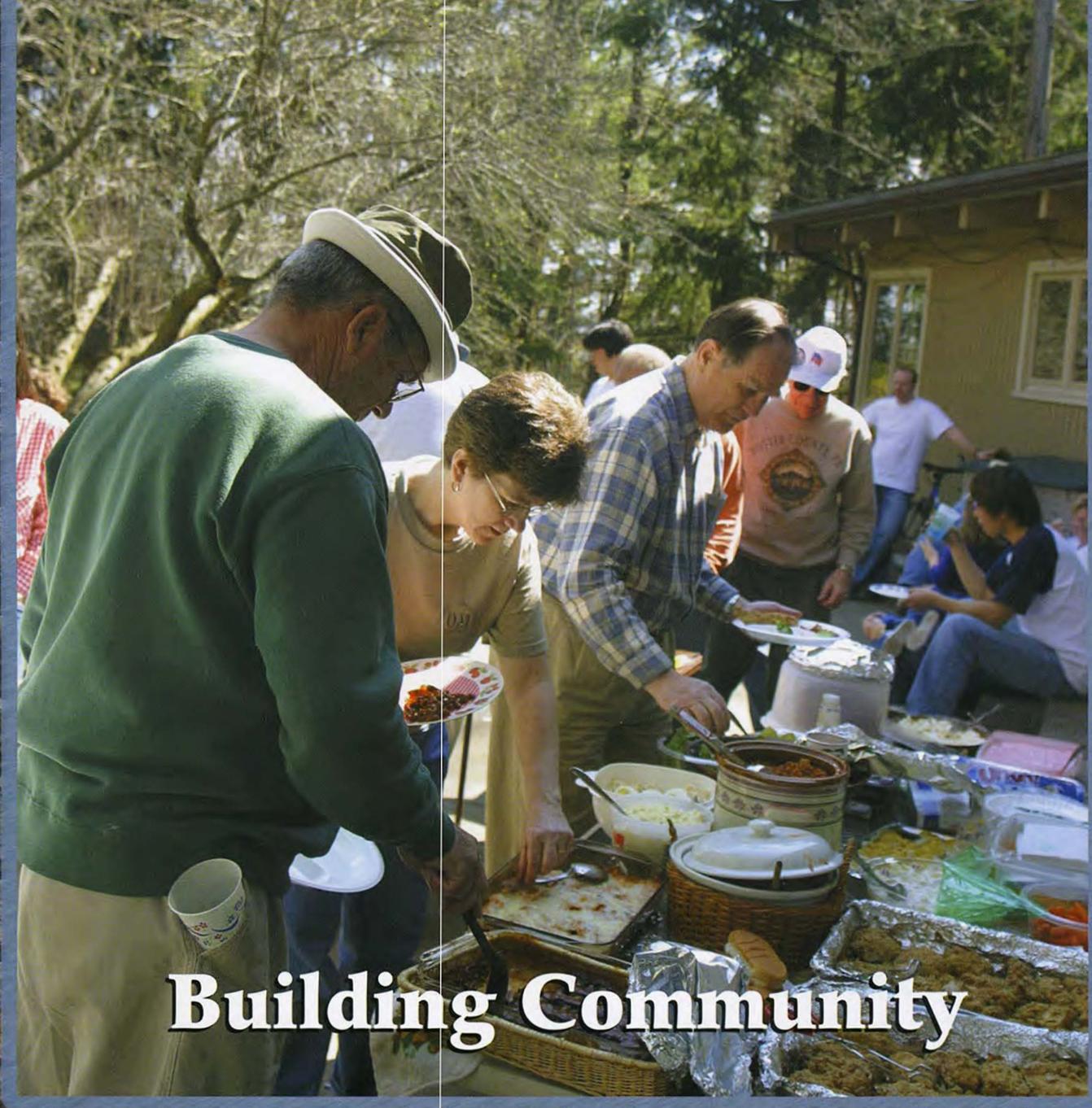


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**Building Community**

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## *Knowing your place*

*by Cynthia Machamer '85, editor*

I'VE LIVED IN HOUGHTON SINCE 1981, when I came as a petrified freshman. Knowing this place called Houghton began to take shape in my life on a warm day during my first week on campus, when a redheaded junior girl (whom I knew was an RA) knelt down to comfort me. I was at the traditional frosh picnic on the quad. Although I'd always wanted to go to Houghton, I hadn't made any friends yet, and I was too shy to initiate conversations. Sealed in my own little cocoon of loneliness and awkwardness, I didn't know how to grow wings. I felt out of place.

That day, feeling alone and homesick, I sat down and bowed my head. Most people—if they noticed me at all—probably thought that I was praying. But one

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perceptive girl noticed I was crying. She put her arms around me and offered to be my friend. Her willingness to reach out to a stranger changed the way I looked at my new college.

From that day on, my world opened up. I began to experience community. I began to desire to know others and to have them know me. I began to grow in a way I hadn't been able to before. I began to participate in class. I began to write essays for writing classes that revealed who I was and where I'd come from.

I learned a lot about community and family from professors. Some of my best memories include going to Professor Wing's house for dinner. He and his wife made my classmates and me feel like we could stay all night. Professor Leax awed me by his profound thoughts and published books. I've since come to know him and his wife as real people.

By the time I was a junior, I had developed enough self-esteem and courage to serve as an RA in East Hall. I had the privilege of mentoring 18 freshmen girls, some of whom reminded me of myself when I first came to Houghton.

I've had the good fortune to remain in the Houghton community. I've experienced this place, the good (emotional support when my brother died three years ago), and the not so good (everyone knows my shortcomings). It is a privilege for my husband and me to raise our two children in a college town where most of the students are good role models. My daughter, who's 10, talks about coming to Houghton and studying music in "that big building." She loves attending Artist Series concerts with me. I can't help but think, too, that her heart is responding to the sense of community she feels. She's only beginning to know her place.



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*On the cover: "The road to a friend's house is never long." This Danish proverb captures the sense of unity members of the community felt when they came together in May to help Ruth (Schober '62) Boon clean up her yard, a task normally performed by her husband, Ken '62, who died in November 2002. At the end of the day, the workers enjoyed a potluck meal together.*

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## Calendar



### July

- 4-5 Post/Perimeter Basketball Camp
- 6-11 Boys' Basketball Camp
- 13-18 Volleyball Camp
- Cross Country/Hurdles Camp
- 20-25 Basketball/Soccer Team Camp
- 27- Aug. 1 Soccer Camp I

### August

- 3-8 Soccer Camp II
- 4-7 Cheerleading Camp

### September

- 1 First day of classes
- 20 P.A.C.E. commencement
- 26-28 Family Weekend

### October

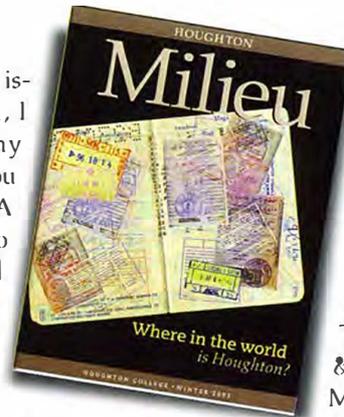
- 3-4 Homecoming
- 15-19 Break
- 20 Classes resume

*Correction: In the last issue we incorrectly stated that Upland College is located in Indiana, when referring to places President Chamberlain has served. Upland College is in California. We regret the error.*

Dear Editor,

I received my winter issue of *Milieu* and at 91, I realized it might be my last, so I want to tell you how much I enjoyed it. A hundred or so years ago I edited a *Boulder* and later was a faculty wife and teacher. I have a lot of wonderful memories of Houghton. I am thankful for the influence it had on my life and for the great memories the present generation of students will have. May God bless you all.

Wenona (Ware '34) Cronk  
DeLand, Florida



"Where in the world is Houghton?" *Milieu* publication. Being a non-alumna and a non-Wesleyan, the freshness, depth, excitement and spiritual uplift—to say nothing of the meaningful artistic design—blessed me. Thank you for the "Legends & legacies" column on the McMillens. (S. I. McMillen's sister was the second pastor of our church.) I loved the personal testimonies of spiritual depth and relationships.

Brenda Iaquinto  
Falconer First Wesleyan Church  
Falconer, New York

Dear Editor,

I wanted to thank you for all the hard work, time, and energy you put into making *Milieu* such a beneficial way to communicate with Houghton alumni, friends, and family.

Alicia (Consolo '98) Powers  
Albany, New York

Dear Editor:

I was proud to read the article on my grandson, Aram Mitchell '05, in the winter issue. I am so happy that he chose Houghton College. (It was his dad, Laurence Mitchell '76, more than I, who had the greater influence on his choice.) Houghton will prepare him well for the ministry into which God leads him. From his early youth he has had a love for the Bible, and I recall that one day as a teen he was sitting in my armchair with a note pad and Bible having a devotional time. He also has a sensitive spirit to people's feelings. As a family we have been blessed by Houghton's influence.

Ron Mitchell, trustee  
Brown's Flat, New Brunswick,  
Canada

Dear Editor:

What holy and heart-touching goodness flowed from your

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the photo of Eldon Basney and his students. He did not allow his picture to be taken most of the time.

The students in the picture (see below) were from the early '70s. Joellen (Placeway '73) Petersen is the cellist. Brian Arnold (deceased) is the male violist. I do not remember the others. I was at Houghton fall '72 - '76 so the picture may be from '70 or '71.

Also there was a second son killed as a teen in an auto accident.

Patti (Adels '76) McCallum  
Shokan, New York



## Service day puts hands, hearts to work

MORE THAN 350 HOUGHTON COLLEGE students, faculty, and staff volunteered to help those in need during the college's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day in March. It marked the fourth year of the event. The volunteers—including almost a third of the college's student body—assisted churches, social service agencies, camps, and other non-profit organizations in Buffalo, Rochester, and throughout Allegany County with a variety of projects.

"This is a way of planting a seed in the students that we hope will develop into lifelong habits of service," said student volunteer Joshua Nemecek, a senior political science major from Spring Arbor, Mich. "We want to create a desire in the volunteers to be involved in service throughout their lives."

The volunteers, who were encouraged to talk about the meaning of service while they were at their sites, had a chance to share their experiences and perspectives with the rest of the participants when they returned to campus later that day.

## Special Olympics brings special smiles

STUDENTS AGREED THAT SEEING the smiles on the faces of the participants made their day as Special Olympics volunteers in May worth it.

"It's satisfying to see the looks on their faces," said Houghton junior Kirsten Nelson, who helped with the high jump. "They are so happy, whether they make it over the bar or not, because they have people applaud them." Sophomore Peter Wheatley agreed. "This is the biggest day for some of these kids. To see their smiles makes me so happy. It's a great way I can serve them."

Close to 250 athletes from the 11 school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties met new people and experienced the thrill of competition at the annual event at Burke Field. Volunteers included 150 Houghton students, faculty, and staff as well as teachers, aides, and parents of the athletes. The kids competed in the 50- and 100-meter dashes, long jump, high jump, soccer kick, softball throw, and frisbee throw. Other highlights included canoe rides; rhythm and movement games with parachutes, balls, and ribbon; and clowns to entertain.

*Walter Hopkins '04 shares a special moment with a new friend.*



## Faculty News

Rich Eckley, associate professor of theology, read his paper, "The Pneumatological Contributions of Yves Congar to Current Ecumenical Dialogue Toward a Roman Catholic and Wesleyan/Pentecostal Theological Discourse" at the Wesleyan Theological Seminary/Society for Pentecostal Studies meeting at Asbury (Ky.) Theological Seminary in March.

Kristina LaCelle-Peterson '82, associate professor of education, received the Student Government Association faculty award.

Peter Meilaender, assistant professor of political science, had his article, "Christians as Patriots," published in the February 2003 issue of *First Things*. The March 2003 issue of *First Things* included "Distinguishing the Kingdoms," a review Meilaender wrote of Roger Scruton's *The West and the Rest*.

David Tilley, vice president for student life, received the Student Government Association administration award.

Tim Trezise, instructor of physical education, has left the college to direct EduVenture in Chihuahua, Mexico. This program is for Christian college students who want a cross-cultural experience focused on missions and spiritual/personal growth.

J. Michael Walters '86, professor of Christian ministries, attended the National Pastors Convention in San Diego, Calif., in March.



Commencement '03



*Ben Yanda '03 earned a B.A. magna cum laude in biology. He is the son of Allen and Deborah (Offringa '73) Yanda '74. Right center: Rochelle Hershey '03 (left) of LaPorte City, Iowa, and Mindy Albrecht '03 of Clarence Center, N.Y. Left: Honorary degree recipients Dr. Thomas Armiger (left) and The Rev. Greg McClain with President Chamberlain*

THE REV. GREG MCCLAIN, senior pastor at Hamburg Wesleyan Church, delivered the address during the commencement ceremony on May 12.

Two hundred sixty-five students from the main campus received bachelor's degrees. Two other graduates received associate's degrees through Houghton's Pastoral and Church Ministries Program in Buffalo.

Rev. McClain was raised in Buffalo,

where his grandfather was a minister. At the time of his grandfather's death, Rev. McClain sensed a strong call to become a pastor. That call guided and sustained him through his education and on to Hamburg where he has pastored for more than 25 years. During that time, the church relocated to a site that has grown to include 70 acres and three building projects, totaling \$20 million. The church, which has a strong ministry to reach the unchurched

of Buffalo's Southtowns, serves 1,700 people in worship services each week.

