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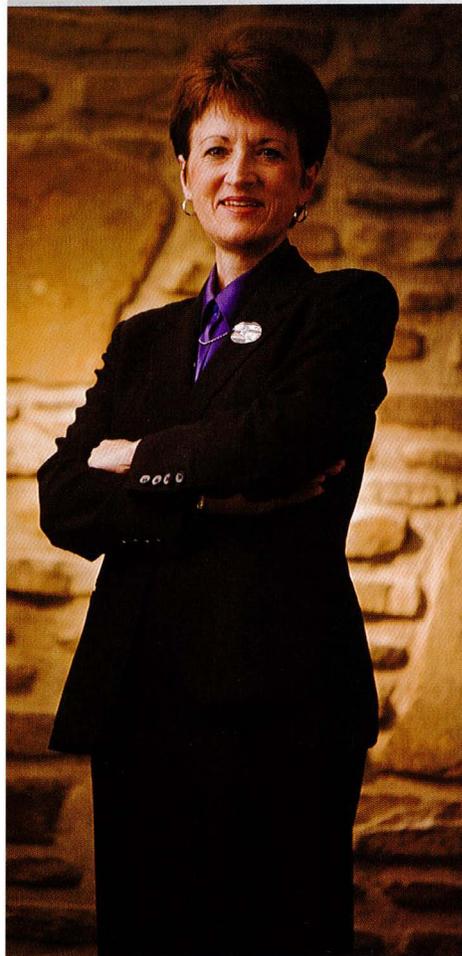


## *Focus on the Professions*

Houghton alumni are making a difference in  
education, medicine, law and business.

## Preparing for the Professions

by Shirley A. Mullen '76



For decades, Houghton College has been preparing graduates to enter the professional and commercial networks of our society. Part of that Christian liberal arts preparation is a rigorous mastery of the relevant subject material. Our students have certainly succeeded in this area, as evidenced by their impressive performances on standardized exams and by their longstanding track record in obtaining admission to graduate and professional schools. As important as it is, however, mastery of subject material is *not* what sets Houghton alumni apart in the professional or business worlds.

The hallmark of a Christian liberal arts education from Houghton is the kind of person who emerges from this comprehensive learning environment. Houghton people know:

- how to communicate (speaking and listening!);
- how to evaluate information;
- how to translate “data” into diagnosis or knowledge into wisdom;
- how to ask helpful and provocative questions;
- how to build constructive, collaborative communities at work, in the church and in our society;
- how to love other people in ways that invite redemptive transformation;
- how to care for God’s creation and
- how to confront the complex problems and ambiguities of our time with imagination and creativity.

Real life is not like a true-false test, or even a multiple choice exam. And there is no cramming. Houghton alumni are able to make a difference in their worlds because of the habits, the attitudes and the commitments they form over time in the midst of this multi-faceted, educational community—a community that seeks to find just the right balance of stress and support for each person.

We often say at Houghton that “not all classrooms are the same.” It takes the full range of educational opportunities at Houghton to meet the full range of diversity among our students (for “not all students are the same...”) and to prepare our graduates for the wide range of places in which God wants to take them to make a difference in the world (for “not all callings are the same!”).

In this issue, we celebrate the richness of God’s grace manifested in the creative and effective lives of Houghton alumni at work in the professional and business communities throughout our world. Here are only four of thousands of alumni stories. We invite you to share your stories with us, and to read others’ stories on our Web site ([www.houghton.edu](http://www.houghton.edu)).

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BY LIZ BORDONARO '07

# Looking for a “Big Name”

“I HAD ALWAYS PLANNED to attend a ‘big name’ school,” says **Dan Bates '98**. “I was visiting colleges and universities up and down the West Coast before a ‘chance’ visit to Houghton, a visit that would change not only my academic decision but my life as a whole,” he recalls. “I was so impressed by the warmth and encouragement of all the people I encountered. I became convinced over that weekend that this was the place. I couldn’t have predicted it at the time, but that visit to rural western New York in the spring of my senior year of high school changed my life.”

Now the director of government affairs for the city of Portland, OR, Bates has learned first-hand the value of the high-quality, Christian, liberal arts education he received at Houghton. While at Houghton, pursuing a double major in history and political science, Bates decided to pursue a law degree. “I’ve always had a passion for politics and policy,” he says, “My assumption was that if you want to make effective changes you should understand the under-girding of our entire system: the legal system. I enjoyed advocacy and the legal field is a natural place for an advocate.”

This time Bates decided to pursue that “big name” experience, setting his sights on what he called “top-10 law schools,” and winding up at the University of Virginia. “I couldn’t have been more equipped to compete and collaborate with world class law students,” Bates says, “the ones that *did* attend the ‘big name schools.’ The rigors of Houghton’s history and political science majors as well as the style in which each course was taught made the transition to law school fairly

simple.”

Bates explains it this way: “Many law students are fearful of the Socratic method of teaching prevalent in American law schools today. The Socratic method relies upon the teacher teaching through a series of questions with students regarding the underlying material being studied. That was the basis of my Houghton education. The vast majority of my classes were discussion classes where it was abundantly obvious if you hadn’t done your reading. It was hard to hide in a discussion-based class of eight students! Being called on in class and being prepared to respond wasn’t a fear for me; it was an expectation.”

In much the same way that Bates’ undergraduate experience set the stage for successful passage through law school, it also made his transition into the work world easier—even at the premiere public policy firm in Washington, DC. “Basic substance and skill sets learned at Houghton were critical as I began my career,” Bates says, “For example, Dr. **Ron Oakerson’s** American political system course helped give me the substantive background I needed to represent cities, counties, ports and transit agencies from around the country before Congress and the Administration.”

Bates points out that it wasn’t just a single course that prepared him for where he is now, though. “From class reading and instruction to negotiation in student government, lobbying was a natural fit for me and Houghton prepared me to utilize my passions with a solid course foundation,” he says.

Then he explains that for him the Houghton experience was more than solid academics. “While at Houghton

**Dan Bates '98**, president of Houghton’s alumni association, says that a “chance visit” changed his life.





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I was given the opportunity to lead student organizations, to engage the college administration through my student positions on various college committees, to learn to work in a team environment, to participate in an academic culture that required cross-application of academic disciplines. In short, Houghton provided the opportunity for me to look at issues with a broad view and to engage those issues with more than recitation of facts on a test. This has proven critical in subsequent career endeavors.”

After a few years in DC, Bates’ career journey took him home to Oregon, the place from which he’d come to Houghton 12 years before. “Those lessons learned and discovered at Houghton were all the more practical and real in my most recent role leading the government relations operation for the City of Portland,” Bates says.

