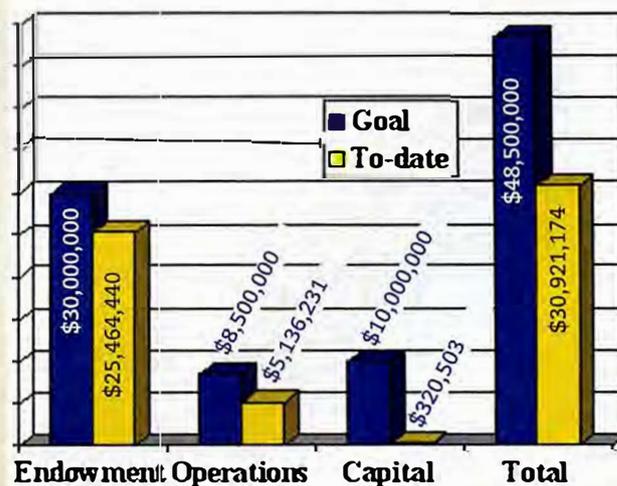
Vera (Hall '35) Staples
Hudson, Fla.

Campaign update

The Houghton Fund has passed the \$5 million mark during the campaign, a cause for joy. This fund primarily supplies funds to supplement the operational budget each year. Please prayerfully consider an increase in your annual gift to the Houghton Fund and act today.

Advancement personnel are in the process of identifying donors for gifts of all sizes to the capital portion of the campaign. This portion includes four separate building projects: the renovation of the Paine Science Center, a refurbishing of Wesley Chapel, the construction of a new visual arts center, and the establishment of a modern fitness facility.

Finally, the campaign continues to accrue gifts for the college endowment, surpassing \$25 million to date. With less than 30 months left in the campaign, the campaign still needs gifts in this area, which are so vital for the future financial stability of the college.



Faculty News

Baxter exhibits work

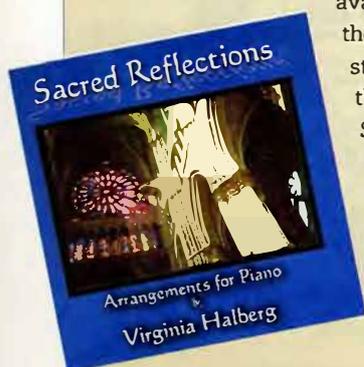
Gary Baxter, professor of art, is part of a three-person invitational show, "Surface, Form, and Line," from November 3-December 5, at Concordia University in Irvine, Calif. Seven of his works are included in the exhibit.

Dashnau presents paper

Laurie Dashnau, assistant professor of English, presented her paper, "Virtuous Lying: The Oxy-moron of Maya Angelou's *Italicized Passage* in 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,'" at the New York Central English Association Conference on autobiography, at St. John Fisher College, October 10-11.

Halberg releases CD

'71 Virginia (Alexander) Halberg, instructor of piano at Houghton College, has released her CD "Sacred Reflections." A collection of 16 original arrangements of classic hymns that Halberg had previously published in three books for solo piano, the collection includes "Great is Thy Faithfulness," "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus," "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," "Be Thou My Vision," and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," among others. Copies of "Sacred Reflections" are for sale at the college's campus store or online at (<http://campus.houghton.edu/orgs/store/storemain.asp>). Halberg's books, *Glory, Honor, and Power*, and *PianoSong*, are also available in the campus store. Her third book, *Sacred Reflections*, will be available by July.



Mullen, Westmont provost, receives honorary doctorate



Models of scholarship: Founders' Day 2003 keynote speaker Shirley Mullen '76 (right) pauses with mentor and friend emeritus professor of history Dr. Kay Lindley '43.

DR. SHIRLEY MULLEN '76, professor of history and provost of Westmont College (Calif.), received an honorary doctorate of humane letters as the keynote speaker at Houghton's 2003 Founders' Day Convocation on Friday, Oct. 3.

Mullen's address, "A Thorough Education for Fixing up the World," offered a reflection on the historical context in which Houghton was founded. Mullen explored how Willard Houghton's vision is still relevant for our world today.

"May we, like our founder, Willard Houghton, dare to forego conformity to this world—dare to be transformed by the renewing of our minds—so that we may make ourselves available to God's perfect will—and become His surprising instruments for fixing up the world in our generation," said Mullen.

Mullen began teaching at Westmont in 1984, becoming a full professor in

1995. She has taught courses in civilization, English history, European history, politics, philosophy of history, among others. She has also led numerous short-semester study trips to Europe.

In addition to her classroom responsibilities, Mullen has been active in administrative capacities, serving as chair of the faculty, department chair, and interim academic dean, as well as on a variety of academic committees. She was named provost in 2002.

Mullen has published numerous articles and book chapters on history and education and speaks regularly at Rotary, Kiwanis, and other civic and professional organizations.

She holds a master's degree in history from the University of Toronto, a doctorate in history from the University of Minnesota, and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Wales.

President's Advisory Board honors Hutton

THE President's Advisory Board presented Sue (Cooper '79) Hutton with its 2003 award in October.

The annual award honors an outstanding person selected on the bases of commitment to Christ and the advancement of his kingdom; contributions to the college through time, talents, and resources; and an active and continuing interest in Houghton College.

Hutton is treasurer for Houghton's Foundation of Canada, where she plays an integral part in helping Canadians to support Houghton students through scholarships.

Hutton brings to her service on the board a keen knowledge of key churches and people in the Canadian Christian community and she has developed a relationship with a Toronto brokerage firm

to get the best exchange rate for monies coming to Houghton.

A good portion of Houghton's Canadian students—there are currently 31—are here because Hutton told them about Houghton. She drove several of them here so they could experience for themselves the school she loves.

Besides her efforts to bring students to Houghton, Hutton is an active member of her church, Forward Baptist of Cambridge, Ontario, and helps her husband manage his family medicine practice. They have three children, Alastair, Andrew, and Heather. In her spare time—when she's not managing the building project of her husband's new medical building—Hutton enjoys traveling, skiing, and collecting antique china.



Of 31 Canadian students, many first heard about Houghton from Sue (Cooper '79) Hutton, shown here after receiving her award, with President Chamberlain (left) and Kevin Knowlton '79, board chair.



Murphy (left, shown here with a N.Y.S.E.G. representative) says, "This award affirms for me that some people are attentive to my efforts—and the efforts of my colleagues—in transforming young minds. I am deeply honored..."

Excellence acknowledged

Ted Murphy, professor of art, is the recipient of Houghton College's annual Excellence in Teaching Award, sponsored by the Independent College Fund of New York and funded by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (N.Y.S.E.G.).

Murphy is one of just eight faculty members in the state recognized for making a positive contribution to the teaching climate at their respective colleges.

Murphy earned a bachelor's degree from Mt. Vernon Nazarene College in 1980 and a master of fine arts degree from Ohio State University in 1983.

Murphy has exhibited extensively around the United States and has also delivered public lectures and critiques at conferences and galleries around the country.

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Paige debates at university

Terence Paige, professor of New Testament, debated in favor of the reliability of the gospels at SUNY Geneseo on November 3. The Geneseo student InterVarsity organization hosted the event.

Articles published

David Perkins '88, assistant professor of math, had his article, "A Serendipitous Proof," printed in the November issue of *College Mathematics Journal*.

Gary Stith, associate professor of music and coordinator of music education, had his article, "Williamsville's Innovative Commissioning Consortium," published in the fall 2003 issue of the *National Federation of State High School's Music Association Journal*.

Woolseys present papers

Linda Mills Woolsey '74, professor of English, presented her paper, "Sight Goes Faster: Convention, Speculation, and Belief in Elizabeth Barrett Browning's *Aurora Leigh*," as well as some of her poems, at the Mideast Conference on Christianity and Literature at Bluffton College (Ohio), in October. Stephen Woolsey '73, professor of English, presented his paper, "Jack Clemo and the Redemption of an Erotic Mystical Quest," which explored the influence of Karl Barth's theology of marriage on the life and work of 20th-century Cornish poet Jack Clemo.

Young presents workshops

Jo-Anne Young '69, instructor of horsemanship and director of the equestrian program, presented two workshops on developing balance and accuracy in the rider's seat, at the Certified Horsemanship Association's (CHA) annual conference, in Ward, Colo. She and instructor Michelle LaBarre '02 were selected to serve on the committee to revise and update the *CHA Composite Manual of Horsemanship*.

Students honored for service

FOUR STUDENTS RECEIVED Barnabas Student Leadership Awards in September 2003: Peter Brady of Middle Village, N.Y.; Timothy M. Haffey of South Lyon, Mich.; Emily L. Kinney of Middleburg, Pa.; and Emily G. Munro of Owl's Head, Maine.

Presented to students who lead in the areas of ministry and community service and who also promote servant-leadership, the Barnabas Award receives its funding partially by the Barney II and Moore Foundations.

Brady, a double major in math and physics, serves as president of the campus's Habitat for Humanity chapter. His work with the Genesee Valley chapter has continued the program's extension to Houghton's campus. He spends many Saturdays with a group of Houghton volunteers in Wellsville working on reconstruction and rehabilitation. Also, for the past three years, Brady volunteered spring breaks with the Rochester, Pa.-based Hosanna Industries (a non-profit construction organization) doing blitz-builds and other renovation projects. He donated \$250 of his scholarship money to the Genesee Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

A biology and psychology double

major, Haffey founded "Simple Purities," a Christian non-profit organization serving the poor and underprivileged. He raised the money to fund the construction of a home for a homeless widow and her seven children in the Dominican Republic, and helped build it. Haffey donated the entire \$1000 of his award to Crossroads Ministries (closely affiliated with Simple Purities) in the Dominican Republic. All of the money will go toward building homes for the homeless.

Kinney, a childhood education major, has served as both a First-Year Introduction leader and a residence assistant in East Hall. Since her sophomore year, Kinney has served with Youth for Christ (YFC) in Fillmore and has led in various positions for the Houghton YFC volunteers. She donated \$250 of her scholarship to the Southern Tier chapter of YFC.