Rev. McClain holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wheaton (Ill.) College, a master of divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a doctorate in ministry from Asbury Seminary.

In other weekend activities, Dr. Thomas Armiger, general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, delivered the baccalaureate address Sunday, May 11.



*Connie Finney '78, professor of education, received flowers and moon pies as tokens of students' appreciation.*

Armiger served in the pastorate for ten years before moving on to administrative roles with The Wesleyan Church's national office in Indianapolis, Ind. He served as director and general director of the department of student ministries for 12 years and then served as district superintendent of the Virginia District for two years before taking his current position in 1997.

Armiger holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University, a master's of divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary, and doctorate of ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Both McClain and Armiger received honorary doctorate of divinity degrees during the commencement exercises. Forty graduates of the Program for Accelerating College Education (P.A.C.E.) received their degrees in a separate ceremony Saturday, May 10. English professor Charles Bressler presented the commencement address. P.A.C.E., which has graduated more than 700 students since it began in 1991, offers life-experience credits and accelerates the degree-completion process for adults 25-and-older who have finished close to two years of college coursework. Students can earn a bachelor's of science degree in management in approximately 16 months.

## Students receive top honors

VALEDICTORIAN AMANDA SCHMISSEUR served on the editing staff of the literary magazine, the *Lanthorn*, was a "Big Sister" with Allegany County Outreach, and served as a chemistry lab teaching assistant. She participated in the First-Year Honors Program as well.

Schmisser will be returning to Houghton for another year, to complete an additional degree in chemistry.

She says she "enjoyed the courses that I took with all three of the Drs. Woolsey—Linda Mills Woolsey was my faculty advisor and she gave me good advice over the years." Schmisser also cited chemistry professors who "ignited a passion for chemistry and helped [her] secure internships."

Salutatorian Amy Hale majored in intercultural studies and participated in Philharmonia, Symphonic Winds, Flute Ensemble, First-Year Introduction and First-Year Honors (as a student and then as a teaching assistant), International Student Association, and World Missions Fellowship.

She has been accepted to Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, to pursue a master's of divinity degree. She is deferring enrollment until fall 2004 to get hands-on experience working with internationals in the Albany area.

Hale says Cameron Airhart, professor of history, was a "constant source of challenge and encouragement ever since freshman year in the First-Year Honors Program. He has pushed me to excel more than anyone else, challenged me to produce more than I ever thought I could. His stimulating lectures have encouraged my love of history and understanding of our own culture, stretching me to think and analyze and draw connections."

She also cited writing professor John Leax '66 as "influential in my development, both as a scholar and a writer."



*Valedictorian Amanda Schmisser of O'Fallon, Ill.*



*Salutatorian Amy Hale of Burnt Hills, N.Y.*

## Sports wrap-up

Freshman Mary Gibson earned NAIA All-America honors with a fourth-place finish in the 800 meters at the NAIA National Track and Field Championships in Olathe, Kan. Gibson's time of 2:15.11 broke her previous school record, set earlier this season. Junior Sarah Gardner finished 12th in the 100-meter hurdles with a semifinal time of 15.02. The women's 4x800 relay team finished sixth in its preliminary heat with a time of 9:42.43 and failed to advance to the finals.

Five members of the men's basketball program earned All-American Mideast Conference North Division honors following the 2002-03 season. Jason Lee was selected to the second team, Joel Hamilton and Matt Meabon earned honorable mention honors, and Eric Jankov and Adam Buczek were named to the all-freshman team. The Highlanders finished with a 6-20 record.

The NAIA recognized women's basketball players Amanda Sweeney, Katie Packard, and Jennifer Cadden as Daktronics All-America Scholar-Athletes. They join a select group of junior and senior basketball players who have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.50. This is the second time Sweeney and Packard have received the award. Four members of the team earned AMC North Division honors. Alicia Mucher and Angela Layne were selected to the first team, Amanda Sweeney was named to the second team, and Katie Packard was an honorable mention selection. The 2002-03 Highlanders finished 15-12. Jennifer Cadden, a junior guard on the team, was selected as the AMC Emil S. Liston Award recipient.

## Professional soccer returned

FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE year the A-League's Rochester Raging Rhinos played a preseason soccer match on Burke Field as part of a week of professional soccer at the college. The Rhinos took on their A-League rivals the Toronto Lynx on April 26. The Lynx, who held their preseason training camp at Houghton for the second straight year, scrimmaged the college men's varsity team on April 24. "Play with the Pros" kids' clinics were held prior to each game.



## Sports help build character

AUTHOR AND COACH BRUCE BROWN believes that developing character in our youth can help change the culture of our nation. It's that belief that motivates this coach and educator to spend countless hours and thousands of miles on the road, speaking to athletes, parents' groups, coaches, and businesses.

Brown shared his perspectives on coaching, team-building, and the true definition of an athlete, during a series of presentations in April as part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' "Champions of Character" Initiative.

Brown spoke to Houghton's coaches, team captains, and to students in a coaching class and addressed a group of more than 500 Houghton and local high school athletes and coaches.

"The culture of sport is out of perspective," said Brown. "Every night on SportsCenter, we see \$8-million athletes who say, 'I don't have to practice.' They have a sense of entitlement. The danger is in the trickle-down of that attitude from the professional athlete to the 10-year-old kid. What they see affects how they react to a coach, teammate, or official."



Brown and the NAIA believe that the culture of sports in America has been negatively influenced by widespread incidents of violence, lack of respect, and unsportsmanlike conduct. They have challenged each of their member institutions with recognizing problem areas and implementing solutions that will improve the athletic environment on campus and in the community.

Houghton, as a member of the NAIA, has been involved in the program since its inception three years ago and recently appointed Mark Pavone '97 to coordinate the college's efforts to reach its own athletes and also to impact the local community.

Brown has produced six instructional coaching videos and is the author of two coaching books.

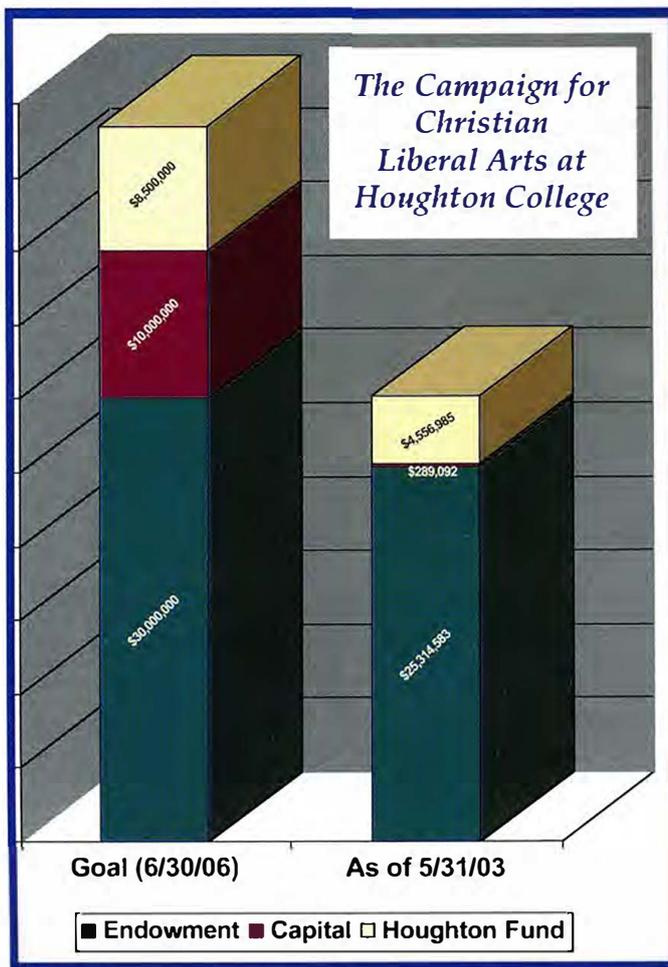
# Houghton Fund history

FOR THE FIRST TIME in its history, The Houghton Fund (formerly known as the annual fund) has raised over \$1 million in cash for two consecutive fiscal years. As the 2003 fiscal year drew to a close (on 5/31/03), The Houghton Fund hit seven figures, at \$1,072,866. This includes \$726,755 in undesignated gifts, prized by college administrators because they can use the funds where the need is greatest. The historic performance of the fund is especially gratifying since this was a difficult year in the country's economy. Although the fund did set a record, it fell just short of the year's goal, which was \$1.1 million in cash (\$800,000 undesignated).

"We are grateful for those who have helped to reach this milestone," said Annie Valkema '88, director of The Houghton Fund. "At the same time, we would have liked to reach our goal, especially considering the challenge that next year will pose." Valkema was referring to The Houghton Fund's goal for the 2004 fiscal year (FY04), which will rise to \$1.2 million.

Valkema notes that the regular renewal of the challenge emphasizes the most important aspect of giving to The Houghton Fund: consistency. "Our aim is to encourage the habit of making a gift to Houghton each year," she said. "A majority of Houghton alumni and friends make donations at some point. If we can help to develop the habit of doing so each year, then the fund could double in size."

Donations to The Houghton Fund are included in the totals for *The Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts at Houghton College*. In fact, The Houghton Fund's goal is to raise \$8.5 million towards the overall campaign total of \$48.5 million. During the campaign so far, gifts to The Houghton Fund have topped \$4.5 million. Those who wish to contribute to the FY04 Houghton Fund may do so by sending a gift to the college or by making a gift online, at [www.houghton.edu/alumni/giving/](http://www.houghton.edu/alumni/giving/).



## Prayer support of the campaign

Since September 1, 2002, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Houghton have supported *The Campaign for Christian Liberal Arts* with prayer. These people agreed to spend time during a specific day praying just for the campaign. Some chose a birthday or an anniversary—a special date that they could remember—while many others asked to be assigned a day.

"I rarely spend extended time intentionally praying for Houghton," one staff member said, "...but [recently] I was scheduled to pray for the campaign... It was a fulfilling act of service. I went to the chapel prayer room and spent some time praying about Houghton, her leaders, and her future."

"This effort is vital to the campaign," says David Daugherty '69, who is the campaign's prayer chairman. "President Chamberlain is fond of quoting John Wesley's dictum to 'pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you.' We're doing our best to fulfill the first half of that admonition."

The prayer calendar effort will require greater participation from alumni and friends if each day this summer is to have a prayer partner, as it has so far. If you would like to sign up for a day, go to [www.houghton.edu/campaign/calendar](http://www.houghton.edu/campaign/calendar), or contact Doug Roorbach in the public relations office (e-mail: [doug.roorbach@houghton.edu](mailto:doug.roorbach@houghton.edu), phone: 585.567.9556).

## Student artists receive awards

Eight students were honored in May for their artwork at the 14th Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition awards ceremony. Following are the award winners with their year and hometowns:

**Best of Show (The Ortlip Memorial Award)**—Amy Purifoy (Senior/Greenwood, Ark.) Black and White photograph titled “Punchinella”

**First Place (The Paul Maxwell Memorial Award)**—Ian Kanski (Sophomore / Jersey Shore, Penn.) Self-portrait painting in oil

**Second Place (Alumni Award)**—Jonathan Hnatiuk (Sophomore / Preston, Conn.) Four-part painting in oil titled “Through the Never Movement”

**Third Place (The Moss Award)**  
Meghan Chalmers (Senior/Atlanta, Ga.) “Self Vessel” in ceramic Raku

### Honorable Mention:

1. Amy Purifoy
2. Nathan Boyd (Junior/Papua, New Guinea)
3. Jenette Meixner (Sophomore/Newell, N.J.)
4. Hallie Fairchild (Junior/Sanbornton, N.H.)
5. Magdolene Kelada-Sedra (Senior/St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada)

Lynda Lambert, published poet and art professor at Geneva College (Pa.), served as judge for the event.

## Why I teach at Houghton



*Gary Baxter has been investing himself in students' lives since 1979.*

I MAKE ALL SORTS OF OBJECTS, but the best things I make are art. These are about ideas and expression and emotion. Art consists of shapes and textures and colors designed to amount to more than the sum of the parts. Houghton College encourages this kind of higher learning.

As important as art is to me, there are other concerns just as or more important. Working out one's salvation, learning to be a good steward of our earthly resources, and building bridges to other cultures are areas where every discipline at Houghton makes an important contribution. I find Houghton to be an environment where the integration of these worthy endeavors occurs.

Teaching is a way to invest my life in the lives of others. The possibility that I might have the kind of influence on my students that a couple of my teachers have had on me is both humbling and exciting. It is a privilege to participate in the process of students becoming fellow artists, teachers, and friends.

Yet teaching is not a one-way street. Students provide me with accountability and motivation to spend time working in my studio, even though there is a steady paycheck tempting me toward complacency. I have discovered that, unless I am actively engaged in my discipline, there is much less for me to say to my students; there can be little enthusiasm, little empathy as they immerse themselves in the creative process.

Houghton has many of the type of students in which I am interested. I am amazed and delighted by students whose goals and aspirations transcend personal comfort. There are students who want to use clay and stone and wood to develop their hands and sharpen their minds. They are the reason I teach at Houghton.