Even given all of the academic and experiential preparation Bates recalls from his Houghton years, what he most appreciates is the foundation of faith. “Houghton gave me freedom of thought,” he says, “This, in my mind, is the greatest heritage of Houghton in my life.”

“Everything from my faith to my politics came with me in a little neat box when I first arrived at Houghton. Everything was explainable, predictable—and if it wasn’t either of those it wasn’t relevant,” he says. That changed for Bates while he was at Houghton. “For the first time in my life I encountered people who were sincere in their faith and disagreed with the conventional thought box that I had neatly packed,” he recalls, “All of Houghton—the teachers, students, administrators and staff—forced me to own my thoughts, perceptions, beliefs and

politics, but they did so with a kindness and grace that can only be described as Christ-like."

"I've had opportunities in my career because I'm willing to ask difficult questions, think radical things and yet be grounded in the firm foundation of my faith, a faith that was tested and made stronger while at Houghton," Bates says. "The tools I was given while at Houghton I continue to take with me on my journey today, whether I'm putting together a legislative strategy to secure funding for a transit project, advising the mayor on the ramifications of a policy proposal or building relationships with rural communities to partner on economic development."

As Bates ponders his journey from political science and history major to director of government affairs for a major U.S. city, he credits Houghton with preparing him to serve in a thoughtful way and in a manner in which he hopes is characterized by integrity. "I've considered what my journey to Houghton meant and I've realized that in many ways it's meant everything. The Houghton liberal arts education has both set the stage for my present service and vocation and provided the tools I need to be a person of faith and conviction in all areas of life."

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BY NAOMI (SPURRIER '05) SMITH

# A Look at “an Ordinary Public School Teacher”

**M**INORI NAGAHARA '04 lives in a neighborhood that she likens to “a third world country inside of an industrialized country.” Poverty is rampant, and drugs and violence are an everyday part of life for people she sees and interacts with each day.

Nagahara is a sixth grade teacher in inner-city New York City. She works at Public School/Middle School 3 (P.S./M.S. 3), a grade school of about 500 students in Kindergarten through eighth grades in a largely industrial section of the Bronx. Every morning she walks the two miles from her apartment to the school, and after a day filled with language arts, science and energetic kids, she makes the journey home.

“I’m not an adventurer. I’m just an ordinary public school teacher,” Nagahara says. “I never thought that I would teach in a place like this,” she confesses, “but the Lord eased me into it, and little by little it took shape for me.” Nagahara started taking education classes as a freshman at Houghton, thinking that teaching would dovetail nicely with her penchant for working with kids. Under the mentorship of professors of education **Mark LaCelle-Peterson** and **Darlene Bressler**, she discovered that she also enjoyed academic research in education and decided to pursue a master’s degree. After graduating from Houghton, she enrolled in a language and literacy program at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

As she neared the completion of her degree at Harvard, Nagahara contemplated beginning a doctorate program, but she felt that first she

should gain some first-hand experience in the classroom. As a Japanese citizen, her best chance of obtaining a teaching visa was to teach in districts with high demand for teachers—like New York City, an area which often functions as a revolving door for young educators. When she began the job search process, Nagahara was determined to avoid an inner-city job and land a position in a “nice” school in the city (in Manhattan or one of the better parts of Queens or Brooklyn). “I never wanted to teach in the inner city,” she admits, “and I fought it all the way.”

In the spring of 2005 Nagahara caught a bus from Boston to attend a teaching job fair in New York City. With only a few hours to spend at the fair, she looked at the long lines of people waiting to talk to representatives from the “nice” schools and then at the nearly-empty tables beside the representatives from the Bronx. “I just need to talk to *someone*,” she thought, and bravely approached a few of the inner-city representatives to offer her portfolio and acquire more information. A few weeks later Nagahara went to interview at a school in the Bronx, and now, three years later, she calls her connection with the representatives from P.S./M.S. 3 a “divine appointment.”

Nagahara has discovered that teaching requires adaptability and persistence, and she has been grateful for the solid educational preparation she received. “Houghton was a place where I learned to be a learner,” she says, “and good teachers are good learners. Every school and community has its own unique needs and characteristics

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and without the willingness to learn, grow and change it's difficult to serve well. You have to ask yourself, 'What kind of community is this? What do these kids need? How do I get through to the parents?'"

Questions like these are difficult to answer in a community like the Bronx. About half of Nagahara's students are African-American, and most of the rest are Hispanic. The majority come from broken and impoverished families. In a place like that, an educator like Nagahara must be keenly aware of the social gulf between her and her students.

"These kids know that I am different, that my life is very different from their lives," she says. When Nagahara's students see her walking the streets of the neighborhood, they wonder what she is doing, and when she explains that she lives nearby, they are often amazed. "I thought teachers came from Connecticut," said one student.

Many of the students at P.S./M.S. 3 remain guarded around their teachers, who can only guess at the depth of the hardship in their lives. "I know that many of my students have absent parents, and that many of them struggle with substance abuse," Nagahara says. "Some days it is a minor miracle that these kids are here—that against all odds, against the fact that they didn't eat anything last night and could have been harmed on the way to school, they come."

Nagahara admits that the baggage the young people carry around is difficult to deal with on top of a teaching load, but she is quick to note that the interesting lives of her students are also part of what energizes and sustains her work. "Yes, I have hard days," she says, "when my students curse me out or when a mentally ill student proves to be more than I can handle. But I don't feel like a martyr. I feel blessed





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to have a job where, even on the worst day imaginable, I go home knowing that it was all worthwhile."

One of the ways that Nagahara thrives in her work is by relying on a skill she cultivated at Houghton—the ability to be curious. She explains: "My Houghton professors always challenged me to ask and explore complex questions and issues through reading, writing and dialogue. Instead of settling for the easy answers, I learned the thrill of asking good questions and engaging in ongoing conversations. I think this abiding sense of curiosity—curiosity about myself and others and how education can be an important means by which we can become all that God has created us to be—is a large part of what keeps me going in this challenging job."

In conversations with her students, Nagahara has also learned a lesson about grace. "Before coming here, I thought I was a nice person who got along fairly easily with other people, but these kids can drive me to absolutely ungodly thoughts," she says with a laugh. "I've seen the need for the gospel here, the need for good news and for hope. We need people here who

know what grace is about, who understand that we are broken people helping other broken people. These kids are more deserving of my compassion than anyone I've ever met. And if I—the privileged one who should be able to love well for all the love I've received—can be forgiven for my shortcomings in loving these kids, there is certainly love and forgiveness enough for them and all of their shortcomings."