An intercultural studies major, Munro was a member of World Missions Fellowship, an Upward Bound tutor, a residence assistant, and a song leader at Hume Baptist Church. For six months of this past year, she was a missionary intern with SIM. She donated \$350 of her scholarship to one of the SIM missionaries among the Maninka people.



Leaders in ministry and community service: (from left) seniors Emily Munro, Tim Haffey, and Peter Brady. (Not available for photo: Emily Kinney)

Why I teach at Houghton

by Andrew Gallman

WHY AM I TEACHING at Houghton College? For 30 years, my wife, Sherry, and I served with Wycliffe Bible Translators/Summer Institute of Linguistics as a language team and associate director in the Philippines, as area director for our translation work in the south Pacific, and as a teacher and director of our training school in Dallas. In Dallas I became familiar with a cooperative agreement between WBT/SIL and Houghton College. WBT had observed that more translators came from Houghton than any other college in the U.S., so they offered personnel to the college to teach linguistic courses and encourage this relationship.

We were getting wonderful young women and men in our school in Dallas. Someone at Houghton had encouraged their interest in missions and translation before they came to us. When the WBT/SIL personnel serving at Houghton in 1998 returned to their field assignment, we volunteered to take their place.

We arrived to teach in the fall semester of 1998. It wasn't an easy transition, but over the months we built relationships with students and faculty and saw what a fine caliber of both were here. The students are intelligent and work hard and are a delight to teach. Even more, they want to put their faith into action. For many their vision is global.



"My students are serving in places I could never go."

This generation is more connected to the rest of the world than any in history. The students want courses that prepare them to relate and work across cultural and language boundaries and barriers.

I chaired a committee to develop a major combining the various missions, anthropology, and linguistic courses taught here. After a year and a half of work, the intercultural studies major was born in the fall of 2000. We have

been blessed with the number of students (nearly 100) who are pursuing it. We have alumni who are in graduate programs and seminary. Some are working with various humanitarian agencies like the Peace Corps and in missions in Kenya, Peru, Malawi, Central America, Tanzania, Uganda, and Sudan. Some work in the U.S. with American Indians and new immigrants. Others are working hard to pay off loans, so they, too, can be free to go wherever the Lord leads.

Teaching at Houghton merges

the experiences and knowledge I have gained over the last three decades and my passion for Bible translation and serving cross-culturally with amazing, talented, visionary students. I can offer my service in one place. My students are serving in places I could never go.

Gallman is an associate professor of linguistics and on service leave from WBT/SIL.

Commitment to service: three who are ready

By R. L. Wing

According to three foreign-language majors, their years at Houghton have been life-changing. They are Cheryl Winter '05 of West Chicago, Ill., Walter Hopkins '04 of Dewittville, N.Y., and Rebekah E. Smith '04 of Boxford, Mass.

Asked what drew them to Houghton, Hopkins cited the Houghton couple next door, Smith had alumni grandparents who worked at Houghton, and Winter was influenced by Wycliffe missionaries and Houghton's linguistics program.

Interestingly, each pursued a double major. For Winter they are

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Spanish and intercultural studies; for Smith, Spanish and psychology. Hopkins squeezed in three: French, Spanish, and adolescence education.

Each has taken advantage of Houghton's study-abroad options. Winter and Smith each spent a semester in Costa Rica and Hopkins a semester in Spain. But these were not their only foreign experiences: Smith,

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before coming to Houghton, made missions trips to the Dominican Republic, and Hopkins, a high-school exchange student in France for two weeks, spent a month there last summer. Winter completed Houghton's short course in conversational Swahili and will spend the spring semester in Tanzania.

"My semester in Costa Rica, combined with the years at Houghton, have helped me see that I am worth something in God's eyes; he wants to use me in a lot of ways, ways that I didn't think were possible before," says Smith.

"While I have grown a lot during my time at Houghton, I grew in leaps and bounds during my time overseas. I became more aware of things around me, and I became more willing to listen," says Hopkins.

What does the future hold? "When I came to college," said Winter, "I was set on going into Bible translation. I came back [from Costa Rica] seeing so many possibilities for me and feeling incredible freedom that, wherever I am and whatever I'm doing, I can be serving God and loving others."

Smith says, "I'm planning on grad. school for psychology, but first I want to go to Guatemala for a year. I would love to serve people instead of going straight to school right after college."

Hopkins, who plans to teach, said that someday he'd like to be "a leader in the study-abroad program, helping other students through the trials and pitfalls."

Their Houghton experience changed Winter, Smith, and Hopkins: they each stand ready for service.

Wing is professor of writing, emeritus.

Reflecting on justice through service-learning

by Rebecca (Coords '95) Loaiza

THIS FALL, THIRD-YEAR Spanish students had the opportunity to engage in a service-learning project at Vive La Casa, a not-for-profit organization in Buffalo, N.Y., whose mission is to advocate for asylum seekers en route to Canada. Because the class Spanish Conversation and Readings focuses on issues of immigration and social justice, this was an ideal setting in which to breathe life into the literature, articles, and conversations that were part of the daily curriculum. Students painted the foyer and hallways of the center bright greens and yellow, representing the richness and diversity of the cultures at Vive and brought smiles and words of thanks from many of the refugees.

Perhaps the most meaningful time of the visits included eating lunch and interacting with refugees from Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia. The large number of Central and South Americans allowed students to achieve their purpose for learning Spanish: communication and relationships. Rather than finding people very different from themselves, my students were struck with their similarities. Most refugees had left family and friends in order

to escape injustice. Many were highly educated. All had talents and abilities.

Foreign language students are encouraged to adopt the attitudes modeled by Christ in the ultimate act of crossing cultures: His incarnation. All too often, however, there is an unnecessary dichotomy between on-campus-theoretical-learning, and the practical learning that comes with study abroad. Service-learning serves to bridge that gap and allows students to expand their understanding of the world, even from Houghton.

For Spanish students, service at Vive La Casa has changed the faces of the oppressed. No longer are they characters in a story or inhabitants of an unknown land; they are Monica and Javier, Alex and Adriana. They are brain surgeons and artists, women and children. They laugh and run and play and dream. They love bright colors, and they weep for their countries. Through service at Vive La Casa, students begin to learn what it means to use their learning to impact their world and "to love mercy, to do justly, and to walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:8).

Loaiza is assistant professor of Spanish.



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Why I teach at Houghton

by Bruce Brenneman

I HAVE WRITTEN THE following quotation in my day planner: "Do what you love and you will never have to work a day in your life." This characterizes my perception of teaching at Houghton.



First, I am grateful to be doing what I love most—teaching. I am now in my 43rd year of teaching and still experience the thrill—and sometimes terror—of walking into a classroom. My career has spanned the gamut from junior high to college seniors. Anyone who has taught understands the satisfaction and accomplishment when a lesson is going well, the class seems to be completely "in tune" with the discussion, and learning is taking place. I can recall numerous days like that; I can also remember many days that weren't stellar, but overall I've experienced the joy and fulfillment of watching students grow, change, and mature.

Secondly, I am continually amazed and impressed with the quality of students that Houghton attracts. I enjoy the class discussions centered on essays that the students have read in preparation for writing in a rhetorical pattern. They bring a rich diversity of backgrounds to

the classroom, which creates a rich learning experience for everyone. Another contributing factor is their vulnerability and willingness to share personal—and sometimes potentially volatile—issues. I appreciate the compassionate support class members show to each other. It is also my privilege to teach a course in the P.A.C.E. program. I find it challenging and stimulating to work with older adults and watch their excitement as they grasp new ideas, fine-tune previous learning, and experience the sense of accomplishment as they become successful in improving their writing skills.

My other teaching responsibility is the Theater Arts class and directing two productions a year. Again, the quality and talents of Houghton students are impressive. Their willingness to participate in productions, seriousness of purpose, and near professional performances inspire me and delight audiences. It is indeed a privilege for me to guide and direct them through the rehearsal period and then be rewarded by watching them grow and mature in their roles. Their dedication to their roles and to using their God-given talents make my opening quote come alive.

Finally, I am grateful that God brought me to Houghton. Early in my life, I claimed Psalm 32:8 as my life verse: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." He has indeed done that for me, and I believe He has "instructed" me to be in this place at this time. Whatever success I may have in the classroom or on the stage comes solely from God. I am grateful to Him for giving me the motivation and inspiration to teach, for providing wonderfully talented young people to guide and teach, and for being my constant guide and counselor.

Brenneman is assistant professor of English and drama director.

Leax publishes works written during sabbatical

On sabbatical last fall, Professor Jack Leax '66 completed "Writing Home," a long poem he has been working on for several years. Four sections of it have appeared in *Image*, ISLE (Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment), and *The Cresset*.

He also completed a series of poems based on tabloid headlines called "The Tabloid News." Poems from that series are scheduled to appear in *Image*, *The Chaffin Journal*, and *River King*.

WordFarm released an expanded version of *Grace is Where I Live* as an e-book in December 2003. A print version is scheduled to appear in March.