## Art for today and tomorrow

IN THE BASEMENT OF Gaoyadeo, an art student positions her canvas so that natural light hits her watercolor landscape. Twenty years later in the Stevens Art Center, another art student sits at one of ten Macintosh computers in the graphics lab, finishing a project for his graphic design class.

Clearly, the art department has evolved. The program had wonderful beginnings, but as times have changed, the art department has had to run to keep up with growing interest in the major and advancing technology in studio equipment. With its nearly 70 students, the department equips them for teaching, professional art production, and graduate studies, offering concentrations in ceramics, drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. Current full-time faculty Gary Baxter (department chair), Scot Bennett, Ted Murphy, and John Rhett all hold master's degrees in fine arts. The art department is reputed for its rigorous studio program, even without an art education or art history majors.

In 1936, Aileen Ortlip founded the art department. Three years later, her sister, Marjorie, joined her, with the vision of beginning an art education major. Aileen worked at Houghton until 1946 and Marjorie stayed on, teaching part time.

Marjorie developed the art minor while preparing for the anticipated major. She developed connections with the University of Buffalo that allowed art students to take three years at Houghton and one at UB to finish New York state teacher's certificate requirements. During World War II, enrollment dropped to 300 women; administration considered dropping the art program. Marjorie kept the program alive by teaching an art survey course *gratis* until the war was over.

In 1947, Marjorie and Aileen's parents, Willard and Aimee Ortlip, took part-time faculty positions. Georgiana Sentz and Roger Richardson came as full-time faculty in 1960 and 1971, respectively, and the art minor began in 1975. In 1978, though the art major had not yet been realized, Marjorie decided to retire. A year later, under President Chamberlain, the art major became a reality.

The creation of the Stevens Art Center in 1987 propelled the art program to new heights. By the mid-'90s, the program boasted 60 students and the current four full-time faculty.

Now the art department is bursting at its seams. Stevens was built to hold 40 art students, but the department is approaching double capacity, limiting flexibility. As part of one of the college's capital projects, construction of a new building for the visual arts program will offer sufficient space for studios and classes, edify the campus aesthetically, and integrate a number of disciplines as a visual "hub." Until that time, the art department will continue to prepare students for success in art by utilizing the current studio to its full capacity—and with all its running to keep up, the department is expected to be in great shape when a new facility is built.



Art professors like Scot Bennett (center) help students develop an appreciation of art and how it fits in society today.

## Faculty News

**Nina Assimakopoulos**, instructor of flute, is recording a solo CD on flute that will come out in the fall. She is recording another CD with assistant professor of piano **William Newbrough**. It will include German romantic flute works and be ready next spring.

**Shirley Close**, associate professor of voice, received the 2003 Maggie Sloan Crawford award from her *alma mater*, Olivet



Shirley Close

Nazarene University. The award recognizes and honors women whose lives and accomplishments mark them as outstanding examples and role models for today's young women. Other recipients include Sandra Day O'Connor and Elizabeth Dole. The award will be presented to Shirley in the fall during a chapel service at Olivet.

At the beginning of March, **Robert Galloway**, professor of piano, presented a paper titled "Luther, Bach, and the Theology of Salvation in the St. John Passion"

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at a Bach symposium held at the University of Miami.

**Mark Hartman**, associate professor of violin, coordinated and played with the Houghton College Fancy Fiddlers at an encore concert, entitled "Serious Strings/Fancy Fiddling," on February 7. The free concert featured the Fancy Fiddlers, joined by the Memorial Scholarship Bluegrass Band.

**Kelley Hijleh**, music instructor, is organizing a program of music for voice and guitar by British composers for a potential recital/recording project with Houghton guitarist faculty member, **Anton Machleder**, to take place next school year. While in London during the spring semester, she taught voice lessons to two of the Houghton honors students.

**Mark Hijleh**, associate professor of composition and theory, spent spring semester in London. While there, he taught the First-Year Honors Program and worked on two new compositions, a "Te Deum" for chorus and orchestra and a piece the Houghton College Symphonic Winds will premier in the 2003-04 school year. He is also completing plans for a new course in the graduate music program, which will begin next fall. The Hijlehs returned to Houghton in May.

**Jean Reigles**, professor of voice, led and directed the Houghton College Choir on its spring tour at churches throughout New York state, February 28 through March 6.

## Setting the stage for the master's in music program

"MUSICALLY EXCELLENT, ACADEMICALLY ENGAGING, PROFOUNDLY CHRISTIAN." This maxim will guide The Greatbatch School of Music, Houghton College, as it prepares to commence a year ahead of our planned first class. The program's first "official" class will enroll in the fall of 2004; however, a small number of students will start graduate classes this fall. The state of New York has given the necessary approvals for the college to grant advanced degrees. The 32-hour degree program offers master of arts in music and master of music degrees, with majors available in collaborative performance, composition, conducting, and performance.

In the fall, Brandon Johnson, DMA, has been hired as director of choral activities. Heather Armstrong '99 will join the faculty as assistant professor of theory and oboe. The search for a third faculty member will take place during the 2003-2004 school year.

Dr. Ben King, director and associate dean of The Greatbatch School of Music, said fellowships will be available to graduates and undergraduates—generous graduate assistantships, up to full tuition, and a stipend—and the college's music library, instrument collection, and instructional technology will be upgraded.

By the time that the Regents of the State of New York granted Houghton College approval to offer graduate degrees in music in October 2002, the college had already worked hard to create a program that would integrate music and Christian faith in a milieu of academic excellence.

This meticulous planning is now coming to fruition, and the initial year of coursework will allow faculty to further refine the program, preparing for a full class of students in fall 2004. For more information, contact The Greatbatch School of Music, Houghton College, at 585.567.9400 or [music@houghton.edu](mailto:music@houghton.edu).



*The music department is preparing for a full class of master's students for fall 2004. A small number of students will start graduate classes this fall.*

## Irwin toots many horns

CARL IRWIN III KNOWS HOW to toot horns—several different kinds, in fact. Though his primary instrument is the trumpet, Irwin is also accomplished at the melophone, which is a French horn version of the trumpet, and is a secondary player at a number of other brass instruments.

Finishing his Houghton College career after the fall 2002 semester with a degree in music education, Irwin chose to stay an extra semester to take more courses in music composition and conducting. In his nine semesters, Irwin participated in two brass quintets and Symphonic Winds, and he also played in the Houghton Philharmonia and the jazz ensemble.

As a student, Irwin built a strong base for his future musical career. In addition to the instrumental groups he was involved in at Houghton, he acted as student conductor of every major ensemble, and he marched with a drum and bugle corps, the audition for which has a daunting reputation. He also arranged a piece that Houghton's jazz ensemble performed and founded one of the quintets in which he played.

Since finishing his additional semester at Houghton, Irwin has spent much of his time composing, and he is now preparing for further study in the college's new master's program. Though his objective is to teach music in secondary education, Irwin is looking forward to completing a master's in composition.

Reflecting on his Houghton education, Irwin says that the majority of his musical growth occurred at the college. He counts it a privilege to have studied under professors Harold McNeil, Mark Hijleh, and Gary Stith. Irwin says the Houghton music program is outstanding, and he looks forward to tooting more horns in the fall.



*"Houghton's music program is outstanding..."*

## Professor honored for excellence

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Erie County Council of Music Coordinators (ECCMC) awarded music professor **Gary Stith** an Excellence in Music Education award. The award honors those who nurture students in the musical arts.

Stith taught in the Holland School District for seven years and in the Williamsville School District for 23 years. He took an administrative position as music and art coordinator for Williamsville schools in 1993 and began teaching as an adjunct professor at the University at Buffalo in 1997.

At Houghton, Stith teaches percussion instruments and techniques, instrumental methods and instrumental conducting, and he directs the Symphonic Winds. He also supervises student teachers as coordinator of music education and says his years as a teacher have helped him prepare future teachers.

Stith holds a bachelor's in music education from The Ohio State University and a master's in music education from the Eastman School of Music, as well as the Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from the State University College of New York at Buffalo.

He is past president of both the New York State Band Directors Association and the NYS Council of Administrators of Music Education. He was chair of the ECCMC.

# Community's multiple layers

by Tim Fuller '79



*Seated: Tim and Carol (Zimmerman '78) Fuller '79, their children, Rebecca '05 and Jonathan, and Tim's parents, Lillian and Dick Fuller. Daniel '06, Tim and Carol's son, was away on a missions trip.*

**I**n Houghton, we often use “community” to describe the unique combination of study, work, worship, and play that characterizes our lives as a student or an employee.

FOR THE LAST 23 YEARS, I've described this sense of community to prospective students and parents, suggesting that this is a unique aspect of the education we offer. Competitive academics? Sure. Meaningful co-curricular activities? No doubt. Stimulating opportunities for spiritual growth? Lots of them.

Put all of these in the context of a village in the Genesee Valley with current and retired faculty and staff both nearby and involved, and you have a powerful combination for transforming students' lives.

*“Houghton is a place where students see, up close, faculty and staff involved in the broader community—churches, local organizations, missions—an example they may take to heart.”*

The unique Houghton experience may be found in the multiple layers of contact that a Houghton student has with faculty, staff, and other community members. Colleges in suburban and urban locations may afford the same kinds of classroom content, but commuting distances usually limit their out-of-classroom experiences. At Houghton, it's normal for students to find themselves in the same church pew, athletic event grandstand row, and/or service project team as one of their teachers. Houghton is a place where students see, up close, faculty and staff involved in the broader community—churches, local organizations, missions—an example they may take to heart. This additional contact adds depth to relationships and provides a complete education, one that fosters intellectual, spiritual, and social growth. As one staff member, commenting on his Houghton experience, said to me recently, “Houghton was the first place where I encountered smart people who were committed to Christ and interested in me as a person, and that has made a tremendous difference in the kind of person I've become.”

This communal aspect of Houghton life raises the stakes in the student recruitment process—you tend to take recruiting more seriously when you know that today's prospective student may be teaching your children tomorrow! Four years ago I sat in the lobby of Arlington Christian School in the Atlanta suburbs, talking with a high school senior named Shelley Dooley, daughter of Ron Dooley '66. Shelley graduated from Houghton last month, finishing a college career that has included service as editor of *The Houghton Star* and majors in English and writing. In addition, she and Andrew Brautigam '05 [son of Daryl '77 and Sharon (Sard '78) Brautigam] taught the third-grade group at the Wednesday night Boy's Adventure Club of the Houghton Wesleyan Church, a group that included my son Jonathan.

One of the most vivid examples of community is the number of multi-generation connections on campus. Carol (Zimmerman '78) and I met as college students and married in September 1979. Carol's mom, Ruth (Krein '50) Zimmerman, graduated from both Houghton Academy and Houghton College. My parents, Dick and Lillian Fuller, retired here 15 years ago and are actively involved in the community. Our daughter, Rebecca '05, and son, Daniel '06, are now Houghton students.

Here are some other examples of these deep-rooted connections, people who have chosen to make both their careers

and homes in this setting:

- Three generations of Luckeys live in Houghton—retired VP/professor Bob and Ruth (Brooks '45) Luckey '37, Peter and Nancy (Clow '74) Luckey '74 and current student government president Danielle Luckey '05.

- The Spear family—retired staff member Eileen (Griffen '52); her son, VP for finance Jeff '79, and her daughters-in-law, staff members Janine (Filmer '81) and Molly (Mann '77); and her granddaughters, students Erin '04 and Jessica '05.

One of the most valuable aspects of this community is the ability to know, and be known by, a number of bright, caring, committed-to-Christ people. Knowing and being known makes us accountable. Behavior and attitudes reach far beyond the classroom or workplace. This is a gift, one that many Houghton students take for granted until they graduate and discover that much of the rest of the world isn't like this.

The Houghton tradition of presidents, faculty members, and staff persons who serve for decades contributes to this sense of community, too. How many alumni from the Luckey and Paine years at Houghton came back to enroll their children, reassured by the fact that the same president was still in office? This tradition continues today, as Dan Chamberlain greets children of alumni from the early years of his presidency. Long-serving faculty members like David Howard and Carl Schultz '53 are now teaching the children of former students, just as Frieda Gillette and Josephine Rickard did before them. Sandy (Carlson '64) Roederer has been answering student questions in the Academic Records Office long enough to have helped both fathers/mothers and their daughters/sons unravel the mysteries of the master schedule!

This “college-as-a-learning-community” concept wasn't uncommon a century ago. It is now, though, thanks to suburban sprawl and other societal factors. This trend makes Houghton a “throwback” in a sense, and increasingly unique among colleges.

The synergy of a college whose mission is to educate “scholar-servants” for Christ and his kingdom; a rural location that gives freedom to focus on the things that matter; and committed, caring faculty/staff with such a sense of mission that they stay for decades: this combination is what keeps me here, a 27-year resident of the community we call Houghton.

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*Tim Fuller '79 is vice president for enrollment management.*



# A special place for prayer and praise

by Becky Williams '05

**W**hat is it about sitting around a dinner table as a family? While the food is enticing and nourishing, many find a deeper sustenance through camaraderie, the sharing of stories, and words of encouragement.

WHILE FOOD IS NOT ALLOWED in Wesley Chapel, students often experience that “family-at-the-dinner-table” sense when they gather there three times a week. Chapel is an opportunity when, as the family of God, the Houghton community gathers to fellowship, share, and encourage one another.