After her experiences teaching in the inner city Nagahara hopes to focus her doctoral work on curriculum and instruction, with an emphasis on urban education. Nagahara's "abiding sense of curiosity" will continue to be her strength and her guide. She anticipates taking time for rest and reflection before pursuing further education, but she is already aware of how formative these years in the Bronx have been. "These kids have made an impression on me," Nagahara says, "and this experience will follow me for the rest of my life. But there is more for me to do and more that the Lord wants to do in me."

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Paul Ulrich '00 atop Ross Island; behind him McMurdo Sound reaches to the Antarctica mainland.

BY ERIC STEVENSON '08

## Focus on a Family

For the Ulrichs, pursuing higher degrees and careers in science and medicine begins with a Houghton College education.

**H**OUGHTON COLLEGE HAS its share of family legacies. The Luckey family has been part of Houghton since before it had a college, and still has a strong presence today. The Woolsey troupe has been involved with the college for years as students, staff and professors. Even the Stevenson family (to which I just happen to belong) has made Houghton College its educational home for generations. The Ulrich family is well on its way to developing a rich tradition of its members leaving Houghton and making their marks in the fields of science and medicine.

The family legacy begins with twin brothers **Richard Ulrich '62** and **Wesley Ulrich '62**, both pre-med

students who had grown up on a farm in Iowa. After Houghton, both went on to medical schools: Wesley went to the University of Chicago; Richard received a full scholarship to Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

After his graduation, Richard joined the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon and served in Korea. Upon his return he met a librarian with the beautiful name Angelia, whom he married in 1969. Soon after, Ulrich began a residency in ophthalmology (the study of diseases concerning the visual pathways in the eyes, brain and areas around the eyes) at the University of Iowa. He finished his USAF career as a colonel and—about 20 years ago—moved to Georgia

where he, in his own words, does “eyes and souls, four days a week.” Along the way, the Ulrichs had four children, all sons: Lane, Marc, Paul and Luke. Each one would follow his father to Houghton.

**Lane '92** says that the biggest influence for him to attend was the fact that his father had come to Houghton. He majored in biology as part of a pre-med program. After graduating, he took another cue from his father by becoming an ophthalmologist: at the Medical College of Georgia, where he has practiced since completing his residency in 2000. He is also the residency program director there, involved with the post-medical school training program in the ophthalmology department.

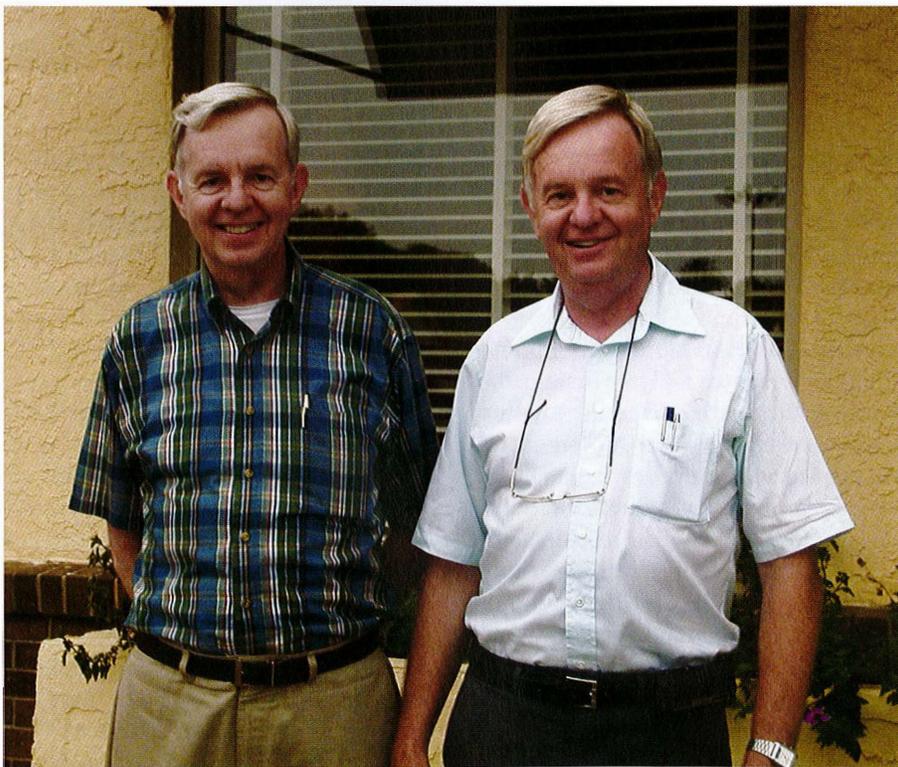
Next came **Marc '94**, who started off following his brother as a biology major, only to find his calling in physics. Naturally he had to tweak his brother a bit, adopting a motto to go along with his decision: “In biology, one just memorizes facts while in phys-

ics, one learns to solve problems.” Marc met his wife, **Becky (Long '95)**, while at Houghton, when she and her twin sister needed rides home for Christmas. After graduating, Marc went to Auburn University in Alabama to pursue a doctorate in physics, which he received in 2001. North Carolina is now their home, where he researches opportunities in condensed matter physics as a scientist for the Army Research Office.

It wasn't long after Marc left before **Paul '00** arrived at Houghton. He says that, given the family history, he never seriously considered another college. It should come as no surprise to learn that he was a biology major, with a minor in chemistry. After graduating, he went to the University of Delaware, where he earned his master's and doctorate degrees in marine biology.

Hard on Paul's heels came the last Ulrich man, **Luke ('01)**. Majoring in biology, he entered Houghton aiming to become a medical doctor. However, in his junior year, he decided that path was not for him; still, he finished his

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*The family's Houghton legacy began with twin brothers Richard and Wesley.*



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undergraduate work with the biology major and with two minors: mathematics and chemistry. With the broad science and math background and a self-taught understanding of computers, Luke became one of the first students accepted into a newly established master's program for bioinformatics (the use of computers to solve biological problems, usually on a molecular level) at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

All of the Ulrichs credit their Houghton College education with aiding them greatly in their careers. Lane even goes so far as to claim that, in his experience, medical school was actually easier than his Houghton academic experience. “In my first year of medical school,” he says, “there were only a few courses I had not already had, and some of the courses used the same textbooks as I had at Houghton.”

“Houghton had a very powerful effect on me,” Marc says, “Houghton was an incubator that protected me during those years away from home, by surrounding me with godly friends and teachers who were also my mentors.” These days, he says, “I get to work with the best of the best in my field, steer a small corner of the science world, help mature emerging technologies and conduct my own research—all at the same time.”