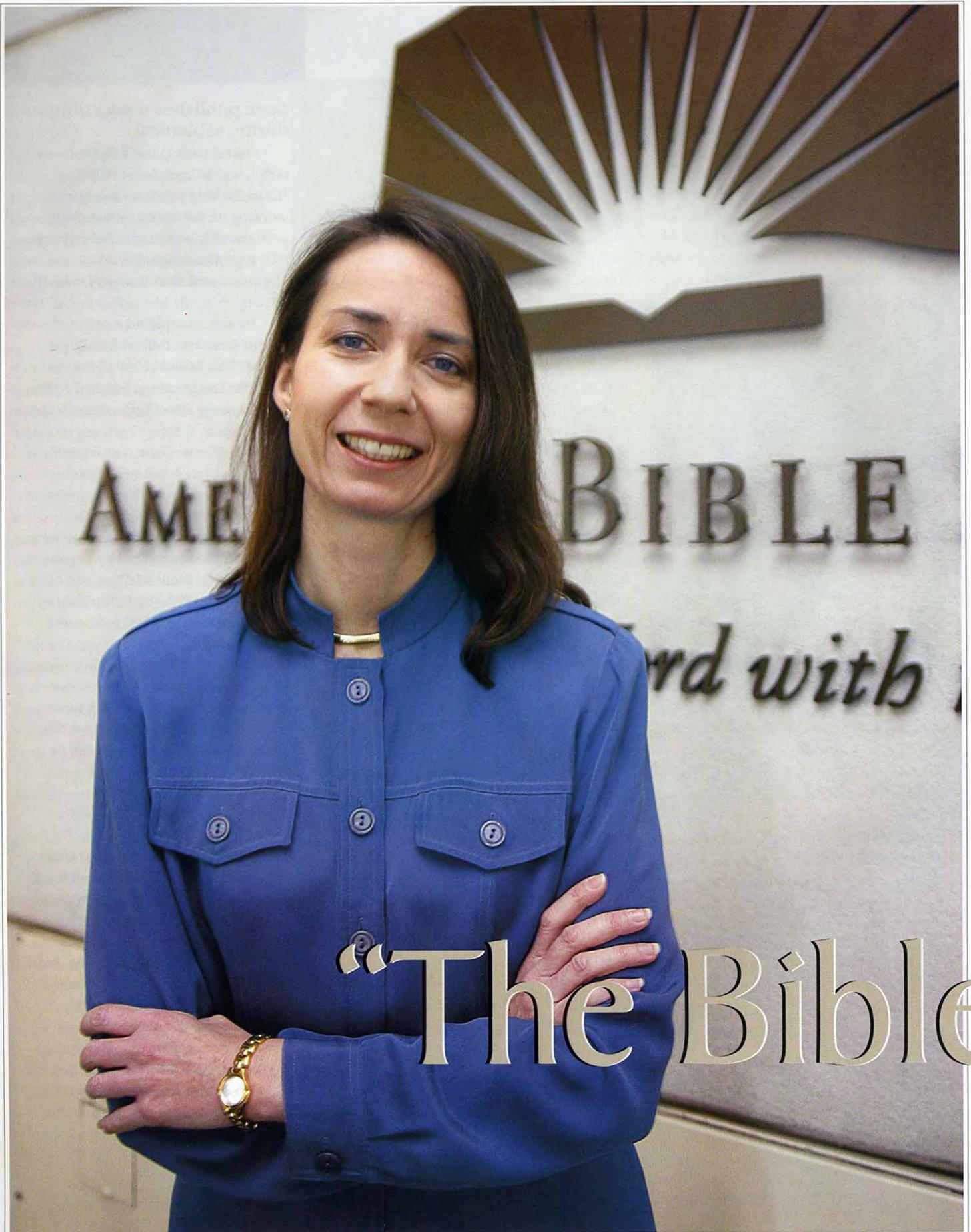
Two new anthologies from Baker Books, *Epiphanies*, edited by Eugene H. Peterson and Emilie Griffin, and *More Than Words*, edited by Philip Yancey and James Calvin Schaap, featured Leax's essays.

In addition to these publications, Leax published more than a dozen poems in journals, including *White Heron*, *Christianity and Literature*, *Cold Mountain Review*, and *Ginger Hill* in 2003.

Zoller holds first-ever Van Gorden chair

James Zoller, professor of writing and literature, has been selected to hold the college's first-ever Van Gorden Chair in Communication and Writing for spring semester 2004. He will be teaching half-time so he can devote the remainder of his time to writing poems for a new book.

"The Van Gorden Chair is an unparalleled opportunity for a teaching writer. The gratifying part is that I have an opportunity to make a lasting contribution to a culture that is indifferent to my labors," says Zoller.



Melinda Trine '83 grew up singing about Jesus. Her parents took her to church "every time the doors were opened," she says. She committed her heart to Christ at age 13.

TRINE IS DIRECTOR OF DONOR relationship services for the American Bible Society (ABS) in New York City. In that role she communicates with donors through face-to-face contact and gift receipting and assists Dr. Eugene B. Habecker, president of ABS, in administrative tasks such as planning vision trips to other parts of the world. She's been at ABS for nearly 10 years, but says that, with the exception of her parents, she learned the most about service at Houghton.

"Houghton is about commitment to service," she says, citing President Chamberlain and Dr. F. Gordon Stockin for their examples of longevity and faithfulness to the college. While she focused mainly on academics and sorting out what it means to integrate knowledge with faith when she was a student, Trine says it was the example of fellow staff in Houghton's development office that really triggered in her a desire to make all she does count. She served as a phonathon volunteer when she was working in the college admission office as visit coordinator, gaining valuable skills for her future work at ABS. Later Trine was Houghton's director of the annual fund and director of

At ABS, where she supervises eight employees, Trine says she can "reach the world." During the dark days following the attacks on the World Trade Center, which was just a short subway ride from her office, she helped to make possible the distribution of more than 4.3 million copies of the Scripture booklet, *God is Our Shelter and Strength*, in Spanish and English. ABS shared some 34 million Scripture verses through other publications such as *You Don't Have To Be Afraid*, *Prayers for Peace*, and *The Lord is Near to the Brokenhearted*. Trine has helped bring the word to China, Russia, Israel, India, and around the world through her fund development service at ABS.

When Trine was diagnosed with appendix cancer two years ago, she sought God's word for comfort. While she was apprehensive through the tests and surgery, she says, "The Lord ordered my steps. He gave me wonderful doctors." The night before Thanksgiving 2001, she received a clean bill of health, although her doctors continue to keep a close eye on her. Her mother's death to cancer in 1998 (preceded three days by the

unexpected death of one of her closest friends) likewise caused Trine to rely on her faith. "I don't know what's next," she says, "but I don't need to know. I know God is in control."

These personal events have reinforced for Trine that the work she does is more than

work. It is service to a needy world. As her mother lay in her bed on her last day on this earth, together they sang, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." This, indeed, is Trine's theme, one she takes to the streets and to the world.

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development. She credits former staff Thom Skinner '80 and Wayne MacBeth '75, and current Vice President for Enrollment Management Tim Fuller '79 for being living examples of the servant-scholar model.



It was the middle of winter, and Karl Eastlack '79 couldn't sleep. He tossed and turned for hours then got up and wandered around until he found a place out of the bitter wind. In a telephone booth next to the Houghton post office, he wept as he wrestled with God.

Even after coming to a measure of surrender, THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR didn't know how God would use him. His grades reflected a lack of focus and in his sophomore year he dropped out. He had attended Youth for Christ training schools and logged many volunteer hours. No stranger to the church—his father was a Wesleyan pastor—Karl took over when his father retired at Hallsport (N.Y.) Wesleyan Church. During the five years Karl served there, church attendance doubled. Eastlack also took some Bible courses at Houghton.

In 1987, Eastlack became the senior pastor at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Williamsville, N.Y. On his first Sunday in the pulpit, 19 people made up the congregation; five of them were his family. Within two years the church grew to 100 members. Eastlack says these were transition years for him because he enjoyed the fellowship that a small congregation afforded. Getting bigger, to him, meant losing

old building houses the church offices and a place for teens and children to have fun and worship.

Eastlack—who received Houghton's Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year award in 1995—believes that, besides ministering to parishioners, the church is called to reach out to their neighbors. One way his church does this is through radio. Rev. Eastlack's "Today's Encouraging Word," a one-minute devotional, is broadcast on seven secular stations in western New York. Eastlack says, "We need to go where Max Lucado isn't." His broadcasts have been compiled into a book, *Today's Encouraging Word: 60 Seconds of Inspiration to Start Your Day*, printed by Wesleyan Publishing House this year.

Every December for the past nine years the church has produced a drive-through drama, "The Road to Bethlehem," replete with real animals (including a camel) and some 400 volunteer actors from the church, to tell the Christmas story. Each year, over 5,000 people have witnessed the spectacular event.

Besides leading Eastern Hills, Eastlack serves on the board of World Hope and is a trustee at

Houghton College. As vice chair of Houghton's board, he brings insight into the relationship the college should have with the church.

In his baccalaureate address to Houghton seniors on May 12, 2002, Eastlack encouraged graduates to "live for the eternal, not the temporal." He seeks to live these words as he and his church reach out to each other and to their community.