Besides sharing fellowship and encouragement, student, faculty, and staff come to the chapel to share their sorrows. In 1981, when six of Houghton’s students died in a car accident, students and the people of the community mourned together in a memorial chapel. When tragedy struck our nation on September 11, 2001, we flocked to the chapel to unite in prayer. Last November, when beloved professor and friend Ken Boon ’62 passed away, the community again assembled for a remembrance chapel.

Intentional community is at the heart of chapel, and, in many ways chapel is the heart of Houghton. Though individuals in the community vary widely in cultural, ethnic, and social ways, joining as one body in chapel enables each person to appreciate the qualities that make up the distinct Houghton community. Dr. David Lewis, associate vice president for Christian

life, says, “I believe our regular gathering together as a community is foundational to our Houghton identity.”

In 1991, a committee of 11 faculty members and students sought to refine the chapel program to better suit the needs of the growing community. The changes that were made as a result of their efforts continue to provide a solid base for corporate worship. Additionally, in an attempt to maintain the place that has become central to campus gatherings, Wesley Chapel has been included in Houghton’s capital campaign and plans are being made to restore it to its original beauty and functionality.

Dr. Bob Danner, former dean of students, says, “Gathering [in chapel] brings a closeness that many communities do not experience.”

Considering all the changes that have taken place over the years at Houghton—people coming and going, buildings built and razed—it is reassuring to know that the community we call Houghton College remains firmly committed to chapel and to fellowship and growth. That’s something to include in our next prayer of thanks around the dinner table.

# My Caribbean community: a comparison

by Eurisca Chandler '03

**I**n the mist of the sea there is a horned island with deep green harbors ... a place of light with luminous valleys under the thunderous clouds ...

HER MOUNTAINS TINKLE with springs among moss-bearded forests ... And the white egret makes rings stalking its pools ... a volcano, stinking with Sulphur, has made it a healing place" (from Derek Walcott's *Omeros*). This is my homeland, St. Lucia, an island in the Caribbean. You can well imagine that my community is very different from that of Houghton, but volcanoes and green harbors are not the only things that set us apart. Our family structures, our expectations of men and women in the home, and our methods of relating in community are also different.

Some years ago, the St. Lucian community consisted of extended families where single households included great grandparents, grandparents, parents, and children. Although this is no longer the norm, grandparents, relatives, neighbors, and friends still take part in disciplining children today. Disobedient or disrespectful children may be disciplined by any of the persons mentioned above, by any means necessary. In America, this is not so. Children rarely receive discipline from their parents, let alone from their relatives or neighbors. Most people turn a blind eye because they believe it is not their business.

Traditionally, the St. Lucian man is the head of the home; the wife is expected to care for the home, the children, and her husband. This view has been changing as more women work outside the home. However, some working women continue to feel the pressure of housework without the help of their



Shauna Schann '03

husbands. In America, the husband and wife usually work together, supporting each other.

As for communication, the younger generation is subordinate and respects its elders in St. Lucia. Children would not dare refuse to perform a duty requested of them, nor return harsh words to their parents. Most young people in America have the freedom to speak to their parents in any manner without punishment.

Family life in St. Lucia, although more strict than in America, is deeply woven into our culture and becomes a part of every St. Lucian. I appreciate the environment in which I grew up and the discipline that I received. My structured life has made me a young woman of high moral values and integrity. I envy a few aspects of American family life, but now that I have a husband, when we have children we will raise them in St. Lucia.

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*Eurisca Chandler graduated magna cum laude in May with majors in educational ministries and Bible. She plans to pursue graduate study and return home after the summer to work with her church. At Houghton, Chandler served as house resident of the College Flats, as an executive member of International Student Association, a member of Allegany County Outreach, and secretary of her class cabinet.*

# Matches made in Houghton



**F**rom Sadie Hawkins Day to History of Philosophy class, many Houghton alumni have met their spouse at Houghton. When we asked them to tell us their stories, the response was overwhelming. We wish we had room to print them all.

## Lloyd and Eleanore (Klekot '48) Montzingo '49



*The Montzingos*

"Ours was not a match made in heaven. It was made, or at least begun, in Gaoyadeo Hall dining room. Lloyd was a freshman and Eleanore a sophomore in the fall of 1945, and we found ourselves eating together for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Although our vocational goals were quite different, we discovered we had common interests in the arts, sports, and Christian values. We developed a friendship although we were dating others during that first semester. We had our first date in January 1946. Our relationship continued without a break until the summer of '48. Then we decided we were ready to get married. An-

other couple who also met at Houghton—Beverly Barnett '49 and Margie (Miller '49)—were also planning a summer wedding. Margie and Eleanore had grown up in the same church and were roommates at Houghton for three years. On August 27, 1948, we were married in a double wedding ceremony in Brighton, Mich. God has blessed our marriage with six sons, 19 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren."

## Bob and Joan (Mabes '55) Kurtz '53

"I was a senior taking Sophomore Literature with professor North in 1952-53. Joan was a sophomore. I secretly admired her, but did not have the courage to ask for a date, especially since she was wearing a rather large ring (obviously a man's).

One day, just before entering class, Joan was sharpening her pencil just outside the door. I greeted her and she gave me a smile and a gracious "Hi Bob." I also noticed the ring was gone. Shortly after that I asked her to attend an Artist Series with me. I really never wanted to date anyone else after that. However, some of my well-intentioned buddies said I had to "play the field." Well, that almost caused a disaster, for Joan's feelings for me were just as strong as mine were for her. God intervened and we were engaged on May 24th on Beehive Hill. We were married while I was in the service, in December 1954, and have been married for 48 wonderful years. We have two daughters and three granddaughters."



*The Kurtzes*

## Ron and Charlotte (Wintsch '61) Waite '60

"I was not impressed with him at first. It was fall 1957 and I arrived on campus with my parents as a shy and nervous freshman, having never seen the college before. Growing up in northeastern New Jersey, I saw young men on motorcycles who were, in my mind, sinful people to avoid at all costs. Imagine my thoughts when, at almost the exact moment my feet hit the sidewalk of Houghton College, along came a motorcycle driven by a young college student, and an attractive blonde hanging on to him in the passenger seat. I said to myself, 'I thought this was a Christian college.' Later that fall, I met the driver (and owner) of the cycle: Ron, my beloved partner for over 42 years. God has given us a rich life together, working with Him, three grown children (one of whom is Deborah Waite '86) and a mutual enjoyment of motorcycles."



*The Waites*

**Manfred Brauch '63, Bill Bunnell '64, and Peter Schreck '65** followed the principle "pursue, pursue, pursue" in meeting their future spouses at Houghton.

Manfred asked "a thousand personal questions" of the petite transfer student Marjean Bedsole '63, while they were working at the college bookstore during new student registration. Later, when he asked her on a date, she said, "Why would you want to ruin a good friendship by dating?" On the contrary, it has led to 38 years of a great friendship, she reports. The Brauchs live in Strafford, Pa.



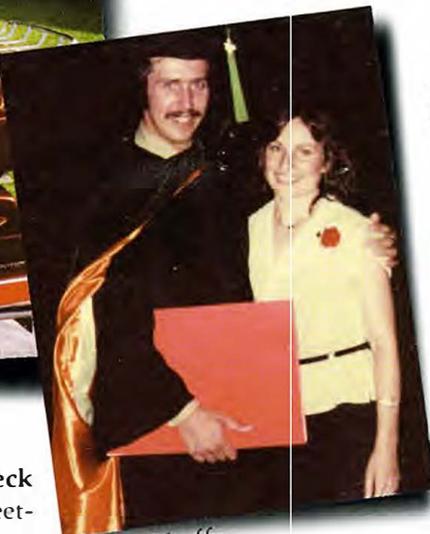
*Brauchs, Bunnells, and Schrecks*

Bill occasionally served the table in Gao where Marcia Facer '64 sat. One evening a few peas fell from a plate onto her lap, giving Bill an excuse to wait for her after the meal, apologize, and walk her back to East Hall. It would

be another year before Marcia would accept an invitation to attend an Artist Series concert with him. They were married August 7, 1965. The Bunnells live in Redlands, Calif. Peter noticed Carol Young '64 during a prospective student weekend. During freshmen orientation he kept untying her shoelaces. Later, he asked this sophomore out for several events, but she conveniently had "already been asked." Eventually, he asked her to an Artist Series so far in advance that she could not say no. They were married August 14, 1965. They live in Malvern, Pa.

**Paul and Cristina (Todeschini '75) Eckhoff '74**

"Our story begins my freshmen year, in 1971. I was a pre-med chemistry major, called to medical missions overseas. I needed to weigh a miniscule amount of tiny crystals of caffeine at the bottom of a flask. At that moment, sophomore



*The Eckhoffs*

Paul Eckhoff walked into the lab to work on his own experiment. I asked him how to weigh my crystals and he explained the simple procedure. He was also a pre-med chemistry major called to medical missions overseas. Over the next three years our paths crossed frequently. We had our first date on October 21, 1973, hiking at Letchworth State Park. On June 12, 1976, we were married. Other Houghton alumni in our wedding

party were Steve Blenderman, Carl Carvill, and Chris Mondello (all class of '74); Lucy Costanzo, Holly Long, Donna Nesbitt, and Janet Tschantz (all class of '75). Medical school, residency, seminary, and French language school followed. Ten years after our wedding, we arrived in Haiti, where Paul is a family physician, and I am a pediatrician."

**Kevin and Lois (Clair '79) Knowlton '79**

"I met Kevin when we entered as freshmen in the fall of 1975. Kevin was from the Syracuse area and I was from Long Island. He thought my accent was obnoxious, and, consequently, we didn't talk too much until the fall of our junior year, when we both ended up in Professor Mullen's History of Philosophy class. When Kevin found out I took great notes, he would sit and listen to the lectures without taking notes. That was the beginning of our relationship. By then my accent was fading (or it bothered him less). Eventually, friendship turned to courtship and we were married in the Houghton Wesleyan Church on July 21, 1979."



*The Knowltons*

**Alan and Karen (Brown '81) Bullock '80**

"We were at Houghton for three years together, but neither of us can remember meeting for the first time. Was it during Karen's freshmen class initiation on the quad? Was it during a break from Alan's ministry of encouragement to a

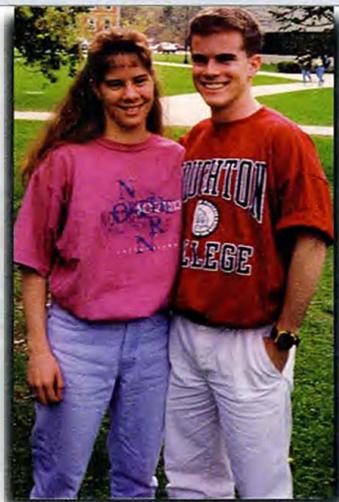
visiting soccer or basketball team? Was it during the late-night Hokey-Pokey on a Friday roller-skating excursion to Wellsville? Whatever the circumstances, we're glad it happened. We'll be married 22 years in August. We just wish we knew how it started!"

Note: If you have information leading up to the meeting of Brown and Bullock, please e-mail [abullock@nc.rr.com](mailto:abullock@nc.rr.com) or [kbullock@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbullock@nc.rr.com).

### **Doug and Heather (Terry '96) Gillham '94**

"During the evenings while I studied, I would flip on WJSL and would often hear the weather forecast from 'Accu-Doug.' It was not until March of my sophomore year that I realized he was a real person who attended Houghton. We met at WJSL on March 12, 1994, between midnight and 1 a.m. when a bunch of us were heading out to the truckstop (in Belmont) for a late-night feeding frenzy. Later, when we were both visiting

friends in Houghton, he asked me to marry him. I said yes, we set a date, and started planning. However, I began to feel unsure and called it off. I finished out the semester at Houghton and we stayed in touch and worked to refocus our relationship. Doug said if we were to get married it would have to come from me. I had the privilege of asking his parents for their permission and then proposing to Doug. We were married on January 3, 1997."



*The Gillhams*

## *Across generations*

*by Jennifer (Lytle '97) McNiven*

From 1905 to 1997, our family has been celebrating the marriages of Houghton graduates. Four generations of my family have met their spouses at Houghton College or at Houghton Academy.

### **Samuel and Eva (Washbon) Dietrich**

Samuel and Eva Dietrich met while attending Houghton Academy. They married in 1905 and settled on a farm in Cattaraugus, N. Y. Together they had three children: a son who died at age 15, and two daughters, Louise Lytle '41 and Melva Freeborn '45.

### **Robert and Louise (Dietrich '41) Lytle '39**

In 1937, it was custom for the junior class to host a social evening for the incoming first-year students. Of that occasion, Bob remembers meeting a bashful young lady named Louise. He asked Louise Dietrich to accompany him to a student Halloween party at the old rec. hall. She accepted. They were married in the summer of 1941. The result has been 61 years of marriage and three children, including Wesley '67 and Bern '69, who married Kathy (Sorrentino '69), seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. After serving as Wesleyan missionaries, and as the general director of World Missions for The Wesleyan Church (Bob), they are retired at Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, Fla.