Interestingly, when asked to recall some important Houghton experiences, Luke doesn't talk about science or math, but remembers, instead, the graphic design classes he took from Professor of Art **John Rhett**. “The skills I learned in his classes are an invaluable asset in more areas of my life than I ever would have imagined,” he says, “Presenting scientific data for a conference/publication, designing marketing ads for my real estate business, creating my wedding invitations, poster presentations. His teaching still influences virtually every design decision I have to make.”

Maybe that shouldn't be so surprising, because the Ulrich men did more than just hole up in the science building for their four years at

Houghton. Paul fondly remembers using dinner trays as sleds on the ski hill, and admits that he spent time serenading the girls' dorms with his fellow Shen men. Marc can recount his frustration as “**Jake**” **Jacobson** conquered him time after time in racquetball. Luke is infamous for rallying more than 100 people for an Ultimate Frisbee tournament on the Quad, which, unfortunately, occurred on a rainy day and ended with the once-lush grass in a muddy mess.

When asked about his college experience, Paul recalled some of the challenges to his faith that he faced while at Houghton, and how the community helped him through them. “One of the greatest struggles was that of God's hand in creation,” he says, “Dr. **Karen Cianci** was particularly influential in my life at that time. Houghton continued the work that my parents started long ago in teaching me to trust God and to see his hand in all aspects of my life. This foundation was critical when I moved to graduate school, where much of what I held was challenged, not only by those around me, but by criticism from within me. I'm thankful that God holds on more tightly to us than we do to him!”

With twin brothers who became medical doctors, followed by a second generation of four who all achieved either medical or doctorate degrees, the Ulrich family has contributed a great deal to the Houghton legacy of preparing professionals in the science and medical fields. And it may well be that it's not done. After all, Lane and his wife **Debra (Pollard '92)** have four children, as do Marc and Becky. In a few years, there could be another generation of Ulrichs studying in the Paine Center for Science.

*Eric Stevenson '08 is the son of Daryl and Gudy (Mindrebo '70) Stevenson '70 and the grandson of Herbert and Margaret (Watson '38) Stevenson '38 and the brother of Eric Stevenson, Kyle and Sarah (Gagnon '00) Stevenson '96 and Tyler and Diane (Benedict '04) Stevenson '03. He is an intern with Milieu this semester.*

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DAVID FINDLEY '68

## Reflecting on a Career's Arc

**S**OMETIMES NICE GUYS DO COME out on top. Take for instance, the case of **David Findley '68**. At the end of December, Findley retired from his position as senior vice president and chief operations and information officer for St. Paul Travelers Insurance. At the end of his career, he led a part of the organization consisting of 4,900 employees in more than 130 locations with an annual budget of \$402 million and revenues of \$24 billion, servicing 1.2 million customers. Those who worked for and

with him—from the mailroom to the board room—enjoyed and respected Findley so much that they gave him five separate retirement parties.

"I never realized that people felt that way until I left the company," Findley says, "and then all the accolades kept coming." He said that all of them mentioned the same things: "My Christian character, and how I treated people—people could see the difference in the way I looked at life and the way I looked at issues, trials and challenges."

Recently retired from his position as senior vice president of the Traveler's Insurance Company, **David Findley '68** looks at what got him there.



PHOTO BY: JEFF YARD

David and Helga (Jensen '68) Findley '68 at his retirement party.

Often, he recalls, people would ask him where he had gone to college, expecting him to name a “brand name” college or university known for its business school. He would enjoy the opportunity to tell them about Houghton.

Don't get the wrong idea—Findley is not taking the credit for this. Instead, he used his retirement parties, including the one with the Traveler's most senior executives, to send a message. After presenting him with “all this stuff—of life,” he says they asked him to say a few words. His message? “All that I've achieved in the business world, I have to give back to my Lord and God, because He has blessed me beyond measure.”

Those blessings started “at my mother's knee,” Findley says, recalling his Christian upbringing. He went to a Wesleyan church in Ottawa and heard of Houghton through the denomination. He applied, but recalls that his SAT scores were too low. He credits former registrar, the late **Wesley Nussey**, for opening the door. Nussey arranged for Findley to matriculate at the college while taking English and American History from **Lindol Hut-**

**ton '57** at Houghton Academy.

He “wasn't the smartest guy in the college—by a long shot,” Findley admits, so it was a good thing that **Ken Nielsen**, vice president emeritus for finance, gave him a job in the kitchen (in the basement of Gaoyadeo), where Findley “fell in love with this woman, **Helga Jensen '68**, who made sure that I went to the library every night.” Findley also remembers “falling in love with history,” for which he credits **Kay (Walberger '43) Lindley**, professor emerita of history: “She was a fantastic teacher,” Findley says, “The sun just rose and set on her.”

He also enjoyed English professor **Jim Barcus '59** and professor emeritus of business administration **Arnold Cook '43** and the late **Ed Willett '39**. “We just had so much fun,” says Findley. One time a campus business club called the Young Administrators Organization (YAO) had a guest speak-

er from the Traveler's come down from Buffalo. "When I transferred to New York City with Traveler's, the first person I met was that same man! He could not believe it! It's a small world."

But we're getting ahead of the story. After graduating from Houghton, Findley considered several offers, then accepted a position with the Traveler's because of their management training program. After completing that course, he returned to Houghton to marry Helga and bring her back with him to begin their married life in Ottawa. After two years, she convinced Findley to ask for a transfer back to her hometown—New York City—where they stayed for two years before he was promoted to company headquarters in Hartford, CT. Along the way he earned his master's degree from Pace University.

During his years in Hartford, Findley grew to appreciate the liberal arts education he had received at Houghton. Often, he recalls, people would ask him where he had gone to college, expecting him to name a "brand name" college or university known for its business school. He would enjoy the opportunity to tell them about Houghton.

He made it a point when reviewing résumés—"and over the course of 40 years I've looked at a lot of résumés," he notes—to look for somebody who had a well-rounded education and outside interests. "Then I know that they can speak and write and do the kinds of things that a liberal arts education prepares you to do," he says. On the other hand, he said, were the candidates "who did nothing but study accounting" and didn't get involved in outside activities. "Those I tended to fly over," he says, "because I saw so many of them."

What difference did studying liberal arts at a Christian college make? "The obvious thing is that, from a Christian standpoint, ethics was very important back when it wasn't," Findley says. Perhaps less obvious, but

certainly no less important—especially to Findley—is that "we treat people right, because that came out of our teaching—we were to treat people fairly. I'm not sure that we get enough of that. I see too many people in the business world that, frankly, are bullies." It bothers him greatly that many organizations tolerate them, even look up to them. "I don't think they become the best leaders at all," he says, "These people roll over other people."