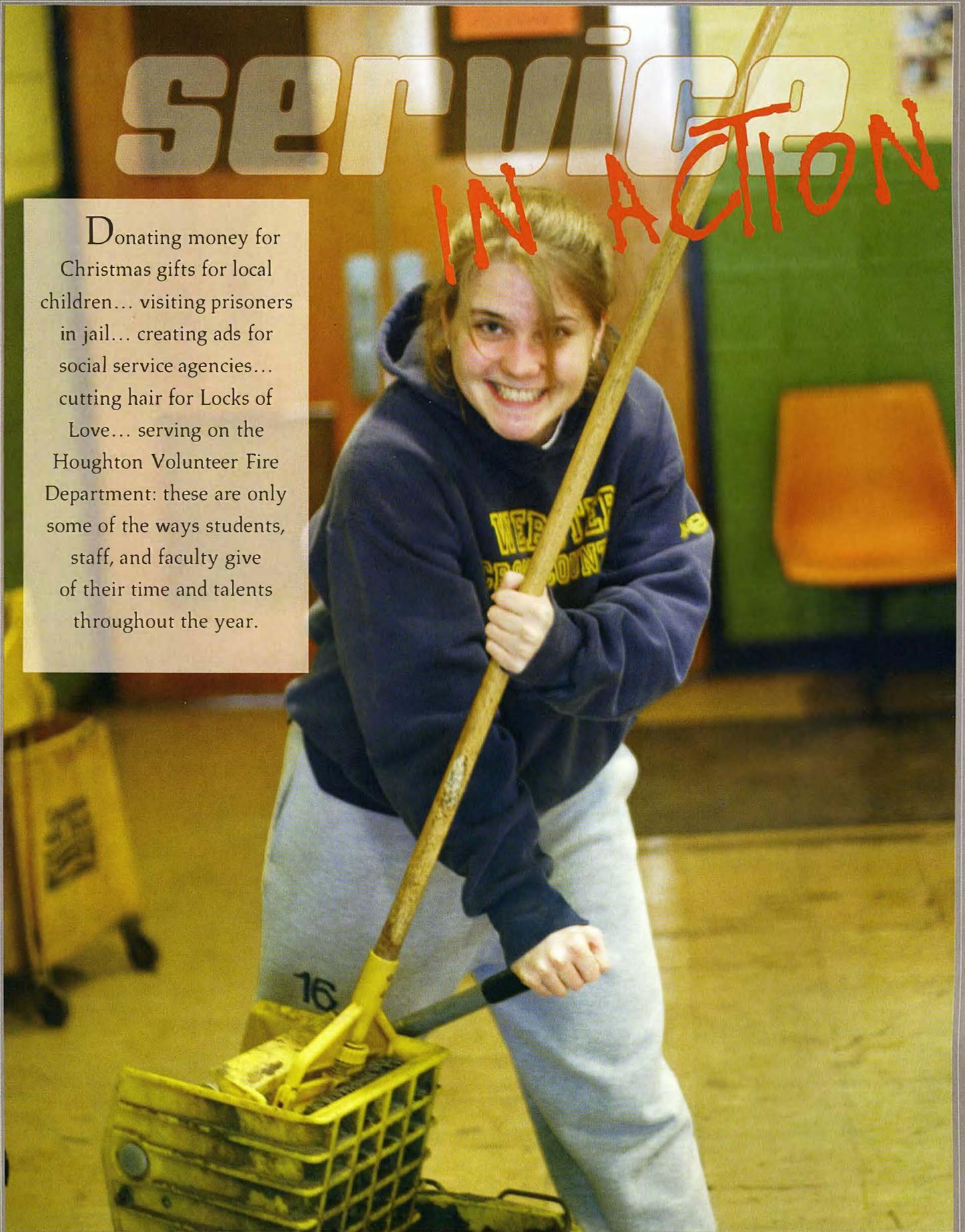
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a closeness that they'd all come to cherish. So the church adopted this philosophy: "We will let God pick the size of our church. We will focus on being a healthy church." In 1989 he completed his bachelor's in religion from Houghton, and in 1997 he earned a master's in Christian ministries from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Today Eastern Hills has over 2,700 members who attend one of three services each week. Small groups help his congregation find meaningful ways to connect with each other. They built a new sanctuary and multipurpose building in 2001. The

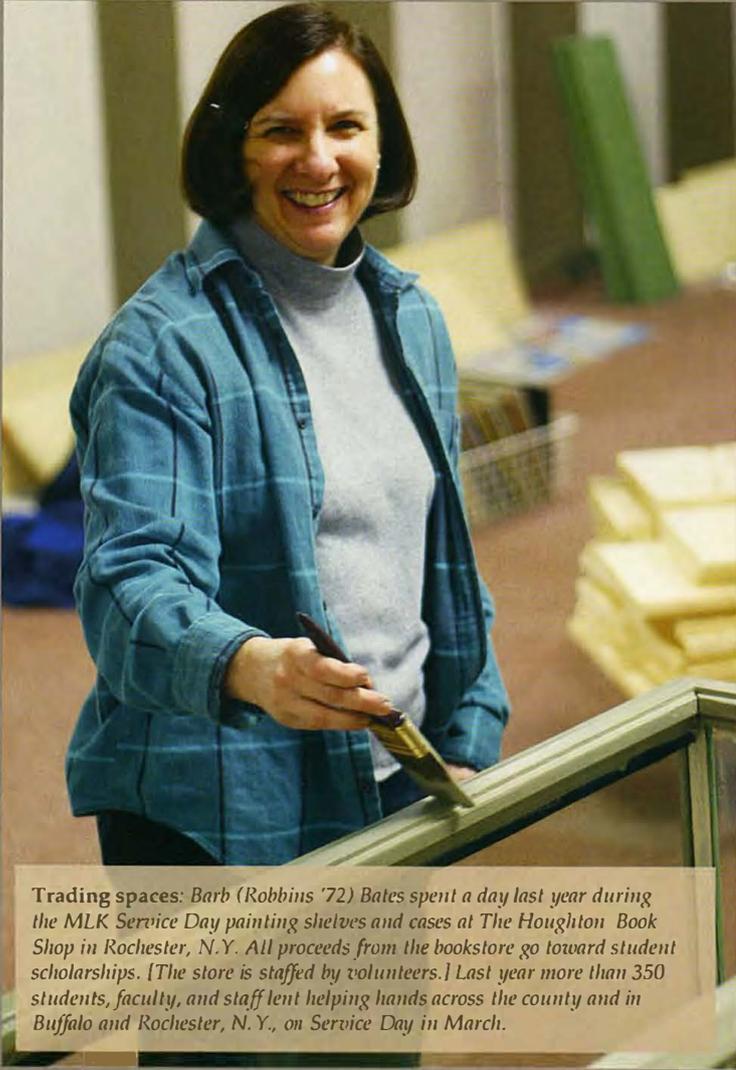
service IN ACTION

Donating money for Christmas gifts for local children... visiting prisoners in jail... creating ads for social service agencies... cutting hair for Locks of Love... serving on the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department: these are only some of the ways students, staff, and faculty give of their time and talents throughout the year.





It adds up: Each year Houghton education majors spend a day helping local middle-schoolers develop math skills by creating and playing innovative games with them in the East Hall lounge.



Trading spaces: Barb (Robbins '72) Bates spent a day last year during the MLK Service Day painting shelves and cases at The Houghton Book Shop in Rochester, N.Y. All proceeds from the bookstore go toward student scholarships. [The store is staffed by volunteers.] Last year more than 350 students, faculty, and staff lent helping hands across the county and in Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y., on Service Day in March.



Pals for life: Elementary students from Buffalo's King Center Charter School tasted college—and rural life—last April with a trip to campus as part of the education department's pen pal program. The 39 third- and fourth-graders hung out, read with their "pals," and explored everything from the dining hall to the gym. Houghton students benefit from the experience by observing a child's development while learning about their "pal" and seeing what it might be like to teach in an urban school. "We want them to be prepared, and exposure to students in an urban environment is a critical part of the preparation," said Chuck Massey, education professor. The kids develop writing skills throughout the year, build friendships, and catch a vision for the future.





*“When we turned off the main highway, both sides of the road were lined with students and townspeople holding flaming torches. In front of our car walked young people carrying huge banners printed with ‘Welcome Home’ and ‘To God be the Glory....’”**

WHEN CAROLYN (PAINE '60) and John Miller '57 and their five-year-old daughter, LuAnne, were captured by Liberation Forces in Vietnam in 1975, the Wycliffe missionaries' story caught the attention of the nation (the *Washington Post* and *Time* magazine) and the hearts of the Houghton community. Unbeknownst to the Millers, their other three children were safe with Carolyn's father and mother. When the ordeal was over and the family reunited, what remained—they were unable to recover the manuscripts (translations of scripture into the Bru language) they'd worked on for 10 years—was a determination to continue the work in Vietnam and in the world.

Miller enjoyed her position as the daughter of the president of Houghton College. “He was loving and affectionate. He modeled for me what a good teacher was,” she said. Miller later studied Greek from him and majored in English and classics. His work with the National Association of Evangelicals as president and as a translator of the NIV Bible impressed Carolyn. She met many missionaries who came to the Paines' for dinner. A strong faith and close family helped her through the death of older sister Marjorie in 1955.

Carolyn met John through Foreign Missions Fellowship. By the time she graduated he was serving with the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) in Vietnam. They were married in 1961 in Vietnam. She devoted herself to learning the language and bringing the word of God to a minority language

world's lesser-known languages. Through SIL, together with John, she coordinates academic work in Asia and is involved in a language project for the Mainland Southeast Asia Group in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Northeast Thailand. She credits the influence of Houghton's “Doc Jo” Rickard for “teaching me the art of careful crafting” of sentences, and Dr. Gordon Stockin for modeling “a love of academic pursuits.” Since she joined SIL, Miller has researched ethnolinguistic vitality and language maintenance and shift. Her studies have appeared in journals, reviews, and magazines. She earned a master's in linguistics from the University of North Dakota.

Miller will never forget their imprisonment in Vietnam, but neither will she forget the calming assurance of the Lord through his word. The experience reinforced her desire to put God's word in many languages. “I believe in the power of God to change lives when a people have the Bible in their own language,” she said.

In 1993, President Chamberlain conferred upon her an honorary degree. He said, “God has worked through you in Houghton, Vietnam, Sabah, Laos, and Thailand. Through you we see God's power to bless the world across three generations when abilities and will are given over to His control.” All four of John and Carolyn's children—Margie Doty '84, Gordon '86, Nathan '89, and LuAnne Brubaker '90—graduated from Houghton.

A new printing of *Captured!* will be released soon. While this pleases her, Miller praises God for the extraordinary upbringing and education she

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community, as well as helping them develop their language and learn to read it.

After the experience in Vietnam, the Millers worked on the Kadazan language project in Malaysia and later served as co-directors of the Mainland Southeast Asia work from 1996-2000. She taught Social Dialectology and served as a linguistics consultant at Mahidol University from 1995 until 2000. Carolyn is now president of SIL International, an organization committed to studying, developing, and documenting the

had, for safety out of bondage, and for being able to use her intellect and heart to continue the work begun in Vietnam and in other parts of Asia over 40 years ago. Miller proclaims, “To God be the glory, great things he hath done.”