### **Wesley and Rebecca (Tam '66) Lytle '67**

Since they were both from the Midwest, Wes and Becky carpooled back and forth from Houghton. After one trip, Becky's father told her to keep an eye on Wes because he was a respectable man of whom he approved. He had discovered this after spending the 400-mile drive talking with Wes. The couple's relationship began when Becky chased Wes for a Sadie Hawkins Day picnic. They were married shortly after Wes's

graduation in the summer of 1967. They recently celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary. Their daughters are Jennifer (Lytle '97) McNiven and Kristin (Lytle '99) Kincer. The couple resides in Lima, Ohio, where Wes is the president of U.S. Plastics Corp. Becky teaches several church and community Bible studies while providing extra-curricular classes for local home-schooled children.

### **Christopher and Jennifer (Lytle '97) McNiven '97**

Chris and Jennifer met during their junior year while working on Student Government Association projects. Jennifer's housemate Kelly (Daughtery '97) Studley set up Chris and Jennifer. This jump-started their relationship, and they were married in August 1997. Chris and Jennifer live in Deerfield, Ill., where Chris earned a master's of counseling psychology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. In the fall, he will begin his doctorate of clinical psychology at the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. Jennifer is working on her master's of business administration at North Park University while working full time.

In all, over 60 of my relatives by blood, marriage, and adoption have graduated from Houghton College. More than 20 have met their spouses at Houghton.

*Christopher  
and Jennifer  
(Lytle '97)  
McNiven '97*



# “This place is home”



*The Spurrier twins*

by Becky Williams '05

It was “a bit of a surprise” when Jim '74 and Faithe Spurrier had to go to the hospital on New Year's Day 1983, eight weeks before Faithe's due date. It was a surprise not only because Faithe's delivery was so early, but because she brought not one baby into the world, as expected, but “very, very tiny” identical twin girls.

BORN AT ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL in Olean, New York, Rachel Irene and Naomi Ruth were transported within hours of birth to a Buffalo facility, where they resided for the first two months of their lives.

After being released from the hospital three days after giving birth, Faithe went straight to Buffalo and stayed with the dean of Houghton's West Seneca campus, Charles Massey, and his wife, Claity, while the twins were in the hospital. Jim and Faithe owned only one car, which Jim drove back and forth from the hospital to Houghton, where he was associate dean

of students. President Chamberlain, Jim's supervisor, loaned the couple his car for 10 days so that Faithe could drive to the hospital.

At the end of February, Naomi and Rachel left the hospital with their parents, and for three weeks people from the Houghton community brought meals to the Spurriers. Even after the girls were four months old, the Spurriers had not yet had to look for a babysitter, because people would call and ask if Jim and Faithe would like to go out so that they could watch the girls.

*“Both girls have a rich collection of memories from their childhood years living in Houghton.”*

For the first four years of their lives, Naomi and Rachel were part of the Houghton community, living first in Waldorf and then in the Strand home. Their family then moved to the small town of Dillsburg, Pa., but kept their connections with those in Houghton, who had become like family.

Fourteen years later, Rachel and Naomi came back to be a part of the Houghton community. Both girls have a rich collection of memories from their childhood years: riding their tricycles down the path from Route 19 to the Randall townhouses, spending time with families, such as the Danners, who still live in Houghton, and attending their dad's alumni reunions in the summers.

Going back to Houghton for their college education always seemed attractive. As prospective students, the twins visited the campus, sat together in front of the academic building, looked around, and said, “We can see ourselves here.” When they were accepted into the First-Year Honors Program, the draw of Houghton became even stronger.

It has amazed the Spurriers how loving and open the Houghton community still is. Rachel says, “[People have been] blessing our socks off!” Both are grateful for the great group of friends they have and for their expanding worldviews. Regarding the constant name-guessing the girls are subjected to, Naomi says, “I’d much rather have [people] grapple with my name than not try! If I’d want to be called anyone else, it’d be Rachel.” Being identical twins has always been an “enjoyable struggle,” the girls say. Taking different classes and living in separate rooms has been good for building their own identities.

As for future plans, Rachel and Naomi are open to what God has for them. They say, “We’re both liberal arts girls—we’ve had trouble nailing down our majors!” Naomi is considering ministry of some sort, and Rachel can see herself serving either overseas or in the U.S.

The girls continue to be involved in on- and off-campus activities, giving back to the community. This past school year, Rachel served on the East Hall Dorm Council. She also made phone calls for admission, which, she says, was a great opportunity to “tell people we really do love this place and it is home.” Naomi served as a resident assistant on 1st New in East Hall, where, she says, “I [had] 34 sisters!” She was also a tour guide and enjoyed having the chance to “show people a place that holds so many memories.” Both girls worked on Wednesday nights at the Houghton Wesleyan Church, Naomi teaching four-year-olds and Rachel teaching five-year-olds.

This fall as First-Year Introduction (FYI) leaders, both girls will welcome freshmen students to Houghton College, the place that they have again come to know as “home.”



### Other double-takes on campus

Alfred Brown: Music Theory and Composition  
William Brown: Biology  
*Class of '04, Hoosick Falls, N.Y.*

Ruth Ireland: Physical Education  
Virginia Ireland: Undecided  
*Class of '06, Houghton, N.Y.*

Erin Pataye: Childhood Education w/concentration in  
English Language Arts  
Sara Pataye: English & Psychology  
*Class of '04, Delevan, N.Y.*

Bethany Schwartz: English and Writing  
Emily Schwartz: Biology  
*Class of '03, Perry, N.Y.*

Amy Ulery: Communication and Writing  
Emily Ulery: Writing w/ Biology Concentration  
*Class of '04, Ballston Spa, N.Y.*



**H. Willard Ortlip  
& Aimee Eschner**

**Aileen Ortlip (former faculty) and Alton Shea '36**

**Jonathan Shea '63 and Patricia Bush**

Alan Shea '92

Robin Shea '94 and Kevin McGee

**Marjorie Eila Shea '66**

**Paul Whitney Shea '69 and Deborah Greenmeyer '69**

Heidi Shea '96 and David Huizenga

Christy Aileen Shea '98

Linda Shea '01 and Eli Knapp '00

**Marjorie Ortlip and Frank Gordon Stockin (both former faculty)**

**Audrey Stockin '64 and John Marvin Eyler**

**Philip Gordon Stockin '67 and Donnalee Berry '68**

Kathleen Stockin '92 and Robert Prevost

Keren Stockin '94 and Bryan Davidson '94

Meg Stockin '01 and Chris van Heerden '01

**Judith Stockin '70 and Robert Ganch**

**Lora Beth Stockin '77 and David Norton '75**

**Louis Willard Ortlip and Ruth Boughton**

Priscilla Ortlip '75

**William Henry Ortlip '40 and Elizabeth Carlson '42**

**Karen Ortlip '69 and David Daugherty '69**

Nathan, Sean '06, Shannon, Lauren

**David Willard Ortlip '75**

**Jonathan Henry Ortlip '81 and Ruth Rothenbuhler '83**

**Daniel Paul Ortlip '86 and Emily Driggers**

**Stephen Ortlip '42 and Doris Armstrong '44**

Consistency is part of the character of Houghton. For generations, Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary and the schools that grew out of it—Houghton Academy and Houghton College—have been consistent in their mission of equipping scholar-servants to lead and labor in a changing world. Dr. Chamberlain will celebrate 27 years as president of Houghton this summer—and he's only third in longevity on the list of presidents! In May of 2002, the college graduated Kerensa R. Gillette, the great-great granddaughter of Houghton's first-ever college graduate, John Willett.

That started us thinking about the many families who have touched Houghton through multiple generations and branches of their family trees. They are an important part of the Houghton tradition. Do you know of a family—maybe yours?—that touched Houghton over the years? Send us a diagram and information regarding the family members and we will consider it for inclusion in a future issue.

Digital artwork by David Huith '95

## C. Nolan Huizenga

*The artist who bridged nature and spirit*

by R. L. Wing

Gifted musician—Christian scholar—skilled recitalist—master teacher—humble and warm—infectiously enthusiastic. These are words used to paint Dr. C. Nolan Huizenga, professor of keyboard, church organist, and mentor to several generations of Houghton students.

Nolan was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the hometown of Stephen Paine, in 1930. He completed his degree as a music major at Wheaton College in 1952, then earned a master of music degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

With two degrees in hand, he was drafted and spent his Army years as a chaplain's assistant at Fort Knox, playing for chapel services and directing a servicemen's choir. When he became a civilian once again, he parlayed his G.I. Bill benefits into coursework for his doctorate.

In the fall of 1958, Nolan—riding in his mint-green Ford Fairlane—rolled into Houghton to take a position as assistant professor of piano. Two years after his arrival, he completed the doctor of musical arts from the University of Michigan.

With that great labor completed, he turned more of his attention to his Sunday school class for college students, and a piano student who helped in this class soon caught his attention. During her senior year they began dating—following in the pattern established by Gordon '37 and Marjorie (Ortlip) Stockin, William and Jane (McMahon '61) Allen, and A. Ray Calhoun (Sem. '12) and seminary teacher Norah Riggall. Nolan and Gloria (Kleppinger '65) were married on August 13, 1966. From this union came three children: Curtis Nolan Huizenga '89, Kirsten Huizenga Caminiti, and David J. Huizenga.

Early photos of Nolan show a resemblance to a young Steve Allen, with his full sideburns, horn-rim glasses, and a winning smile. The similarity didn't end there: both were prolific composers, exciting performers, and enthusiastic personalities. Over the years, as Nolan taught, performed recitals, gave chapel talks, and inspired generations of students, he ascended to a professorship and head of the keyboard department. He was described by someone close to him as "scholarly and enthusiastic," and as deeply committed to study and obedient to God's Word.

One of Nolan's greatest achievements as a pianist was winning the Grand Rapids Symphony Concerto piano competi-



tion in February 1953. Under the baton of Jose Eschaniz, he performed the Allegro Moderato from Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4, opus 58.

At Houghton, he was a frequent recitalist, and in one program he performed two original compositions by his associate Dr. William Allen: "Impromptu for Piano" and "Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra." His co-performer was his friend Larry Lusk.

Huizenga suffered his first heart attack at age 42. His declining stamina subsequently limited his public performances, though he continued to teach and write. In fact, his second love was words, and he was most inspired to write in the areas of aesthetics, the incarnation, and the relationship of the physical and the spiritual worlds.

In a major essay he wrote in 1973 for *Christianity Today*, Nolan discussed the arts as the connection between the natural and spiritual realms. Starting with the major premise that God is the creator, he cited scripture that confirmed that the visible world of nature reveals the invisible realm of the supernatural. To him, the arts were a "wonderful bridge" between the two worlds, the material cosmos of the senses and the ethereal domain of the spiritual. An extended version of this essay appeared as a chapter in Leland Ryken's book, *The Christian Imagination: Essays on Literature and the Arts*, published in 1981.

Nolan's service to the college and to the church was cut short by his untimely death in 1989 at age 59. Those who knew him treasured Nolan as a gentle soul who loved God, treasured friendships, and served college and church faithfully and with ardor. On him, the title "gentleman" rested well.

Share your important life experiences—employment, honors, graduate school, marriage, and births—through Milieu. Your news, as well as your photos, is a great way to connect with classmates, so please, send them in. Contact: Alumni Office, One Willard Avenue, Houghton College, Houghton, NY 14744, or e-mail: milieu@houghton.edu. Classes with this symbol **REUNION** will be celebrating their reunions in the summer of 2003. Visit the new online community at [www.houghton.onlinecommunity.com](http://www.houghton.onlinecommunity.com).

**39** **Lois (Roughan) Ferm** is still working as the resource coordinator for the Billy Graham Association. She catalogs the library, the archives at Wheaton, and coordinates the oral history program.

**45** **Phyllis (Turner) Bacon** and her husband, Roger, celebrated 50 years of marriage on April 1.

**50** **Dean Gilliland** recently retired as senior professor of contextual theology and African studies at Fuller Theological Seminary (Calif.). He was also honored for 15 years of service.

**52** **George and Esther (Parsons '55) Huestis** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year and retired from missionary service to Brazil after 43 years.

**56** **Roger Arnold** and his wife, Celestine, visited their children on the east coast and enjoyed attending the dedication of their new grandson, Matthew, in January. They visited former places of employment and renewed many friendships.

**Donald Lundberg** has been appointed associate director of conservation



Dean Gilliland '50 and his wife, Lois (Harris '50), at his retirement

and science for the Zoological Society of San Diego and head of a newly created Office of Giant Panda Conservation. He supervises the Society's panda research program in San Diego and in China, and represents American interests in negotiations in China. As spokesmen for local and national panda matters, he averages 25 media interviews per year, and has made appearances on the Today Show, Good Morning America, Scientific American Frontiers, Nature, CNN, and many more. His latest interview appeared on Mothers' Day as part of a *National Geographic* special.

**57** **Gordon Beck** and his wife, Kathy, traveled to Hawaii last year and visited cousins in Alaska. Next they toured the Canadian Rockies. Early August saw them off to San Francisco. Gordon's Senior Olympic basketball team won the gold medal and participated in the National Senior Olympics in Norfolk, Va., in June. October took them to Australia to participate in the World Masters Games which hosted over 25,000 athletes.

**60** **Stan Sandler** is carving out a new career at age 65. He is the host of two interactive radio programs, "Stan, the History Man" and "Sound Off!" on WFNC in Fayetteville, N.C. His chapter, "The Korean War: An Interpretative History," has been published this year in *Trans-Pacific Relations: America, Europe, and Asia in the Twentieth Century*.