That certainly wasn't Findley's way. Consider this excerpt from his official Traveler's biography: "His endearing leadership style, coupled with intensive ongoing coaching and mentoring, has allowed him to develop a highly respected leadership team and ensured its continuity by extending key opportunities to the company's next generation of leaders."

As Findley pointed out at his retirement, the Lord has blessed his willingness to be different. "Over and over and over again, He has blessed me," he says, "with a career that has been very rewarding financially and from an ego standpoint and from a level of achievement. You cannot count them [the blessings] up."

In retirement, Findley intends to pursue his interest in HAM radio (call sign KB1WR) and ride his new BMW motorcycle in the Appalachians. He will continue to teach Bible studies and Sunday school—he "loves the Gospels and the letters of Paul"—at the Valley Community Baptist Church in Avon, CT, where he and his wife are founding members and he has served as elder and chairman.

"At the end of my career, looking back on it, I could never have predicted it," Findley says, "I was fortunate. I don't look back and say that happens to everybody, but when I look back on it, I have to say to myself, there's only one person that I can give the honor and glory to."

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## College to Offer Two New Master's Degrees

HOUGHTON WILL SOON BEGIN classes for two new master's degrees—one in theological studies and one in literacy education. These will be the second and third master's degrees Houghton offers; The Greatbatch School of Music began awarding masters' in 2005.

The Graduate Theological Studies master's program will consist of 48 credit-hours, with classes offered during the fall, spring and summer. The program offers courses in a "block" format (meeting once a week) during the fall and spring semesters, or in an "intensive" format (meeting for 30 hours in a five-day period) during the summer sessions. Additionally, the program will not designate any specific sequence for the courses—students can take them in any order.

"We've tried to keep the thing as flexible as possible," says **Mike Walters '86**, chair of the religion and philosophy department, "That's why there is no course sequencing—because we realize that a part-time pastor out there who's coming to school may be able to take three courses one semester and then something happens in his church and the next semester he can't take any."

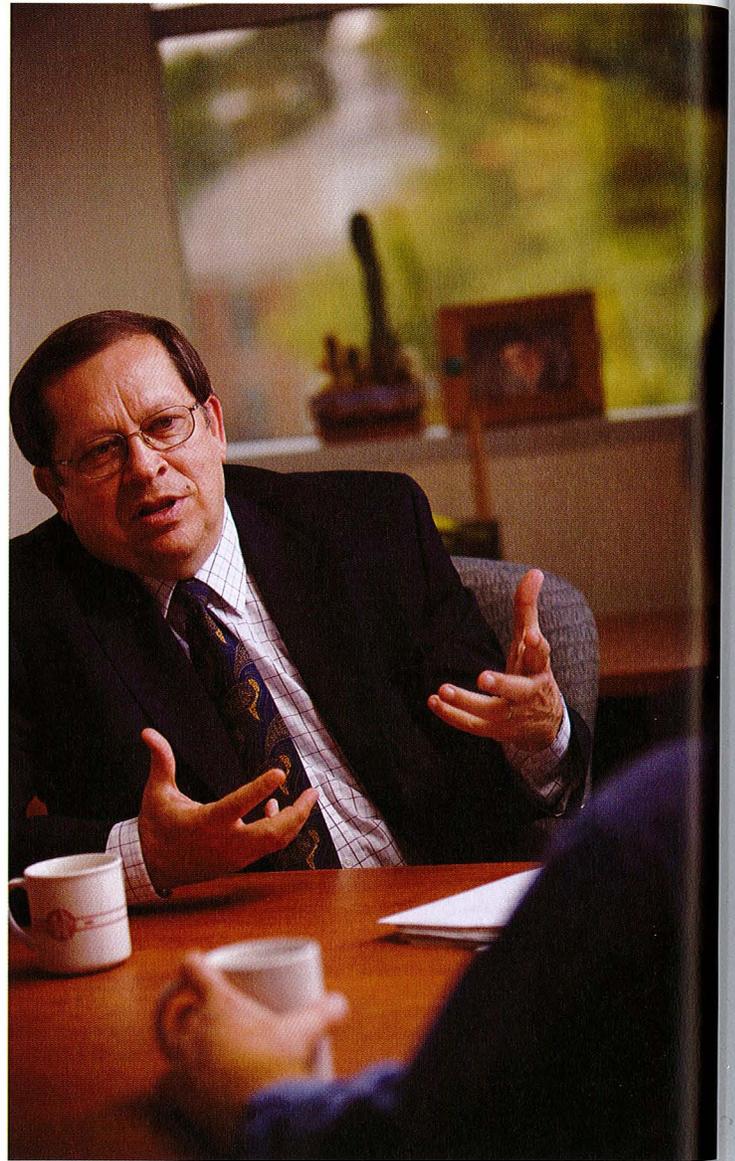
The same approach affected the structure of the degree itself. "We built a degree that had a core requirement," Walters explains, "and then the rest of it is very flexible." The program includes six "core" classes required of every student, and then six more classes in theology or Bible and four courses from general electives. "By choosing courses, you can establish what your own emphasis is," Walters says, "Pastors can really emphasize getting themselves better preparation for pastoral ministry. A person in youth ministry could do the same thing. A person who wants to do missions work could emphasize that."

"We tried to do that very de-

liberately," he says, "We need to appeal to a broad spectrum of people." Walters sees three primary groups as prospective students. The first would be people already in ministry who realize that they need more education. The second would be what Walters calls a "more traditional" student—perhaps recent graduates who want to continue their education, "Or maybe a student who majored in something else and says 'I wish I'd done more in Bible or theology,'" Walters says. The final group he sees are those attracted by the specific subject matter—or perhaps by a well-known teacher—of the class offered.

These would likely be more interested in continuing education and may not pursue a degree.

The program will start the last Saturday in August with an all-day retreat intended to build a sense of community. Walters says he wants students to "start knowing and caring for each other and realizing that we're not here just trying to give them some content; we're here to really try to help shape them spiritually." After that, the



*Mike Walters '86, chair of the department of religion and philosophy.*

college will offer two classes each on Monday and Thursday nights.

For now, all classes will be held on the main campus, although Walters thinks they may be able to offer simulcasting to the West Seneca campus as well. That would allow students in the Buffalo area to go there rather than making the trip all the way down to Houghton. Although there is no plan to offer online classes now, "It's hard

to tell where technology will take us," Walters says.