**This excerpt from *Captured!*, published by Christian Herald Books in 1977, tells about their return to Houghton shortly after being released.*

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Stevenson Family Tree

John & Ann (Hopkins) Stevenson

John H. and Carrie (Wilbur) Stevenson

Herman W. and Lillian Stevenson

Herbert H. '38 and Margaret (Watson '38) Stevenson

Sharon '67 and Clifton Seaman '70

Cory '95 and Michelle (Andryc '97)

Laura '98 and Marc Falco '98

Charles '04

Daryl '70 and Gudy (Mindrebo '70) Stevenson

Kyle '96 and Sarah (Gagnon '00)

Tyler '03

Eric '08

Marilyn '74 and Robert VanNiel

Timothy Chapman '00

Paul '77 and Carol (Olsen '77) Stevenson

Kelly '03

Austin '05

Letitia and Andrew Bedell

Ethel and William Vincent

Andrew and Jean Vincent '37

George and W. Edith Stevenson

Mildred '30 and Homer Fero '31

Richard '63 and Anne Densmore

Nancy '62 and Arne Dahl '61

Virginia '72 and Martin French '71

Deborah '76 and Paul Young '76

Amanda '01 and Michael Cox '00

Alison '07

Hilary '07

Theoda and Edwin Trowbridge

Dorothy (Trowbridge '37) and Clayton DeLong

Walter S. and Cora Stevenson

Hollis '29 and Marjorie (Donley '30) Stevenson

Jane '55 and Wilbur Zike '53

Kristen '91 and Michael Pollock '90

Suzanne '58 and Douglas Burton '57

James '63 and Sandra (Mann '68) Stevenson

Thomas Stevenson '69

Gordon '30

Marshall '31 and Lucille Stevenson

Walter H. '62 and Kathleen Stevenson

Anne '67 Goodwin

Willard '35 and Pearl Stevenson

Herbert and Margaret
(Watson '38) Stevenson '38

"HOUGHTON IS A PART OF THE WEAVE OF MY FAMILY TAPESTRY." Daryl Stevenson '70, professor of psychology, wrote these words in the January 1994 *Milieu* article, "Why I Teach at Houghton." Today he says, "Houghton is not just another random dot on the map to me." There are 48 Houghton alumni directly descended from Daryl's great-great grandparents, John and Ann Stevenson, of Mooers, N.Y.; four are current students and at least one will be entering in fall '04. Their vocations have varied, but include a high proportion of medical and dental practitioners, and many educators of all levels. Stevenson says, "I take pleasure in being part of a tradition of committed believers who have entered Kingdom service through Houghton's hallways and doors since the 1920s."



Incognito: Cathy Daggett, retired adjunct instructor of horsemanship, gave gifts of service unseen by most. Her living legacies—an impressive facility and a program of excellence—are visible reminders of her contributions.

Riding on the winds of service

Mention the name Cathy Daggett and only a handful of people may say, "I know her." Mention the Equestrian Center and countless faculty, staff, and students—even those who don't ride—will say, "Yes, what a facility." What they may not realize is that the two—Daggett and the Equestrian Center—go together like horses and hay.

Daggett retired in 2001 from adjunct teaching at the Equestrian Center, but she is a living legacy of service behind the scenes. More than 15 years ago she became familiar with the college through her volunteer work with 4-H. She initiated a relationship with the college by donating a horse to the equestrian program. She liked what she saw and sent another. Since then, Daggett has played a key role in the growth and success of Houghton's equestrian program.

According to horsemanship instructor Jo-Anne Young '69, Daggett's "wealth of experience, knowledge, and contacts in the horse world have translated into a tremendous benefit for Houghton students."

"I don't deserve a lot of credit. I've had a ball with the students, the horses, and Joanne," Daggett says. Young begs to differ, pointing out that Daggett helped establish the Abdullah award and scholarship for students who excel in the art of horsemanship.

Five barns with 47 box stalls, a 60' X 145' indoor arena with heated viewing and classroom attached, a 120' X 240' outdoor stadium jumping ring, an outdoor 90' X 220' dressage arena, and a 20m X 60m dressage arena with a permanent judges' stand don't bear her name, but Daggett gave much of the capital to make the facilities the high quality they are today. She donated at least 30 hours a week to instruct students and to help with day-to-day operations of the farm. She routinely gave of her time to serve as a judge for Houghton's annual Homecoming horse trials in dressage and stadium jumping and to work with young people at summer riding camps.

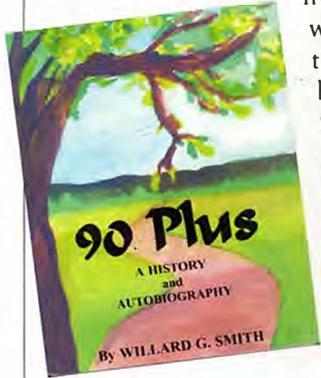
In 1995 the college presented Daggett the President's Advisory Council on Excellence Award for her contributions to the equestrian program and as a "model of what it means to put others before self."

In retirement she continues to serve out of the limelight by praying faithfully for students and by judging dressage events and clinics.

Several years ago equestrian studies became a minor offered by the college, and the equestrian center continues to draw attention for its quality of program, facilities, and instructors. Today over 75 students engage in equestrian studies.

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35 Willard G. Smith published his book, *90 Plus: A History and Autobiography*. He began this compilation in the early 1950s,



he said. Filled with Houghton history, the book chronicles Smith's days as the son of Houghton professors and his 37 years as an employee. To get a copy of the book, contact Smith

at 3394 Walkers Ridge Rd., Dacula, GA 30019-4624.

40 W. Henry and Elizabeth (Carlson '42) Ortlip celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 9, 2003.

50 Fran McNeill recently celebrated her 75th birthday and continues to travel to visit family.

57 *The Olean Times Herald* (N.Y.) wrote an article on Carleton Campbell about his work with the Big Brothers program of Bradford, Pa. Campbell retired from teaching at Hinsdale (N.Y.) Central School in the late '90s.

58 Arthur and Dorothy (Gutwein) Everett are on a year's furlough (it began in September 2003) for the first time in their 41 years of ministry with Ameri Tribes. Last fall Art had surgery to remove a malignant mass in his left lung. The Everetts are caring for their six-year-old granddaughter, Lakota.



'55 Charles and Pearl (Luke '55) Hershelman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 4, 2003. They continue serving with SIM, Chuck as an accountant, Pearl as coordinator of the internal vehicle insurance program.

60 Art Larson is pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Pompano Beach, Fla. He is also vice president for ministries with Global Outreach Mission.

62 Rolland Kidder is executive director of the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, N.Y.

65 Carol (Book) Fraser participated in a Word of Life trip to reach out to youth in Austria, Romania, and Slovenia from July 11-August 11, 2003. Besides helping out with the chorus and three drama productions, Fraser participated in personal evangelism on the streets and in churches. She teaches private piano lessons and substitute teaches.

68 David and Helga (Jensen '69) Findley's son, Darin, died on November 9, 2003.



From left, Kay (Walberger '43) Lindley, Ella (Phelps '43) Woolsey, Mary (Harris '49) Carey, and Marge (Lawrence '49) Kellogg gathered in the Lindley home to reminisce about their student days. Lindley and Woolsey lived next door, as did Carey and Kellogg. Today, they are neighbors again in the retirement village in Houghton. Lindley is retired from Houghton College, where she taught history for 25 years. Woolsey is retired from service with Wesleyan World Missions. Carey is retired from working in the public library system. Kellogg is retired from public school teaching. She says, "It's great to be back living in Houghton with people we knew when we were in college."

He was 28. A graduate of Avon Old Farms School and the University of Colorado, he was a geologist specializing in environmental issues. Darin was an avid climber and a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and attended the National Outdoor Leadership School.

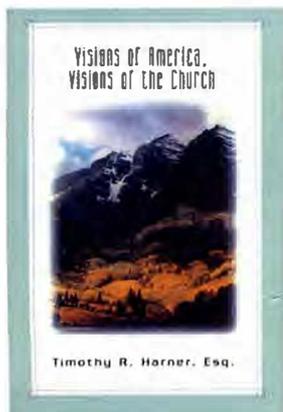
70 Donna (Moden) Gaiser is a case auditor in Probation and Parole Services for the Florida Department of Corrections, where she has worked for 14 years. She earned an MPA from Florida Atlantic University in 1999.

James Orgar has been elected president of the New York State School Music Association for 2004-06. He teaches in the Brighton (N.Y.) School District.

75 Jeff Clay has been appointed executive director of the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System, a \$43.5 billion pension fund. He has been interim executive director since June 2003.

Larry Whitcomb was ordained on December 7, 2003, at Poquoson Baptist Church (Va.). He retired from the Air Force band in 1999 after 23 years. Whitcomb has been minister of music and education at Poquoson Baptist Church since August 2000.

76 Stephen and Donna (Wenger '78) Sinclair have been appointed church-planting missionaries in the borough of Queens, New York City, with Baptist Mid-Missions.



'77 **Timothy R. Harner** had his book, *Visions of America, Visions of the Church*, published by *Pleasant Word* in 2003. He is employed by *Upstate Farms*.

Accolade



Paul Isihara '79: helping the poor in Ethiopia

The Mekelle Institute of Technology (MIT), located in Ainalem, near Mekelle, the capital city of the Tigray region in Ethiopia, boasts that it is a school that "provides high quality education, training and research in the areas of science and technology to produce qualified professionals that can apply their knowledge and skills in the country's development."

MIT can make these claims in large part due to the time and skills of Paul Isihara '79. During summer 2002 he set up a UNIX computer lab with 12 computers he and a friend donated to the school. Isihara gave a five-day workshop on teaching and researching in math. He went back last summer and plans to continue his summer excursions until the "first class of students graduates." MIT is considered to be the primary method of fighting poverty in this northern state.

Isihara, who teaches math at Wheaton College, began volunteer work at Teen Haven in Buffalo the same year he learned of Houghton College. After three years on the Buffalo campus (now the West Seneca campus), Isihara transferred to the main campus for his senior year, where he enjoyed the influence of Professors "Jake" Jacobson, Richard Pocock, and Fred Parker. "They emphasized the importance of servanthood while modeling what it meant to be a Christian mathematician," Isihara says. "They also encouraged creativity, which has been invaluable." Recently his class worked on HIV/AIDS modeling that will be useful within the MIT curriculum.

Isihara is at home with offering his home to international students, refugees, homeless men, and delinquent inner-city teens. He also enjoys bringing a half-dozen nursing home residents to his church and sharing a meal with them after the Sunday service. Wheaton honored him with the Gieser Presidential award in 1998 for his commitment to service.