**62** **Valgene Dunham** has been appointed to the new position of associate vice president of grants, contract administration, and research planning at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C. He joined the faculty at Coastal in 1995 after serving as professor of biology and head of the department of biology at

## Upcoming alumni events

### ALUMNI WEEKEND I

July 11-13

Landmark reunions for the Classes of '53 and '63 Senior Alumni Cluster—All grads before 1953  
Cluster reunions for the Classes of '57, '58, '59  
Cluster reunions for the Classes of '67, '68, '69

We welcome our Senior Alumni Cluster who will be joining us this year with their own banquet on Friday evening. There will be plenty of time to get reacquainted with classmates and friends. Some of our emeriti faculty will be around to greet you during the faculty reception. The Class of '52 trumpet trio will be back by popular demand at banquets and the hymn sing. An alumni communion service preceding the 10:30 a.m. worship service at the Houghton Wesleyan Church concludes the weekend.

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Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. He is past-president of the South Carolina Academy of Science.

**63** **Elwyn and Barbara (Amidon '62) Patrick** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on December 15, 2002.

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**65** Last fall **Richard Heers** left the classroom, where he'd taught and worked as principal for 13 years at three Immokalee, Fla., schools, to return to pastoral work full time. He is head pastor at Friendship Baptist Church in Immokalee. *The Naples Daily News* featured him in its September 28, 2002, "Living & the Arts" section.

**76** **Shirley Mullen** became provost of Westmont College (Calif.) in August 2002. She joined the history faculty in 1983. Before becoming provost, she was interim academic dean at Westmont.

**80** **Steve Burke** was inducted into Judson College's inaugural Hall of Fame class in January. He has been coaching men's soccer at Judson for 19 years. He has the third most wins (343) in NAIA history. He was named NCCAA National Coach of the Year three times.

**82** **Peter Fuller** was the 2002 Brine-NAIA Men's Soccer Coach of the Year.

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July 18-20 He received this award for the third time following a 17-4-1 season in which he led the Rams to their first-ever NAIA National Championship. Fuller is head men's soccer coach at the University of Mobile in Alabama.

**Tedd Smith** entered Houghton's Hall of Honor on February 8, in a ceremony between the men's and women's basketball games.

**83** **Dorothy (Hostetter) Ardill** and her family have been missionaries with SIM since 1988. They were in Liberia, West Africa, until 1990 when they evacuated at the start of the

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*Dorothy (Hostetter '83) Ardill and her family*

Liberian war. They arrived in Nigeria in 1992. She started a ministry for street boys in 1996.

**Nancy (Watkins) Sutton** is editor of *PrayKids!* magazine.

**85** **Glenn Rutland** was honored, for the second consecutive year, by Alcon Laboratories, Inc., as medical sales representative of the year, and was inducted into the President's Club. This is the highest recognition for superior performance in sales and marketing, making Glenn one of only six representatives in the United States to receive such recognition. Alcon Laboratories, Inc. is the global leader in ophthalmic research and development. Glenn and his wife, Deborah, live in Simsbury, Conn., where they are active in evangelism and high school and adult ministry through their church, Valley Community Baptist. They ask friends to pray for them as they consider the full-time missions field. E-mail [glenn.rutland@alconlabs.com](mailto:glenn.rutland@alconlabs.com). (See "Future alumni.")

**Sandy (Wilson) Schulz** is a stay-at-home mom to her three children. She was a reading specialist and elementary teacher for the North Syracuse School District. The Schulzes are members of Grace Bible Fellowship, where Sandy teaches Sunday school.

In February, **Bill Wichterman** began working as a policy advisor to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. Wichterman is working on a wide variety of issues, including abortion, faith-based initiatives, and outreach to conservatives. He was chief of staff to Congressman Joe Pitts (R-PA).

## Upcoming alumni events

### ALUMNI WEEKEND II

July 18-20

Landmark reunions for the Classes of '73, '78, '88, '93  
Cluster reunions for the Classes of '82, '83, '84  
Cluster reunions for the Classes of '98, '99, '00, '01, '02

Bring the children along for the popular kids' program that reaches children ages three through high school. Opportunities for fellowship will abound as well as time to get up to date on campus news and events and chat with faculty. A family picnic on the quad is a great time to meet old friends and make new ones. A time of praise and worship provides a chance to unite as a class. The athletic facilities will be available throughout the weekend.

## Future alumni

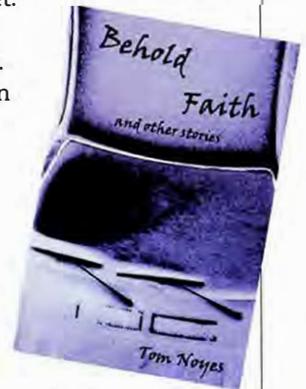
Tim & Alicia (Weaver '85) Archer	Annaliese Ruth*	12-20-01
Brian & Kimberly (Brigham '91) Bellan	Nathaniel Timothy	8-14-02
Peter & Leah (Kipp '96) Bertram	EmmaLee Abigail	11-9-02
Mark & Sarah (Whitston '96) Brooks	Heidi Elizabeth	9-27-01
Earl & Wendy Jo (Rickard '82) Burning	Julia Grace	2-18-02
Dale & Claudine (Austin '94) Campbell '91	Timothy Miles	4-9-02
Dana & Amy (Bower '99) Coots	Shannon MacKenzie	3-28-02
Scott & Laura (Miller '91) Crocker	Mikala Corinne	10-20-01
Douglas & Sarah (Gunusky '91) Doolittle '92	Julia Marie	9-16-03
Keith & Doreen (Marshall '95) Fagerheim '95	Benjamin Douglas	6-5-02
Melvin & Amanda (Chase '98) Foster '97	Andrew Marshall	7-5-02
Benjamin & Amie (Fells '99) Gleason '99	Elwyn Henry	2-28-03
Philip & Kathy (Hibbard '96) Halberg '96	Gavin Michael	3-8-03
Matthew & Patricia (Fanton '93) Havens	Conner Alexander	10-7-02
Gregory & Angelina (Baruffi '97) Hill '97	Peter Dale	3-27-02
Kenneth & Elizabeth (Sylvester '95) Hill '95	Jude Ethan	11-26-02
Tim & Kellie (Nye '94) Holt '92	Diana Eileen	7-31-01
Jonathon & Gwen Jankovich '92	Braden	6-29-02
Steve & AnnaMaria (Davis '01) Johnson '95	Gideon Isaac Tristan	2-6-03
John & Tammy (Allston '89) Kater	Magdalena Hope	4-6-03
Ryan & Debbie (Graffam '97) Lehigh '97	Jillian Hope	10-8-02
David & Faith (Taylor '96) Lennon '91	Isaac Alan	2-28-02
Michael & Stephanie Lingenfelter '96	Connor Finn	1-3-03
Mark & Rachael (Alder '00) Manwaring '00	Katriona Marie	3-1-03
Tom & Stacy (Medsger '89) Mariano '87	Emma Jeanne	4-5-03
David & Jennifer McMillan '92	Abigail Elizabeth	1-16-03
Al & Leigh (Williams '94) Meyers '94	Braeden Matthew	2-5-03
Michael & Kristen (Kvasnics '97) Ockrin '95	Bria Karinne	2-6-03
Juan & Jeanne (Ott '84) Portillo	Timothy Robert	8-17-02
James & Tamara (West '91) Quimby	Jonathan David	4-2-03
Glenn & Deborah Rutland '86	Taylor	5-18-02
Stephan & Nicole Steiner '89	Gabriel Ryan	12-17-02
Rich & Martha Strum '85	Luke Joseph	2-13-03
Joel Tom & Christine (Forster '96) Tate '95	Kirsten Mary	3-19-03
Craig & Deborah (McDowell '87) Thomas	Lucy Joy	12-28-02
Christian & Christine (Armstrong '95) Waters	Micah David	7-9-02
Caleb & Eva White '94	Aden Jason	9-2-02
William & Amie (Gustafson '92) Whitmore '90	Olivia Isabella	12-3-02
Frank & Amy (Warner '93) Wilson	Denielle Marianna	11-5-02
Brian & Rebecca (Tolly '92) Windsor	Elena Catherine	6-12-02
Christopher & Noelle (Gurley '95) Winkens	Ellie Madeleine	7-31-01
Brad & Bev Zarges '92	Jared Daniel	12-4-02
Jesse & Liz (Sheldon '00) Zimmerman '00	Jacob Robert	4-16-03
	Hannah Ruth Joy	2-19-03

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## Book Review

The stories in Tom Noyes's '92 *Behold Faith* (Dufour Editions, Chester Springs, Pa., 2003) surprise. Small things, daily events, or errors in judgment add up, and suddenly the story is revealed. "Truck's Testament," for example, tells of a gray-haired high school football player. Sensitive to mockery, violent in his response the night before a big game, he "rammed Chad Schwartz's head through a microwave." Fortunately, Chad, the team quarterback, is wearing his helmet as a good luck talisman. The next day, Truck takes a pass from Chad and runs it in for the winning touchdown. Under the pile of his elated teammates, Truck has a vision. He hears God's voice saying, "Truck, I claim you." His teammates, piling on, feel like the weight of the world. Truck, however, can't see himself as a preacher and concludes he is called to be a poet.

"Metaphor and rhythm," he thinks. "Get people to listen with their whole selves." The story opens at the conclusion when Truck discovers his first metaphor. *Behold Faith* is more than a good first book. It is a book to listen to with our whole selves.



Reviewed by Jack Leax '66, professor of writing

David Stengele earned a master's in literature from Penn State in 1991. From 1993-94 he taught English in China under the auspices of the Peace Corps. From 1994-96 he was project supervisor with a graphics company that worked with New York publishers. He taught at two community colleges, taught English in Japan, and currently teaches 11th- and

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Phil Danielson is a project manager for EDS in Detroit. Friends may write him at [phild02@aol.com](mailto:phild02@aol.com).

Ndunge Kiiti was inducted into Houghton's Hall of Honor on February 8, in a ceremony between the men's and women's basketball games.

12th-grade International Baccalaureate English courses at Kodaikanal, India. He and his wife, Daiying, have two children, Chardin, age 7, and Shione, age 3.

**Annie Valkema** had her article, *Stress Donor Participation to New Contributors*, printed in the February 2003 issue of *Successful Fund Raising* newsletter.

**89 Bryan Mastin** earned a master's in secondary science education from SUNY Brockport in May. He teaches science at Houghton Academy.

*Found: 1989 Houghton College ladies' class ring in a McDonald's restaurant in Malone, N.Y. Other items also found. Contact the Alumni Office at 585.567.9646 or jim.arthur@houghton.edu for further information and identification.*

**91 Rand Bellavia and Adam English '92** wrote the theme song for Disney's new Saturday morning cartoon *Fillmore*, which debuted in the fall on ABC television. Bellavia and English also perform as a band called Ookla the Mok, an indie band that has found its niche in science fiction and comic book conventions. They've released three CDs. Bellavia is a librarian at D'Youville College and teaches part time in the University of Buffalo's library science program. English is the head caricature artist at Six Flags Darien Lake and spends the winter doing artist-in-residency programs for local schools.

**Sarah (Gunuskey) Doolittle** has

been a senior clinical research coordinator in endocrinology and diabetes at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y., for the past six years. Since the arrival of her son last year, she has cut back to part time. Her husband, **Doug '92**, worked for the Syracuse Rescue Mission for six years and earned a master's degree before becoming the operations coordinator at CNY Trane. He is now a building automation systems technician at Trane. They can be reached at [doolittles@a-znet.com](mailto:doolittles@a-znet.com).

**Kirk Nelson** is the OEM products manager for ARCA.TECH systems, a banking equipment manufacturer in Hillsborough, N.C.

**92 Elizabeth (Oswalt) Claar** earned a master of music degree in organ performance at the University of Michigan in December 2002. In September 2003, she began work toward a DMA in organ performance. She also works part time as a staff accompanist at Hope College and as an organist, piano and organ teacher, and freelance accompanist. Friends may e-mail her at [eclar@musician.org](mailto:eclar@musician.org). Her husband, **Victor '92**, teaches economics at Hope College.

**Sharon Hibbard** has become executive director of Wilderness Adventures Program at Houghton College. She succeeds **Doris "Mabel" (Garrett '71) Nielsen**, who retired. Hibbard and Nielsen have worked together since Sharon was a student. She became assistant director in 1993. Wilderness Adventures uses experiential learning through



'97 **Daniel and Alicia (Consolo '98) Powers** live in Albany, N.Y. Daniel teaches high school biology at Amsterdam High School and coaches varsity cross country and girls' basketball. Alicia teaches fifth- and sixth-grade mathematics in the North Colonie School District. Friends may e-mail them at [dpowers1975@aol.com](mailto:dpowers1975@aol.com) or [apowers1976@aol.com](mailto:apowers1976@aol.com). (See "Down the aisle.")

group activities to improve teamwork and communication skills while inspiring self-growth and discovery.

**Heather (Coords) Kuruvilla** has been granted tenure at Cedarville Uni-

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## Upcoming events

### HOUGHTON ACADEMY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Join Houghton Academy for the fifth annual golf tournament at Six-S Golf Course in Angelica, Friday, July 18, from 1-3 p.m. Prizes include a seven-night vacation/golf package, gift certificates, and many more. A dinner and awards ceremony at the Academy follow the tournament. Cost is \$50 a person. Proceeds provide scholarship for Southern Tier students. For more information and to sign up, call 585.567.8115 no later than July 1.