The program has admitted its first students, and further inquiries are coming in. Walters hopes to have the equivalent of 12 full-time (nine credit hours per semester) students in the program to make it self-sufficient. "To get 12 full-time equivalencies, I may need 20 or 25 students," he says.

That number is similar to what **Mark LaCelle-Peterson**, who chairs the department of education, hopes to see enrolled in the new master's degree in education as well. However, the two new degree programs are very different in many other ways.

For example, the master's in theological studies is broad, with each student shaping its focus while the new degree program in education is very specific. LaCelle-Peterson explains that this is partly because the state of New York has rewritten its requirements for teacher certification. "They found that the general master's weren't very useful for teachers," he says. As a result, the state now requires master's programs in education to be targeted to an age group and to a particular subject.

Houghton's new degree program is for those already certified to be elementary teachers and it adds specialized knowledge in literacy so that they can qualify to be reading specialists. LaCelle-Peterson explains that students who go through Houghton's education program graduate with certifications in both general elementary education and special education—the two are bundled together in the college's undergraduate program. The new master's will qualify them for ongoing certification and add a specialization in literacy.

"Our first interest is in making sure that they are prepared to be the best possible teachers they can be, that they understand general teaching," LaCelle-Peterson says, "Then we make sure they understand how to work with

all learners, because of the special ed. piece. Finally, the master's gives them additional training in reading, and at the elementary level reading is the single most important factor—everything is important, but reading is the key to everything else." LaCelle-Peterson says the college expects that many of its students for the new program will come right from Houghton's undergraduate program—and, in fact, that many will come as undergraduates with the intention of staying here at Houghton all the way through their master's degree as well.

The new program will offer two "tracks" to achieving the 36 hours necessary for the degree—a 15-month, intensive track (two summers and one academic year) and a standard, 27-month course (three summers and two academic years). Unlike the theological studies degree, the education master's will be strictly sequenced. LaCelle-Peterson explains that the education master's will require a research project, such as a thesis, and therefore will offer classes that take the students through an approach to completing that project that need to be followed in order. He also notes that sequencing the degree allows each course to build upon the previous one rather than mixing together students who may be at the beginning or at the end of the program.

Keeping the students together in a "cohort" will be a distinctive of the program, as well, according to LaCelle-Peterson. "We know that students get an added benefit in going through together with the same group," he says, "they learn together and remind each other of what they've learned, so we've built this program on a cohort model—start together, go through the program together and finish together."

Another distinctive will be an emphasis on service learning that will fit with Houghton's stress on scholar-service at all levels. In fact, LaCelle-Pe-

terson hopes that some of his students will sign on with Americorps and volunteer in area schools. By doing so, the grad. students will get a living stipend from Americorps as well as an education benefit to help pay their tuition. The schools get a volunteer that is highly qualified, and learning more each week. "We're excited about that, both because of what it gives to the community and because of the good experience that it gives to the students," LaCelle-Peterson says. The degree program is scheduled to begin classes in June 2009.

As for the future, LaCelle-Peterson foresees adding at least one additional degree program. For instance, this program will be quite useful for a great many teachers in elementary education, but for those at the secondary level: "It's a little trickier," LaCelle-Peterson says. Noting the state's requirement for master's degree programs that are specific to a subject area, he explains that finding an area that would be attractive to a great many adolescent education majors—such as reading is to elementary education—might be more difficult. One alternative is to add a degree program for every subject area—such as mathematics, history, English, etc.—and that may be too much to jump into all at once. Other possibilities might be degrees in special education, literacy or teaching English as a second language (TESL).

The college will be considering them in the future. In the meantime, though, LaCelle-Peterson will work this year to recruit students and put together the first cohorts. "It would be healthy if we could get to where we have 10 part-time and 10 full-time students starting every year," he says.

For more information on either master's degree program, contact the college at 585.567.9200 or visit [www.houghton.edu](http://www.houghton.edu).

# Fall Sports Report

HIGHLANDER INTERCOLLEGIATE athletics enjoyed a strong year, with the men's soccer team reaching post-season play in the American Midwest Conference (AMC) and the women's soccer team and several individual athletes earning trips to the national finals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in their sports. Fourteen Highlander upperclassmen made the grades to be named as NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

When the 2007 season started, David Lewis, head coach of the women's soccer team, wasn't sure what to expect. After all, he had lost eight starters from the previous year, and a ninth—three-time All-American **Bethany**

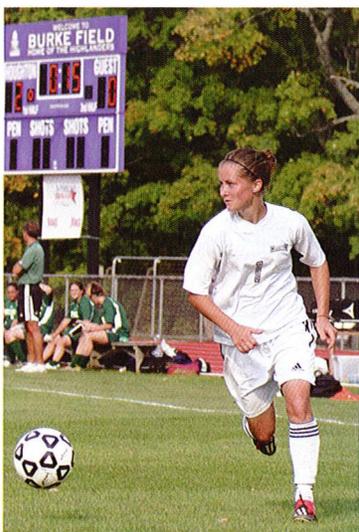
**Kowalczyk '08**—was trying to come back from a serious knee injury (she would end up sitting out the season). The team started slowly—with a 2-2-2 record—before reeling off nine straight wins (seven of them shutouts) and landing in the AMC's Final Four. After advancing on penalty kicks following a draw in the semifinals, the women won the conference title 2-0 over Mount Vernon Nazarene and with it an automatic bid to the NAIA national tournament in Daytona Beach, FL. They won their opening round game there, 1-0 over Cornerstone (MI) University, before falling 3-0 to Azusa Pacific, the even-

tual national runners-up. Striker **Hannah Swift '09** led the team with 19 goals and six assists and was named the player of the year in the AMC and in the NAIA's Region IX. The NAIA named her an All-America, Second Team, and gave defender **Rebecca Smith '08** honorable mention. Five team members—**Rebecca Buszka '09**, **Rebecca Dix '09**, **Andrea Duryea '08**, **Ashley LaBoda '08** and **Smith**—earned designation as Scholar-Athletes by the NAIA, indicating that they are juniors or seniors with grade point averages of 3.5 or better.

The men's soccer team used a strong defense—anchored by goalkeeper **Erik Lefebvre '09** and central defender **Tyler Haggerty '08**—to keep games tight all season long. The men gave up just 18 goals and had eight shutouts on the year. The team started with a pair of 1-1 draws then won four and drew another (1-1, again) before losing for the first time. Head Coach Matthew Webb enjoyed his best record yet in his fourth year, finishing the regular season 8-3-5 and earning an AMC playoff game at home against Roberts Wesleyan. The Highlanders won, 2-0, advancing to



Steve Grudda '11 (#11) celebrates scoring the game-winning goal as time expired against Point Park at Homecoming.