Soon, as another spring merges into summer, Isihara will direct his energies to raising money, people, textbooks, and computers for MIT. He will pack his bags for another trip to one of the most underdeveloped regions in the world, where he is committed to advancing technology and building a "bridge between our evangelical and orthodox communities."



'78 Mark Caruana earned a doctor of ministry degree from Hartford Seminary in Connecticut. He has been pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Utica, N.Y., since 1999.

crisis pregnancy counseling and adoption division at Bethany Christian Services in Chattanooga, Tenn., to devote herself full time to her family.

Joel and Barbara (Krueger '79) Trudell have been serving with SIL and Wycliffe Bible Translators in the areas of minority language development and literacy for the past 23 years. After they finish their doctorates at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, the Trudells will return to work at the SIL Africa area office in Nairobi where they expect to focus on building capacity among their African colleagues for carrying out language development and literacy and Scripture promotion.

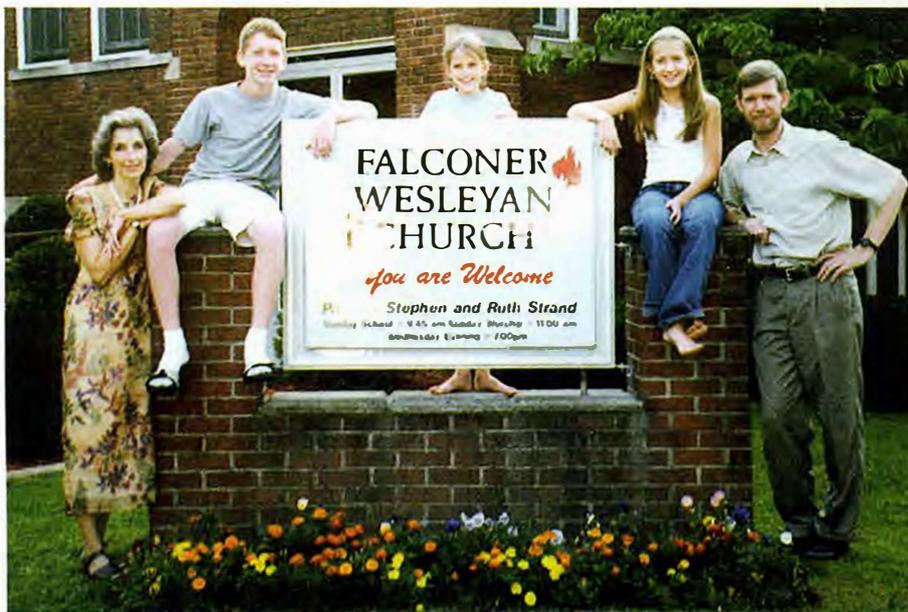


Ben Jennings, son of Joey & Maribeth (Danner '86) Jennings '86, will never forget his first day of first grade. He rode to school with his mom, but took the bus home. A clerical error prevented the driver from having authorization to drop him off. When he didn't come home, Maribeth called the school and found out that Ben was back at school, the high school. Knowing he would be upset, she decided to tell him how amazing it was that he started first grade in the morning and had advanced to high school by the end of the day. The next day, when he came to the breakfast table wearing a Houghton cap and carrying admission material his grandfather, Robert Danner, had sent, he said, "I think I'll go to college today!"

Their daughter, Ashleigh, is a junior biology major at Houghton. E-mail the Sinclairs at Sinclair@netcarrier.com.

80 Sheryl (Kingdon) Johnson home schools her children, Kyle, age 13, and MaryLynn, age 11. In June 2002 she resigned from her position as a social worker in the

81 Art Gibbens has accepted the position of executive director for CARS: Community Auto Repair & Redistribution Service. CARS is a non-profit organization that puts repairable donated vehicles back into service with local social organizations that identify needy families.



'81 Stephen and Ruth (Woolsey '81) Strand completed six years of missionary service in Central America and returned to the U.S. in June 2003. While in La Ceiba, Honduras, they assisted in planting two churches and taught pastors and Christian leaders at a Bible institute. Following Hurricane Mitch in October 1998, they worked with World Hope International to distribute relief supplies and to help provide for the homeless with the construction of over 200 small houses. The Strands enjoyed hosting various work teams, including Houghton College students and alumni who came to serve during the rebuilding years that followed the hurricane. Now they are serving as co-pastors of the Falconer Wesleyan Church near Jamestown, N.Y.

88 Jim Logan works full time as a print buyer for the National Audubon Society at its Manhattan headquarters. He is vice president of the Hudson River Water Trail Association and recently completed the printing of the sixth edition of *The Hudson River Water Trail Guide*. He also owns his own small publishing company, J. F. Logan Publishing. His name made the August 24, 2003, Sunday edition of the *New York Times* in the article, "Plotting Survival of a Burial Ground: Sleepy Hollow Cemetery Plans Ahead." He is overseeing a guide about Sleepy Hollow—including the history, art, and architecture—which is to be published in 2005.

90 William Whitmore received an award for distinguished service in 2002 from Good News Jail and Prison Ministries for his work as chaplain at the Niagara (N.Y.) County Jail. Good News supplies privately funded chaplains to over 200 prisons in 24 states and 12 foreign countries. Whitmore has been in Niagara County since 1997.

91 After seven years, Melissa (MacDonald) Ersing has changed channels from WIVB-TV in Buffalo, N.Y., where she produced the noon news, to work at the 6 p.m. newscast at the NBC affiliate in town. She says, "The move is creating some friendly family competition since my husband, Richard, and his brother are videographers at WIVB-TV."

92 Bob VanWicklin has been appointed chief of staff to Amo Houghton of New York. VanWicklin will manage the congressional offices and staff in Washington, D.C., and in Corning and Canandaigua, N.Y. He will advise Congressman Houghton on foreign affairs, defense and appropriations issues, and oversee the legislative program. VanWicklin was an intern with Houghton in 1991 and has worked for him ever since.

94 Lynda (Bell) Wick works at Warsaw Public Library. (See "Down the aisle" and "Future alumni.")

Milieu helps alumna get valuable rings back

On Mother's Day 2003, Kelly (Shantie '88) Cote (right in photo below) and her children entered McDonald's in Malone, N.Y., to have lunch with her parents. While in the ladies' restroom Cote took off her valuable wedding rings and her Houghton College class ring. Fifteen minutes after leaving, she realized she'd left them there. She ran back to the restaurant, but they were gone. Cote reported it to the manager and to the state police and called every jeweler and pawn shop within a 100-mile radius. Nothing turned up. Then her husband noticed an ad in the summer 2003 Milieu. Cote contacted alumni director Jim Arthur '67 and identified the missing jewelry.



That's when Cote found out the rest of the story. After she had left McDonald's, a woman named Sally Patenaude (left in photo) entered the restroom. She saw the rings and picked them up, thinking to give them to someone at the counter. Seeing only teenage girls, she decided it was wiser to find the owner herself. Patenaude proceeded to locate Houghton College and tell her story to Arthur. He asked Milieu to run the notice, and we did.

When Cote called, Arthur put her in touch with Patenaude and they set a meeting date. On September 6, 2003, Cote and Patenaude met at a McDonald's in Champlain, N.Y. Cote says, "I couldn't wait to meet this angel and thank her in person!"

Business alumni!



You may visit the business department any time you want by going to www.businessathoughton.com to get news and events and see who's teaching these days. Find out what current students are doing and what faculty think on various business topics. Alumni may participate by volunteering to speak in a class or many other ways.

95 Roy Chandler has been in the Air Force for over 10 years and is currently an early missile-warning officer stationed in North Dakota. He and his wife, Laurie are involved in their church and she stay home with their girls.

Dawn (Murphy) Del Guercio is an executive assistant in the legal department of NRT Inc., a real estate company based in Parsippany, N.J. She and her husband, Ted, attend Bethlehem Free Evangelical Church in Randolph, N.J.

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'93 **Barbara (Kanakaraj) Towers** received naturalization papers at a ceremony on July 4, 2003, at the Genesee Valley Country Museum. She's shown here with her husband, **Rich Towers '92**. Barb earned a master's in natural sciences at the University of Buffalo and has worked as a chemist in Chicago and Rochester. She has taught at the Brent International School (Philippines) and most recently at St. John's Episcopal School in Guam, where Rich is chaplain of the school and vicar of St. John's Church.



Friends from the class of '94 joined **Becky (Gardiner) Todd** to celebrate her wedding on May 25, 2003, in Canisteo, N.Y. She says, "Our friendships began our first year at Houghton on the third floor of East Hall Main. Friendships made in the Lord last forever." From left, they are, with their spouses: Jeff & Lucy (Barth) Miller, Kevin & Heather (Carson) Costner, Nate '97 & Denise (Burton) Cornell, the bride and groom, Daniel & Becky (Gardiner) Todd, Matthew & Melody (Duttweiler) Weaver, Brian & Tara (Butler) Hobson, and Dave & Rachel (Simms) Zirilli.

Down the Aisle

Wesley & Dana (Basnight '01) Brown '00	01-02-04
Ted & Dawn (Murphy '95) Del Guercio	10-04-03
Matthew & Janelle (Chapin '96) Gelston	05-24-03
Matthew & Natalie Dickerson '03	01-24-04
Daniel & Dawn (Duncan '92) Harrell	05-31-03
Darrell & Kristin (Lytle '99) Kinser	12-28-02
Michael & Beth (Wester '00) Litster	04-14-01
Jason & Lise (Blendermann '04) Major	07-05-03
D.T. & Heidi (Church '97) Slouffman	07-21-02
Eric & Alana (Davis '97) Torraca '97	12-28-02
Phillip & Rachel (Speirs '02) Walton '01	08-03-02
Robert & Priscilla (Ries '50) Waltz	11-22-03
Hubert & Lynda (Bell '94) Wick	10-14-00

Magical mood: Kevin & Wendy (Marshall '75) Tuttle tied the knot on March 29, 2003, at the Hermitage Foundation Museum in Norfolk, Va. He is a systems engineer and project manager; she teaches music.