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October 4-5

**THE DR. JEAN REIGLES CHOIR REUNION** will be October 4-5, 2003. Dr. Reigles is stepping down as the conductor of the Houghton College Choir. Here is an opportunity to express your appreciation. Tentative plans include a rehearsal with Dr. Reigles and dinner on Saturday, October 4. This alumni choir will perform during the 11:00 a.m. Houghton Wesleyan Church service on October 5. Attire includes the traditional black dress for women and white shirt with black tie and slacks for men.

## Music Review

"My desire and passion, like a hunger burning through me, is to serve you, Lord, in earnest with dedication and devotion..." The song, "My Desire," is an accurate description of what the album *Burn to Know You*, by Vin Mercurio '82, is about. Mercurio is director of worship at Lamb's Chapel on Long Island. He composed the lyrics and music, with the exception of the song, "Restore Your Glory," and they show his passion to lead others to seek God and praise him for His mercy and love. Mercurio sings lead vocals on all songs, accompanied by keyboard, guitars, and drums. This

CD is a mix of upbeat, energetic songs and slower, more contemplative songs with an acoustic sound. The album, produced by Keith Mohr, was released by

Mercmusic in November of 2002. For more info on Vin Mercurio or his album *Burn to Know You*, visit [www.vinmercurio.com](http://www.vinmercurio.com).

Reviewed by Krista Alderfer '98



## Accolade

### The music man

As a student, Alan Heatherington '67 majored in music (emphasis in violin), student-conducted the concert ensemble, and reigned as concertmaster of orchestra. Since those early days he's kept the baton raised in directing players in making beautiful music.

Since 1989 Heatherington has been music director of the Chicago Master Singers. The Chicago Tribune described him as "one of the area's finest conductors" and "a first-rate conductor [who] promises something new or unusual at almost every concert, and he does so with musicality and taste, not gimmicks."

He also directs the Lake Forest Symphony, the music ministries at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, and Ars Viva! Symphony Orchestra since founding it in 1996. It was named Orchestra of the Year for 2003 by the Illinois Council of Orchestras.

Heatherington earned a master of music degree at Northwestern University, winning the honors competition in violin. His professional career has encompassed extensive solo and ensemble experience as a violinist, including a critically acclaimed debut in Carnegie Hall with the Delft Trio. He founded the Chicago String Ensemble and directed it for 18 years.

He says, "The formative influences of Houghton College have remained with me throughout my life and have become an indelible part of who I am. The greatest single influence was Professor Eldon Basney. Despite his terrifying exterior, he was a godly man who taught me far more than violin. He taught me conducting and theology, commitment, and energy and breadth. He inspired my own teaching and music-making to this day. I just concluded performances of the Brahms Requiem to standing ovations and rave reviews; I learned the work from him."



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versity (Ohio). She was promoted from assistant to associate professor of biology. She earned a Ph.D. from the State University of New York in Buffalo in 1997, the same year she joined Cedarville.

**A.J. Clemens Noyes '93** is a freelance artist. She and **Tom '92** (see his book review on page 27) live in Terre Haute, Ind., with their daughter, Josie. They can be reached at [noyestom@yahoo.com](mailto:noyestom@yahoo.com).

**Carol A. Stoffel** earned an M.S. in reading from Alfred University in 2001, before moving to Virginia to be closer to family. She is a reading specialist in the Fairfax County Public School. Friends may write her at [carolannall@yahoo.com](mailto:carolannall@yahoo.com). (See "Down the aisle.")

**93 Amy (Warner) Wilson** teaches kindergarten at Portville Central School (N.Y.). In May she completed an M.Ed. at the University of Buffalo. She and her husband,

Frank, bought their first home in July. (See "Future alumni.")

**95 Richard "Rusty" E. Rice Jr.** accepted the position of watch officer with Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center in Washington state. Captain Rusty will be in command of a 33-foot sailing and rowing vessel. He recently completed a 100-ton master's Coast Guard captain's license. When he's not working, he is running his consulting and training business, Wild Rice Adventures.



Several members of the Class of '86 and their families gather each summer for fun and fellowship at a lodge in Lenhardtsville, Pa. They enjoy boating, swimming, horseshoes, and campfires. Can you pick out these folks? They are Keith & Diane (Farley) Palmer, Bill & Dana Wichterman, Herman & Michelle Calderon, Kevin & Sandy (Wilson) Schulz, and Shawn & Marti (Roeske '90) Skeele.

## Alumni directory update

The 2003 Houghton College Alumni Directory is taking longer to produce than expected. Nearly 6,600 alumni returned update information to the publisher, requiring more editing than planned. We hope to have the new directory to you by the end of summer. Thank you for your patience. Thanks to everyone who returned the forms, and we especially want to thank those who contributed financially to the program. All who returned update information will receive a new directory.

Friends may write him at [wildrrice@bigfoot.com](mailto:wildrrice@bigfoot.com).

**Paul Williamson** is in Salzburg at the American Mozart Academy performing in the role of Tamino in "Die Zauberflote."

**Noelle (Gurley) Winkens** and her husband, Christopher, manage The Inn at Houghton Creek. (See "Future alumni.")

**96 Phil Halberg** received a 2002 Presidential Citation Award from Cardone Industries for a new program he developed with one of the company's major customers. (See "Future alumni.")

**Andrei Vylegzhanin** is a deputy director general for VISA in Russia. He and his wife, Luda, and their daughter, Katya, live in downtown Moscow. (See "Future alumni.")

**98 Sean McClurg** has moved to Fort Bragg, N.C., to undergo a yearlong training for U.S. Army Special Forces. He urges "all alumni to be in prayer for our troops overseas and around the world and for wisdom for the President and other government

leaders."

**Shannon Zaichenko** is a family service worker in the Therapeutic Foster Care Unit at Lutheran Family Services in Virginia Beach, Va.

**99 Michelle (Waton) Bannio** lives in Bridgewater, N.J., with her husband, Don.

**REUNION July 18-20** Michelle works as an administrator at Alliance Bible Church in Warren, N.J. The Bannios are part of a church-planting team in the Swedesboro, N.J., area. Michelle will continue in church administration, while Don will serve as worship pastor. (See "Down the aisle.")

**Lisa Clark** is the lead teacher of the Pawtucket Library's Family Literacy Program. In an article for *The Pawtucket Times*, she says, "Teaching adults is something I love. It's collaboration between the students and me. We work together. Their stories are amazing, and I admire these people because they are so courageous." The students come from all over the world: Portugal, the former Soviet Union, Brazil, West Africa, and China.

**Amy (Bower) Coats** completed her master's in special education at Mansfield University in December 2001. She is a teacher at Clark Wood Elementary in Elkland, Pa. Her husband, Dana, is an engineer at Dresser-Rand in Corning, N.Y. She invites friends to write her at [coats@mail.northerniogasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:coats@mail.northerniogasd.k12.pa.us). (See "Future alumni.")

**Beth (Homan) Lundberg** is working as a career counselor at Northwestern University. She and her husband, Chris, live in Chicago, Ill. She earned a master's in counseling at Liberty University.

**00 Kristine Hess** earned a master's degree in art history from Pennsylvania

**REUNION July 18-20** State University in December 2002. She is filling two part-time instructor positions for the spring semester, one at Penn State-University Park and another at Susquehanna University.

**Ken Jones** was a research technician for Corning, Inc., when he was promoted to market analyst for the submarine fiber division. After a successful year in the position, Ken says, "The industry took an unfortunate turn and I, like many of my colleagues, found myself unemployed." Ken has made a career change and will be attending law school in Massachusetts beginning in August. He is currently working as a paralegal for the AmeriCorps Program in a public interest law firm.

**Jesse and Liz (Sheldon '00) Zimmerman** are preparing to go overseas early in 2004 with their two daughters to serve the urban poor with Servant Partners. Friends may contact them at [zimmformation@hotmail.com](mailto:zimmformation@hotmail.com). (See "Future alumni.")

**01** **Matthew Dougherty** qualified for the TEAM USA triathlon team. He traveled to Ibiza, Spain, in May, to compete in the ITU Triathlon Championships. It included a 1.6-mile swim, an 80-mile bike trip, and an 18-mile run. He used the winter months to train. Dougherty holds the world record for the 8K in snowshoeing.

**Josh Sanders** is pursuing a master's degree in music education at the University of North Texas. He teaches voice lessons at two middle schools. His wife, **Heather (Munson '01) Sanders**, teaches fifth grade at KB Polk Elementary School and coaches fifth- and sixth-grade girls' basketball.

**02** **Philip Andrews** is a dorm parent at the Kalacha School in Kenya with Africa Inland Mission. He is also teaching Bible, science, math, and geography.

**Michelle LaBarre** spent a semester studying with Herr Egon von Neindorf at the world-famous Reitinstitut in Germany. Herr von Neindorf is one of the "grand masters" of dressage.

## Alumni Travel Opportunities



### Alumni College in the Swiss Alps, Aug. 31-Sept. 8, 2003

The charming village of Meiringen, nestled in the heart of a region filled with architectural treasures and spectacular scenery, will be the base of discovery. From the cozy comforts of the Alpin Sherpa Hotel, we will travel throughout this verdant region to marvel at geological wonders, fairy-tale mountain villages, cultural landmarks, and savor traditional Swiss cuisine.

Through excursions, lectures, and "Meet the People" exchanges, we will become involved in the lifestyle of an historic community and its environs. Private guides will highlight regional monuments. Discussion leaders, selected from the community, will provide insights that are authentic and in concert with local ideology and traditions. And, perhaps most memorable of all, we will mingle with friendly locals from all walks of life. Price is \$2,395.



### Service Trip to Honduras, December 27, 2003- January 4, 2004

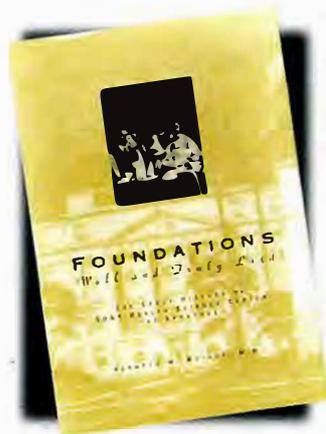
Houghton College and World Hope International have teamed up to offer this nine-day trip, which will focus on specific projects as well as immersion in the Honduran culture. We will live and eat with native families to learn about their culture and language and work alongside Hondurans. World Hope, a faith-based relief and development organization, transforms lives through healthcare, education, and enterprise. This trip is open to all alumni and friends. Price is \$500 plus airfare (out of Toronto, \$480). If you have questions, e-mail [greg.bish@houghton.alumlink.com](mailto:greg.bish@houghton.alumlink.com).

*For more information, contact the alumni office at 585.567.9546.*

## Down the aisle

Jeffrey & Amanda (Harryman '01) Auerbach	12-21-02
Don & Michelle (Watson '99) Bannio	1-19-03
James & Jackie (Mangus '02) Carpenter '02	3-15-03
Phil & Elaine Danielson '88	10-26-02
Scott & Kristen (Embich '00) Fooshee	3-15-03
Brian & Trina (VanDerlip '91) Gibson	12-14-02
Chuck & Sarah (Oblender '00) Gibson '01	4-12-03
Michael & Carol (Stoffel '92) Hassien	12-31-02
Michael & Stephanie Lingenfelter '96	6-1-02
Chris & Beth (Homan '99) Lundberg	12-13-02
William & Kristin (Leach '00) Palmer	3-22-03
Daniel & Alicia (Consolo '98) Powers '97	8-11-01
Kert & Joanne Richardson '99	9-7-02
Daniel & Dana (Norton '00) Ryan	7-13-02
G. Joshua & Heather (Munson '01) Sanders '01	7-27-02
Greg & Lara (Lundgren '98) Schuler	12-21-02
Hans & Jennine VanDerlip '94	4-7-01
Jeremy & Susan (Ventresca '00) Veenema	9-7-02

**32 Grace (Sherman) Russell** died March 29 at the Troy Community Hospital in Troy, Pa. She was 99. With her husband, Russell served several pastorates in The Wesleyan Methodist Church, including the Onondaga Indian Reservation. Before this, she worked in the Houghton College laundry until the family sold their home and moved to Gillett, Pa. Two sons, including **Merlin '54**, and four daughters, including **Anna Belle Leonard '51** and **Wilma O'Hare '61**, survive.



by *Kenneth Wright '34*

**34 Kenneth Watson Wright** died February 16. He was 90. He was the eldest child of **Stanley '10** and Edna Bedford Wright. (Prof. Stanley Wright was a professor of Bible and public speaking and dean of men.) Much of the land the college campus now occupies was transferred to the college by an earlier generation of Mrs. Wright's family. Kenneth was the first Houghton student to attend Syracuse University Medical School, graduating in 1938. He worked in several hospitals in New York and Kentucky, and served four years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in

the Pacific and Japan until 1946. After the war, he and his wife, **Lois (Shea '38)**, who survives, settled in Syracuse, where he served as deputy commissioner of health for Onondaga County and commissioner for Cayuga County. He was the author of *Foundations Well and Truly Laid, an Early History of SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse*, with which he was affiliated for several years. He and his father contributed the ceremonial mace that memorializes the Bedford family, in 1969. The mace appears at

convocations at Commencement and Founders' Day. Besides his widow, two daughters, including **Nancy Tucker '70**, one son, three grandchildren, and a sister, **Alice Herbert '48**, survive. Three sisters, including **Reita Clark '44**, **Florence Duncan '37**, and **Margaret Rathbun '38**, predeceased him.