AMC Player of the Year Hannah Swift '09 looks for a cross against Point Park at Homecoming.

the NAIA Region IX semifinal where they lost to AMC and Region IX winners Rio Grande, 3-0. Lefebvre, Haggerty and midfielder **Josiah Snelgrove '08** were named to the All-Region IX team. The NAIA named **Ernie Walton '08** and **Andrew Gent '08** as Scholar-Athletes.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams enjoyed strong seasons, placing a total of three runners at the national meet. For the men, **Dan Ballard '09** led the team with a race win and several second- and third-place finishes during the regular season. Despite an injury that kept him from training at a high level, Ballard ran the 8K in 25:44.8 at the national meet to finish 48<sup>th</sup> (out of 258). The women's team came close to earning an at-large invitation to the national meet, but had to settle for sending two runners: **Kaitlin Fadden '10** and **Rachel Rhodes '08**. Each was making her first trip to the national meet and acquitted herself well, starting in a crowded field, then moving up to finish strongly. Fadden ran the 5K course in 19:06.0, good for 92<sup>nd</sup> (out of 268), while Rhodes ran 19:27.6 to finish 133<sup>rd</sup>. All three were named to the All-AMC team. Ballard, **Lydia Thorneblade '09** and **Irene Vickner '08** earned Scholar-Athlete designation from the NAIA.



Dan Ballard '09 (#307) leads Tyler Welsh '11 (#318) at the Houghton Invitational cross country meet, held at the Field of Dreams course.

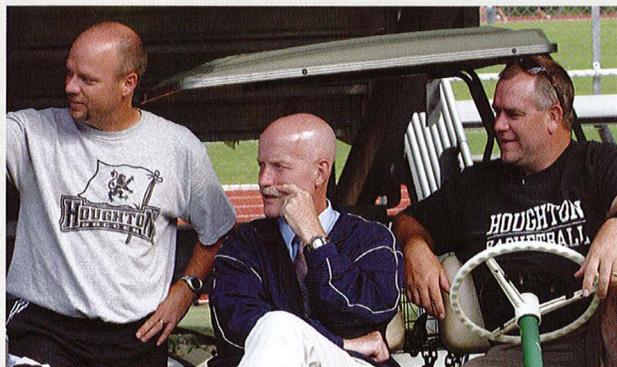
The field hockey team started slowly, losing three of its first four and reaching 2-7 near the midpoint of its season. Then forward **Ashley Hoffman '10** scored twice in a 2-1 overtime win at SUNY Geneseo and the team's momentum turned. They won three of their next five and reeled off five straight wins to end the season at 11-9. The NAIA does not

## Lord Named AD of the Year

In the fall, Harold "Skip" Lord '80 was named the American Mideast Conference (AMC) and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Region IX Athletic Director (AD) of the Year. It is the fourth time that Lord has won the regional honor. Among the accomplishments he was cited for were sending 28 different teams to NAIA national tournaments in his 13-year tenure, serving on the NAIA Strategic Planning Task Force and enhancing the facilities and programs at Houghton.

"I feel honored to be chosen for this award," Lord said, "because it is reflective of the strength of our entire athletics department. We work hard together to do things the right way so that we can represent Houghton well."

Lord came to the college in 1987 as head coach of both volleyball and women's basketball. In 1990 he took on ad-



NAIA Region IX Athletic Director of the Year H. "Skip" Lord '80 (center) on the sidelines at a field hockey game, with assistant athletic directors Matthew Webb (left) and Brad Zarges '92.

ditional duties as assistant athletic director, and in 1993 he became athletic director. In 1996 he became co-director of the basketball camps and in 1998 was named associate vice president for athletics and conferences. He stopped coaching the volleyball team after the 1994 season, but continues to coach women's basketball—this year he won his 300<sup>th</sup> game.

Lord has been active in the NAIA at the conference, regional and national levels, modeling his expectation that the 23 coaches and staff members of Houghton's athletic department "give back to the profession."

During his tenure, Lord has overseen monumental changes to the college's athletic facilities, including the building of the Alumni Athletic Complex, the development of Houghton's "Field of Dreams" and the additions of a fitness center and a weight training room to the Nielsen Physical Education Center.

Lord is the sports ministry coordinator for Global Partners, the missions department of The Wesleyan Church. He has led and coordinated many international sports ministry trips, including the 2006 "Brno Sports Blitz," when 83 athletes and coaches representing eight teams from four colleges and universities visited the Czech Republic.



Ashley Hoffman '10 (#11) challenges for control of the ball against the University of Rochester.

oversee field hockey, so the team plays as an independent, and hosted its own post-season tournament, shutting out St. Vincent (5-0) and Wells (6-0) to take the trophy. Four team members—Amanda Brenon '09, Kathleen Griego '08, Elizabeth Mueller '08 and Ashley Pink '08—met the criteria for the NAIA Scholar-Athlete designation.

The women's volleyball team, which lost six seniors and featured six first-year players and only two seniors this season, strove to mesh together and find consistency. The results were mixed, as the team showed flashes of brilliance as well as inconsistent play throughout the season. It often made for spirited matches as the Highlanders put in a strong effort. Ultimately, the team wound up 11-22 overall and 3-11 in the tough AMC North Division, missing the playoffs. Middle blocker Holly Motheral '10 made the AMC North Second Team, while outside hitters Stefanie Swanson '08 and Darby Emerson '11 earned honorable mention.

For full stories, statistics, season previews and more, visit the Houghton College Web site and click on "Athletics" at the top of the page. You can receive a weekly e-mail update on Highlander sports during the seasons by subscribing at [www.houghton.edu/sports/list.htm](http://www.houghton.edu/sports/list.htm). Look for a report on the basketball and track and field seasons in the next issue of *Milieu*.



The 2007 volleyball squad.



Readers: With this issue, Milieu institutes a new department: @Houghton.edu. In these pages, you will find news items from recent events and issues on campus. Because there are so many items to report on and due to space limitations, these items will be brief. Longer stories with further details on each of the items will be available through the Milieu section of the Houghton College Web site, [www.houghton.edu/Milieu](http://www.houghton.edu/Milieu).—Editor



The new organ in the Houghton Wesleyan Church is nearing completion.

**Volunteers aid installation of organ at Houghton Wesleyan Church:**

In 2005 the college and the Houghton Wesleyan Church jointly commissioned construction of a 29-stop, 1,972-pipe two-manual organ. Volunteers—alumni, community members, graduate music students and others—provided crucial labor to advance the project. As of this writing, the organ is in the final stages of “voicing.” This fall the instrument (cost: \$505,000 plus \$200,000 in structural changes and facility upgrades to the church) will be dedicated in a series of recitals.