Neil Cowley '00 was voted one of the top 16 wedding photojournalists in the nation by the Wedding Photojournalists Association. This photo of Sara (Oblender '00) Gibson can be found along with the other winning entries at wpja.org/contests/2003_1/index.shtml. The Cowleys live in Spencerport, N.Y.

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They can be reached at NJHeart2Heart@eclecticapproach.com. (See "Down the aisle.")

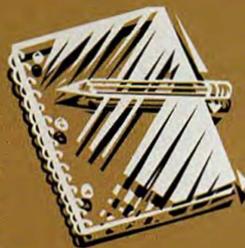
Ryan Delp is a regional sales director for Healthsouth in Connecticut. His wife, Janice (Steindel '93), stays home with their children. The Delps lead a home fellowship group and teach kindergarten class. Ryan volunteers as a budget counselor through the church's family resource center. Janice is involved with the Connecticut House of Prayer

and the Healing Rooms. During their free time they work on renovating their pre-Civil War home. Friends may write them at circa1856@aol.com. (See "Future alumni.")

Don Lawrence began work toward a master's degree in education in college student affairs at Azusa Pacific University (Calif.). He is program coordinator at Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection where he helps at-risk city high school students prepare for college and life after high school.

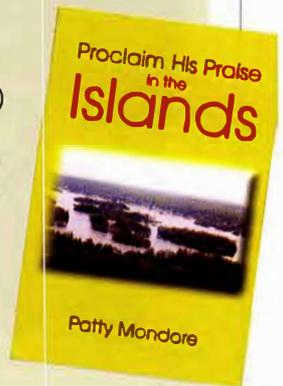
A scholarship for graduate school

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, which runs one of the country's most competitive private scholarship programs, has opened its graduate scholarship program to alumni since 1999 from any accredited college or university in the U.S. Scholarships can total as much as \$50,000 per year for up to six years. The foundation plans to award as many as 35 scholarships in July for use during the 2004-05 academic year, and will renew in subsequent years based on performance. Candidates must be nominated by the faculty representative at their undergraduate institution. For more information, contact Houghton's faculty representative at 585.567.9463 or e-mail james.wardwell@houghton.edu.

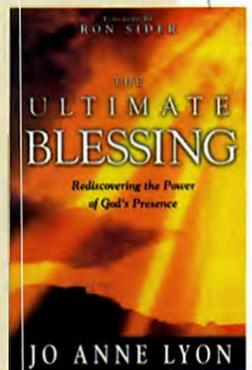


Required Reading

Proclaim His Praise in the Islands, by Patty (Wilson '78) Mondore. In this self-published book Mondore capitalizes on her great love for the Thousand Islands region to find and proclaim parallel scriptural lessons. In each of the 24 chapters, she first explores some detail of life along the St. Lawrence River, usually augmented by Internet research, and then segues into a sermonette. Friends of the Islands will enjoy her reminiscences. Inventive Sunday school teachers may find the book useful for developing a series of nature-based lessons. Baltimore: Publish America, 2003. Reviewed by R. L. Wing, professor emeritus of writing.



The Ultimate Blessing: Rediscovering the Power of God's Presence by trustee Jo Anne Lyon and printed by Wesleyan Publishing House, "will capture your attention and touch your heart with its powerful and poignant stories. As you read, you will agree that God's blessings are often more real in pain and poverty than in prosperity and health. You will sing with profound new understanding, 'Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow.'" Her book is available online from the college's campus store at <http://campus.houghton.edu/orgs/store/storemain.asp>. Reviewed by President Chamberlain for book jacket.





'98 **Sean McClure** earned the Green Beret and graduated from Special Forces Qualification Course on November 7, 2003. After he finishes Russian language training in Fayetteville, N.C., he and Corrie, whom he married on July 5, 2003, will move to Ft. Carson, Colo., where he will be assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

96 **Janelle (Chapin) Gelston** is an office assistant at World-Mark Family of Funds, a Florida-based financial investment company. (See "Down the aisle.")

97 **Stephen Clark** is the assistant personnel director at CAMP-of-the-WOODS in Speculator, N.Y. Friends may reach him at stevec@camp-of-the-woods.org.

98 **Kim (Kailbourne) Kopsaftis** and her husband, Phillip, are active with their youth group at their Alfred, N.Y., church. Friends may write them at p_kkopsaftis@hotmail.com. (See "Future alumni.")

Tim Ritchey is a member of the Catastrophe Team with State Farm Insurance in York, Pa. (See "Down the aisle" and "Future alumni.")

99 **Carolyn (Roy) Kiddy** is an adolescent recreation therapist in Williamsville, N.Y. (See "Down the aisle.")

00 In October 2003, **Sven Johnson** was promoted to supervisor of Antigen Prepat Strategic BioSolutions in Windham, Me.

Future Alumni

Jeff & Angela (Keppen '98) Babbitt '96	Evan Miles	11-24-03
Derek & Cristy (Muller '93) Blaakman '92	Elizabeth Ruth	06-13-03
Steven & Rebecca (Saunders'90) Browning	Kendall Jeremy	12-06-01
Brian & Natalie (Dzerneyko'92) Burrows	Sierra Brianne	04-16-03
Dirk & Collene (Rabe '98) Carney	Maxwell Wesley	08-07-03
John & Esther Chong '91	Katherine Younghae	12-02-03
Howard & Michelle (Wingfield '99) Curlin	Phinehas Lee	02-26-03
Ryan & Janice (Steindel '93) Delp '95	Elijah James	11-29-01
Eric & Tammy (Burns '99) Engert '97	Ethan Alexander	07-23-03
David & Jennifer (Hartenstine'00) Felty	Noah David	12-01-03
Norman & Annette (Clark '95) Gill	Connor	10-22-03
James & Christine (Broberg '96) Hilliard '93	Peter Aidan	05-27-03
Michael & Emily (Paris '95) Hoffman	Elise McLaren	08-08-00
	Jamie Girard	02-08-03
Andrew & Tammy (Ross '98) Kaikkonen	Aiden Owen	12-11-02
Kevin & Denise (Dombrowski '90) Kipfer	Trey Carson	04-08-03
Phillip & Kim (Kailbourne '98) Kopsaftis	Emily Grace	01-18-03
Michael & Beth (Wester '00) Litster	Jain Arthur	08-06-03
Matthew & Cynthia (Patronski '98) Lustig	Grace Kathryn	07-16-03
Bill and Maria Malay '96	Benjamin Dominick	08-30-03
Andrew & Melissa (Musick '98) McGrath '98	Isaac Michael	09-20-03
Nicholas & Sheila (Stewart '97) Nelson '00	Verity Aliena	07-19-03
Tim & Christen Ritchey '98	Pierce Nathaniel	08-11-03
Garrison & Kristin (Edwards '98) Roberts '97	Edison Christopher	09-21-02
Peter & Faith (Winchell '99) Roeske '93	William Peter	11-02-03
Donal & Cheryl (Hecht '90) Stiner	Nina Caroline	06-16-03
Chris & Kelly (Daughterty '97) Studley '97	Raleigh Claire	08-14-03
Peter & Carolyn (Pugh '89) Tang '89	Grace Marie	06-20-03
Sam & Karen (Bush '88) Walker	Anna Josephine	03-10-03
Hubert & Lynda (Bell '94) Wick	Rachael	07-13-03



Rebekah Joy, born to Chris & Laurie (Reynolds '85) Miller, on January 19, 2003, loves her new bib!



'99 Erich Asperschlager received a "Best of Show" award at the Arnot Museum exhibit in Elmira, N.Y., in November 2003.

He can be reached at svenule@yahoo.com. His wife, Sarah (Hanson), has taken over the high school choir program at her alma mater, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in South Paris, Me. This is her second year teaching there.

02 Andrew Erbele completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., in the fall.

Rachel (Speirs) Walton and her husband, Phillip '01, have moved to Bridgewater, N.J. Friends may write her at RESW7@yahoo.com. (See "Down the aisle.")

Want to use an electronic check to make your gift?

Houghton also receives electronic checks for tuition and other payments, so it's important for donors to note the purpose of their gift on the check (ie. "gift"). To ensure your gift is processed quickly, direct it to the Office of Advancement. Questions? Contact ellen.woolley@houghton.edu or call 585.567.9545.

Cosmic reasons why our annual report/calendar is wrong

When alumni and friends return to Houghton after a long absence, they often comment on how little the surrounding area has changed. The beautiful farmland and woods seem to have a timeless quality, and they often say that Allegany County must be "stuck in a time warp."

Well, apparently that warp slipped into the production process of our annual report/calendar, because a careful check will show that the 25th is missing from both March and June! Time warping might also explain what happened later in the calendar.



We have October ending on a Sunday (which is correct), and then November beginning on a Sunday, too (which most definitely is not correct!). That means the entire month of November, as printed in your calendars, is wrong.

We apologize for these errors. We have posted a PDF file of the three corrected pages on the college Web site at: www.houghton.edu/oops. We invite you to download these pages, print them out, and paste or tape them overtop of your calendar so that you don't go around thinking that March 26th is a Thursday or that the month of November got stuck in a time warp here in Houghton.

—Doug Roorbach '81, director of public relations



From the alumni director

Over 2,300 alumni are using the online community to find friends and classmates, post notes about their milestones, register for campus events such as Alumni Weekends, volunteer to help the college, and be mentors to current and prospective students. It's easy to register; simply go to www.houghton.onlinecommunity.com and follow the instructions.

Check out the alumni Web site by going to www.houghton.edu and clicking on "Alumni and Friends." View the schedule of alumni gatherings around the country. If you would like to help set up a gathering in your area, just contact the alumni office at alumni@houghton.edu or 585.567.9546. From a picnic in the park to dessert receptions to dinners at a church or restaurant to a dinner cruise, alumni gatherings are only limited by our imagination. I have invited students to join the online community. (By definition, an alumnus is anyone who has completed one year or 24 credit hours. That makes most of our second-, third-, and fourth-year students alumni. We like to think of them as "alumni-in-residence.")