**35 Purla (Bates) Owen** died September 23, 2002, at the Medina, N.Y., Memorial Hospital. She was active in her United Methodist Church and was a field director for the National Campers and Hikers Association. Owen was an avid gardener and had a registered orchid named in her honor in England. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Charles, a daughter, a son, eight grandchildren, a sister, and nieces and nephews. A sister and a brother predeceased her.

**36 W. Lowell Crapo** died November 22, 2002, in Redondo Beach, Calif. He received an electrical engineering degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1940 and, after military service in World War II, he spent his career with Duquesne Light Company in Pittsburgh, Pa., retiring as superintendent of substations. Crapo was a charter member of the Pittsburgh Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church and served as a Sunday school teacher for some 50 years. His wife and two sisters, including **Pearl '40**, predeceased him. Survivors include two sons, three grandsons, and his sister, **Rosalie Carlson '51**.

**38 Thelma (Patterson) McKuhn** died February 9 in the Highland Healthcare Center in Wellsville, N.Y. For several years she was employed as a department store sales clerk. She was a member of Hillside Wesleyan Church of Olean. Survivors include a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a sister, and several nieces and nephews. Her husband and four brothers predeceased her.

## Keeping Houghton Healthy

Calling all Houghton family practice physician alumni! Presently there is an opportunity to join a group of affable, well-trained, board-certified, family practice physicians at the Olean General Hospital clinic in Houghton. Located near the Houghton College campus, the clinic has a well-established patient base, seasoned support staff, and an experienced physician assistant. With offices in Olean (main site), Cuba, and Houghton, call and rounding responsibilities are shared equitably. The Olean community has an increased demand for physicians with specialties such as EMT, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, and Urology. The physician hired will join the medical staff at Olean General Hospital, a progressive, major regional hospital in western New York with a just-completed \$30-million addition. A volunteer faculty appointment is available as this practice is closely linked with the University of Buffalo family practice residency program. There is an option for loan re-payment. If you feel called to the mission of providing medical care for the Houghton community and being involved with college students, please contact Melissa DeRose at Olean General Hospital, 1.800.822.7474, ext. 6106, e-mail: [mderose@ogh.org](mailto:mderose@ogh.org). Complete information about the position is posted on the OGH Web site on the Careers page <http://www.ogh.org/>.

## REMEMBRANCE

**39 Margaret (Knapp) Thompson** died January 14 of congestive heart failure at her home in Randallstown, Md. She was 85. While she was teaching in New Jersey, Thompson studied voice at Juilliard. Her teaching focus changed from public school to Christian after her marriage to William, a minister. She served as Sunday school teacher and WMS president. Three sons, including David (Houghton trustee from 1976-84), five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a sister, **Ruth Rudd '51**, and nieces and nephews survive. Her husband died in 1993.

**47 I. Russell Clark** died December 16, 2002, after a brief illness. He was 81. In 1951 he received a B.Th. from The Missionary Training Institute (now Nyack College). He served the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in various roles for 58 years. In 1981 the Clarks moved to Beirut, Lebanon, to serve as missionaries. Later they moved back to the United States, where he served as pastor of the Alliance Chapel in DeLand, Fla. He retired shortly after his 80th birthday. Five children survive, including **Stephen '73** and **Paul '78**, as do seven grandchildren, including **Christine (Williams '92) Guest**, **Stephen Clark II '96**, **Alyson (Clark '97) Wells**, **Karen Clark '02**, **Laura Clark '04**, and **Rebecca Clark '05**. In addition, two brothers, including **Kenn '48**, survive him.

**48 Paul Morehouse** died December 2, 2002, in his home in Whiting, N.J. He was 78. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II as a chaplain's assistant. In 1946 he was honorably discharged. He graduated from Hope College (Mich.) and from Western Theological Seminary (Mich.). From then until 1987 he served Reformed churches in New York and New Jersey. His wife of 54 years, Eleanor, survives, as do two sons, eight grandchildren, and a half sister.

**Carol Voegel** died September 24, 2002, of cancer. She was a teacher and princi-

pal in public and Christian elementary and junior high schools in New York and on the mission field in South America. Voegel had a master's degree in education from Queens College, a master's in reading education from Adelphi University, and a Ph.D. in education administration from New York University. After retirement, she volunteered for the Child Evangelism Fellowship and for the Prejudice Reduction Program of Retired Senior Volunteer Programs. Survivors are her sisters, **Lois Griffin '53** and **Ruth Willcock '58**, a brother, and nieces and nephews. Before her death, she made it known to her siblings that while an obituary could not appear in newspapers, she would wish it to appear in *Milieu*.

**51 Ralph E. Nast** died September 30, 2002. He was 73. He was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Champaign, Ill., for 28 years, retiring in 1994. After he graduated from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was ordained in 1954. Judson College (Elgin, Ill.), where he served as a trustee, awarded him an honorary doctor of letters degree. His widow, **Lottie (Faltin '51)**, survives, as do three children and seven grandchildren.

**52 Ronald Bantle** died February 26 in Buffalo (N.Y.) hospital. He was 72. Rev. Bantle established churches in Huntington Station, Bay Shore, Brockport, and in Kentucky. For 30 years he worked for the Fellowship of Baptists for home missions in Ohio. Besides his widow, **Marion (Anderson '50)**, he is survived by two daughters, two sons, two brothers, 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A daughter and his parents predeceased him.

**53 Ron James** died January 16 of cancer. He received an M. Div. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and an M.A. in classical philosophy from Harvard University. The College of Washington and Jefferson awarded him an honorary doc-

torate. James served three Presbyterian parishes and authored three books. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, **Lois (Bailey '53)**, two sons, two daughters, and 10 grandchildren.

**55 Donald R. Cronk** died July 16, 2002. He was a retired teacher in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was predeceased by his parents. His sister, **Marty Wood '57**, survives, as do a niece and two nephews.

**56 Howard Livingston** died February 14. He was 79. He retired as a physician from his last practice at North Medical Center in Liverpool, N.Y., in 1996. Livingston received his medical degree from Upstate New York Medical Center in Syracuse. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include a daughter, a son, two stepdaughters, a stepson, two brothers, including **Roy '54** and **Samuel '62**, a nephew, **H. Charles '76**, a niece, **Anne '77**, and six grandchildren. His brother, **Harold '43**, predeceased him.

**57 Albert E. Cox** died February 26 at his home in Williamsport, Pa. He was 68. He was educated at Wheaton College, the University of Pittsburgh, Wesley Seminary, and Duke University. Rev. Cox served churches in the C&MA and United Methodist denominations. His widow, two daughters, three grandchildren, two brothers, and a sister survive him.

**73 Sandra (Hansen) Nelson** died February 7 at Geneva (N.Y.) General Hospital. She was 51. She was a teacher in the Waterloo School District for 27 years. She earned her master's in elementary education from Elmira College. Nelson was state president of Gideons International in 2000. Her husband, **Roger '72**, survives, as do a daughter, a son, two grandchildren, her mother, a brother, and a niece and a nephew. Her father predeceased her in 1979.

# Alumni Board Elections



The Alumni Board of Directors has several open seats: one seat each in Regions 6 and 8, and two at-large seats on the board. Alumni may vote on the representatives for all open positions, not just their region. Be sure to send in the ballot on the card inserted in this magazine. Voting will be on the honor system and we ask that only HC or UWC alumni complete the ballot. In the case where both the alum and spouse are HC or UWC alumni, vote twice on the same ballot. **Ballots must be received by July 31, 2003, to be counted.**

## NOMINEES

### Region 6—

*1 seat representing Ohio, Ind., Ill., Wis., Minn., N.D., S.D., Neb., Kan., Iowa, Mich., Alaska, Texas, Okla., Miss.*

**Kathleen (Wilson '69) Vandenberg** lives in Zanesville, Ohio, with her husband, Dave '67, and their two children, Joel '94 and Mega '95. Kathy is the outreach coordinator for Muskingum Area Technical College where she counsels first-generation, low-income students. As a pastor's wife, she teaches Sunday school, is president of the Women's Council, assists in counseling, and leads a cell group. Kathy says, "Houghton challenged me to be the best in every area of my life and prepared me academically and spiritually."

**Carla Brogden '74** develops curriculum and program content for Dreambuilders Group, Inc., afterschool programs run by Christian teens serving disadvantaged elementary children. Carla received an M.A. in Christian ministries from Wheaton Graduate School in 1980. She is the busy mother of a 12-year-old daughter and loves her small horse farm and pets, travel, snow skiing, water skiing, women's Bible study, reading, the Dayton Philharmonic and Victoria Theater. She says, "Houghton introduced me to a lifelong love of classical music through recitals and artists' series. Chapel and class Bible studies were the best parts of each week where I learned the most life-changing lessons. My life work is a result of having come to learn about geriatrics and leaving with a job in youth ministry."

### Region 8—

*1 seat representing Canada and International*

**Lois (Boon '95) Warren** lives in Ottawa, Canada. She is a full-time mother and a part-time administrative assistant for Warren's Ltd., a chain of retail jeans stores. She is active in the Cedarview Alliance Church where she teaches Sunday school, sings in the Praise and Worship team, and, together with Robb Warren '89, leads a discipleship accountability group. Lois participates in a Mom's Who Care prayer group to pray for children, school staff, administrators, and government officials. Lois says, "Houghton has always been dear to me. As a 'faculty kid,' I got to know many students over the years and experience work-related and learning opportunities through the school. I have appreciated growing up in, and still feeling a part of, a community of people who are striving to live their best for Christ."

**Susan (Cooper '79) Hutton** lives in Brantford, Ontario, Canada, with her husband, Dr. Timothy Hutton '79, and their three children. Susan is the business manager of her husband's medical practice. They attend the Forward Baptist Church where she has been Pioneer Girls leader, vision leader, newspaper writer, and worked in the nursery and with the youth group. Her community involvement includes working as a volunteer with the Brantford Aquatic Club, the Houghton College Foundation of Canada, and the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Susan's hobbies include skiing, traveling, and collecting antique china. She says, "My experience at Houghton was very positive and my passion is to see young people open the door to Christian higher education and see where the Lord leads them."

### At-Large—2 seats

**John (Pete) Hammond '59** lives in Madison, Wis., with his wife, Shirley (Dye '58). Pete is currently vice president at-large with Intervarsity/USA. His hobbies include writing and doing consulting work. Pete and his wife have three children and nine grandchildren. The Hammonds attend a Presbyterian Church/USA where he is an elder and teacher. He earned a master's in divinity from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

**Keith Felstead '91** lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y., with his wife, Lynn (Whitmore '89), and two children. Keith is a doctor of osteopathy in private practice in primary care in western New York. He and his family attend the Niagara Community Church where he is a Sunday school teacher. In his spare time, Keith enjoys running and spending time with his family. Keith says, "I am grateful for the solid start Houghton gave me in my personal and professional life."

**Gregory Bish '95** is on staff at Houghton College as a graphic designer and photographer. Before returning to his alma mater, Greg taught ninth- through eleventh-grade science and math at The International School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Last year he participated in a missions trip to Honduras with World Hope International.

# Are we still a family?

by Tim Nichols '81

IN FEBRUARY I ARRIVED FOR chapel and was startled by a sea of about 40 shiny, bald heads in the rows in front of me. One of the residents of Shenawana had been called up for active duty in the armed forces and had undergone a military hair scalping. As a show of unity and support, many of the other residents had shaved their heads, too.

Community life has been aptly described by historian Frederick Rudolph, who offered this definition of the collegiate way: "a large family sleeping, eating, studying, and worshipping together under one roof." Educational historians use this term to describe the traditional difference between American and European higher education. In the old-time colleges in America, faculties concerned themselves with the out-of-classroom life of the student, a concept notably absent in Europe, and in most of modern American education.

Throughout the 20th century, most of American higher education abandoned the collegiate way. Have we at Houghton? Certainly our campus living has become more diffused due to housing and meal-plan options and increased mobility by the

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students. We are certainly less often "under one roof." Are we losing this historic aspect of our campus life?

I believe the collegiate way is still a vital Houghton distinctive. I see it in every corner of campus life. Our rural location and protracted western New York winters enhance and intensify a sense of campus connectedness. There is a togetherness, a difficult-to-describe sense of us about Houghton College. I see it expressed through campus traditions, events in the chapel, on the pages of the *Star*, in the pranks of fun-loving students. I experience it as we sing together, worship together, reach out to Allegany County, and as we learn from one another. I felt it as the campus came together to heal in the aftermath of the attack on the World Trade Center.

Through service projects, snow sculptures, SPOTS, study groups—and shaved heads—we continue to celebrate "family" at Houghton College.



*Tim Nichols '81 is director of career services.*



*This pastel by ANN BOYER LEPERE '67 is one of a triptych she titled "The Betrayed." The entire work was part of her 2002 solo exhibit, "Today's Text," at Artspace in the Historic City Market District in Raleigh, N.C. Her collection of pastels, oils, and collage explored the challenges of current American culture from a Christian perspective, with an emphasis on children's issues.*

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