The new alumni directories are out, and we are getting positive feedback. The publisher mailed nearly 6,500 to alumni who sent in update cards. I have some extras for sale for \$28.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping within the U.S. (Canada and overseas shipping will be higher.)

You can find out about cluster reunions by going to the alumni Web page and clicking on "Events." We know it's a confusing concept, but the initial response from people who came during our transition year last summer was enthusiastic. They enjoyed being able to fellowship with friends from classes adjacent to their class. (Keep in mind that a particular class may not celebrate their landmark 15th, 20th, 30th, 35th or 45th reunion in the exact year that it would normally occur.) The Web site shows alumni weekend dates through 2008 along with the classes that will be invited. Of course, all alumni are invited to come back every year. There will be a reduced registration fee for those who register online this year. Watch for the alumni weekend brochures in March or April.

This summer's schedule is as follows:

Alumni Weekend I - July 9-11, 2004

- Senior Alumni Cluster—all classes prior to 1954
- Classes of '68, '69 & '70—Cluster Reunion
- Class of '54, Landmark Reunion—50 years
- Class of '64, Landmark Reunion—40 years

Alumni Weekend II - July 16-18, 2004

- Class of '79, Landmark Reunion—25 years
- Class of '94, Landmark Reunion—10 years
- Classes of '88, '89 & '90—Cluster Reunion
- Classes of '99, '00, '01, '02, & '03—Young Alumni Cluster Reunion

The HCAA Board of Directors is spearheading a program we are calling "Vocational Journeys." Alumni will be invited to campus to share their "vocational journey" with current students. This spring we are working with the English/communication and business departments. If you would be interested in sharing your vocational journey, volunteer by clicking on the "Volunteer" tab and fill in the appropriate information. Obviously we can't invite everyone, but your name will be forwarded to coordinators.

REMEMBRANCE

34 Elizabeth (Coe) Fancher died October 8, 2003. After teaching a few years, she dedicated her life to raising her four children, three of whom survive. A daughter, **Mary Jane Thomas '61**, and two sons, **Don '62** and **Herbert '71**, a brother, nine grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren survive. Her husband, Roscoe, and a son predeceased her.

35 Janet (Donley) Hess died November 7, 2003, in Wisconsin. Before retirement, she taught in public schools and churches in New York, Ontario, and Michigan. Her first husband, James Bedford, died in 1978. Her second husband, Orven Hess, died in 1989. Survivors include two daughters—**Donna Lee Doig '61** and **Ruth Steiner '64**—six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two sisters—**Marjorie Stevenson '30** and **Ruth Barker '46**.

37 Hazel (Fox) Boon died on December 26, 2003. She taught in public school and assisted her husband pastoring churches in Pennsylvania and New York. They retired to Florida in 1975. Her husband predeceased her in 1999. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

38 Leland Webster died September 9, 2003, at the Pines Nursing Home in Machias, N.Y. A retired Methodist minister, he earned a D.Min. at Boston University. Retired since 1981, he served churches in New York's St. Lawrence and Mohawk districts. His wife, Helen, survives.

40 Barbara (Cronk) Bristol died June 14, 2003, in Cortland Memorial Hospital after

a short illness. She studied at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., where she met her husband, Franklin, who survives. They were married for 60 years. Bristol volunteered for Meals on Wheels and S.A.V.E.S. for many years. Besides her widower, a daughter, a brother, **Malcolm Cronk '35**, and several nieces and nephews survive her.

H. Carleton Herrman died July 18, 2003, in Oswego (N.Y.) Hospital. He was a music teacher at Central Square School District for 25 years, retiring in 1973. Herrman earned a master's degree in teaching from Syracuse University. His widow, Alice, three daughters, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren survive.

44 Mary (Strickland) Green died September 8, 2003, in Newberg, Ore. Before retirement, she taught at Bryan College in Tennessee and conducted math seminars for public school teachers throughout the Northwest. In 1988 she received a state award for her work, the first of its kind to be given to a private college teacher. Green earned master's degrees in nursing and math. Survivors include her husband, Bill, a son, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. A son predeceased her.

51 Elizabeth (McMartin) Masters died April 13, 2003, at Fletcher-Allen Medical Center in Burlington, Vt. She was a teacher, youth pastor, and pastor. Her husband, Bill, survives.

James H. Mills Jr., son of "Pop" Mills, died May 23, 2003, at his home in Crisfield, Md. He was 83. Rev. Mills served in Wesleyan and Presbyterian full-time ministry for more than 50 years until his retirement in 2000 at the age of 80. He received his master's of divinity and sacred theology degrees from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. He was dean of students and professor of psychology at Houghton College

for 14 years after having been secretary of the board of trustees for five years. Mills was a World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife, A. Elizabeth, two sons, including **James C. Mills '67**, two daughters, including **Betty Anne Dunham '62**, four brothers, including **Frederick V. Mills '52**, **Paul R. Mills '61**, and **John M. Mills '65**, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Gene Sackett died October 6, 2003. During his 41 years of ministry in the United Methodist denomination, he served six churches in New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Survivors include his widow, **Shirley (Smith '53)**, two daughters, and four grandsons.

54 Thomas G. Harris passed away on December 4, 2003. He was 70. Rev. Harris retired from full-time ministry in 1994, but continued to do interim pastorates throughout western Pennsylvania.

60 Gordon E. Keller died July 5, 2003, in Charlottesville, Va. He was a professor of math at the University of Virginia, where he'd taught since 1970. He earned a master's of science degree from the University of Buffalo and a Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology. His wife, Adrienne, a daughter, a son, two step-sons, and a step-daughter survive.

65 Charles Arthur Rhoads died May 10, 2003. He was 65. For several years he and his wife, **Rhoda (Beuter '65)**, who survives, served with North America Indian Mission in British Columbia, Canada. He also pastored for four years and worked as a financial planner with Primerica Financial Services for the last 15 years of his life. Besides his widow, two sons, a daughter, **Sarah Fernald '93**, a brother, and 10 grandchildren survive.

71 Pamela (Snyder) Batt died September 25, 2003. Before she moved to the Glens Falls N.Y., area in 1985, she worked as a book keeper at Houghton College. She was active in her Baptist church. Her husband Daniel, a daughter, a son, her father, her step-mother, a sister, an aunt, and several nieces and nephews survive. Her mother and two sisters predeceased her.

89 Stanley E. Ditmer, who received an honorary degree from Houghton, passed away on October 15, 2003. Commander of the Salvation Army's USA Eastern Territory, Ditmer planted a Korean corps in Flushing, N.Y., and Hispanic corps in Queens, N.Y., and Cleveland, Ohio. He established the Cross-Cultural Ministries Bureau in 1988. Ditmer published some 30 musical compositions. He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, three sisters, and eight grandchildren.

00 Jennifer (Roorda) Hale died June 30, 2003, at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester N.Y. She worked for Liberty Partnership Program in Newark Valley, N.Y., and then earned a master's degree in school psychology from Alfred University in 2003. Alfred has established a literacy lending library in her name. Hale taught three- and four-year-olds at Alfred-Almond Bible Church. She was valedictorian of her 1996 high-school class at Spencer-VanEtten (N.Y.). Her husband **Matthew Hale '98**, her parents, a sister **Emily Roorda '02**, a brother, **Danie Roorda '04**, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, survive her.

Friend

William Thorn, who taught business and constitutional law at Houghton College for six years in the '90s, died September 2, 2003. Besides his wife Dolores, survivors include four sons, two daughters, including **Rebecca Oehrig '83**, 13 grandchildren, a brother, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

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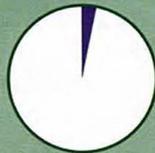
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Service-learning: The world as parish

By Ronald J. Oakerson

HOUGHTON'S MISSION is to prepare "scholar-servants." This implies that Houghton students study with the aim of serving others and, as graduates, serve knowledgeably and competently. Service to others is not a second-rate activity, something that's performed after the self-serving priorities are taken care of. Rather, service has primary importance in our lives; therefore, it must be done well. Service, like scholarship, should satisfy standards of excellence.

The principle of service-to-others should inform two major life commitments: our choice of vocation or career (and how we pursue it) and the way in which we choose to relate to the communities around us. The first is work-based; the second is place-based. We live in a society in which self-serving criteria drive career choices, whether it be maximizing income or maximizing self-fulfillment. The biblical injunction, however, is to count others as important as we count ourselves. While we are not charged to neglect our own happiness and well-being, we can and should seek both through service to others. Moreover, service does not end with vocation; we must live and work in community. Through community service, we engage actively with those with whom we share this world, participating in one another's joys and sorrows while addressing our common problems and opportunities.

This is why Houghton is extending its long-standing tradition of service to embrace service-learning, an academic program that makes service part of a student's curriculum. Service-learning at Houghton is closely tied to students' major fields of study, to be vocationally relevant. At the same time, it serves specific communities, including the community immediately surrounding Houghton, N.Y., to illuminate the role of Christians as citizens.

This year, for example, nine business students are updating the Allegany County Profile for the county Web site, and five history students are helping to prepare local town histories. A segment of the Spanish Conversation and Reading class is doing volunteer work at Vive La Casa, a refugee center in Buffalo. Three religion majors are doing applied research on church dropouts among youth-ministry graduates for a suburban Buffalo congregation. Students at Houghton in Tanzania regularly do volunteer work for a local orphanage. Other service-learning projects are described on Houghton's Web site (click on "Academics," then "Service-learning projects").

By integrating service with learning, we bring an academic standard to service as we infuse the educational experience with a service ethic. As John Wesley said, "The world is my parish." In other words, the world is our opportunity to serve others with love and care.



Ronald J. Oakerson is academic vice president and dean of the college.



During fall 2003 semester, students participating in the Houghton at the Adirondacks program participated in a service project called "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Justin Smith '06 captured this shot of teaching assistant Ben Yanda '03 applying new siding.

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