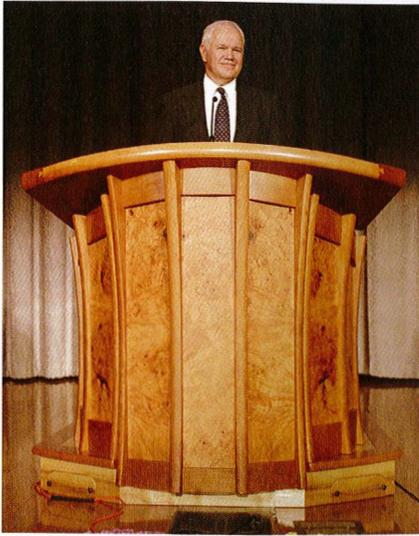
*Rolland Fletcher and Richard Alderman '52 were among the volunteers who worked on the new organ.*



**Penn-York Conference meets at Houghton:** Forty students from 10 schools delivered papers and made poster presentations on subjects ranging from Persian nationalism to AIDS and ant colonies (abstracts of the presentations are available online) at the eighth annual Penn-York Undergraduate Student Research Conference, held at Houghton in late October.

**Charry delivers second annual Woolsey lectures:** Ellen Charry, Princeton Theological Seminary’s Margaret W. Harmon Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and an editor-at-large for *The Christian Century*, delivered the second annual Woolsey Lectures in Theology and Culture November 6-7. Charry spoke on “When Christians Speak of Happiness” and “When Happiness and Goodness Embrace.”

**New Vision Week delivers information, message:** Mark Klink, associate director of mobilization and training at Food for the Hungry, was the guest speaker for New Vision Week. Klink presented a series of lectures on “Thy Kingdom Come,” focusing on the kind of ruler Christ is, how the kingdom of God has changed because of the fall and how it can be restored to peace and justice. Missions representatives also held special seminars.



**New pulpit dedicated:** A new, adjustable-height pulpit made of cherry and cherry burl for Wesley Chapel was dedicated as a memorial to the late **Rev. Edward D. Angell H'87** on October 1. Angell was pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Church from 1951-56 and again from 1961-68. When Angell retired in 1991, he had pastored eight churches, taught at three Christian colleges and served in a variety of denominations over a span of 52 years.

*Jonathan Angell '66, son of the late Edward Angell H'87, stands behind the podium dedicated in memory of his father.*

### Students win Study Abroad scholarships:

Houghton students **Lainey Monroe '08** and **Christy Tygert '09** are two of only 400 American undergraduate students to be awarded \$5,000 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships from the Institute of International Education (IIE) to participate in a spring 2008 study abroad program. Monroe is spending 12 weeks as part of Houghton in Tanzania. Tygert is spending the semester in Africa with Food for the Hungry's Go ED program.

**Campus enjoys laughs at Comedy Night:** Christian comedians Taylor Mason, Daren Streblov and Bob Stromberg took to the Wesley Chapel stage on Friday, October 26 for Comedy Night. Mason's routine uses

25-30 puppets and combines stand-up comedy, music and ventriloquism. Streblov is an observational stand-up comedian featured at Bill Gaither's Praise Gathering and numerous Youth for Christ and Fellowship of Christian

Athletes meetings. Stromberg's blend of stand-up and story comedy has made him a featured and favorite emcee for many large stadium and arena gatherings.

**Campus observes World AIDS Day:** Students lined the Quad with 2,000 red crosses to represent the number of people in the world who had died on World AIDS Day between 5 a.m. and 11:40 a.m., the time that chapel concluded, to remind the community of just how great the HIV/AIDS epidemic has become. Other activities included advanced viewing of a documentary film, representatives from AIDS Family Services in Buffalo speaking in chapel, a benefit concert, a silent auction and Houghton students volunteering at AIDS Family Services.



*Students, faculty and staff planted red crosses on the quad as part of World AIDS Day activities.*

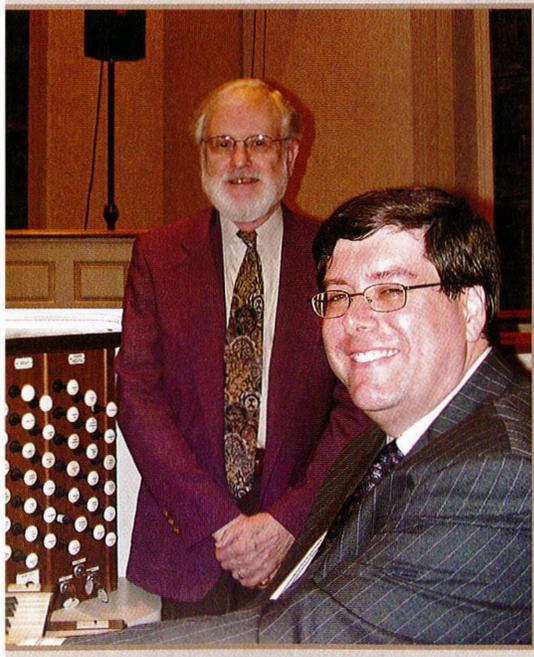


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**37** Wesley and June (Austin '40) Churchill celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve. Wesley taught high school science for 30 years, retiring in 1980 from Pioneer Central in Arcade, NY. He and his wife also operated Churchill's Hardware in West Valley, NY, where they are longtime members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The Churchills also made missions trips to Haiti from 1974 until 1997, helping establish several churches and a clinic. The couple has two married daughters—

**51** Merle Baer and Timothy Sidebothom '87 (pictured at the console of the four-manual Aeolian Skinner organ in the First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA, with Baer in the background) recently collaborated on the production of a 68-page book of organ and choral music for the Lancaster (PA) chapter of the American Guild of Organists, of which both are members.



including Judy (Churchill '61) Lawton—and five grandchildren—including Holly Lawton '87 and Julie Neudeck '92—and seven great-grandchildren.

**50** Victoria LaBombarde was the feature of a recent story in literature published by Christopher Newport University (CNU) in Virginia. The story highlights LaBombarde's volunteer work in CNU's music library and her endowment of scholarships both at Houghton and CNU.

**54** On December 9, 2007, Robert Aldrich celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as a Baptist minister with a special worship service at the First Baptist Church of Naples, NY, where Aldrich has served as pastor for the last six years. Paul Shea '69, associate professor of missions at Houghton College, was the special guest speaker.

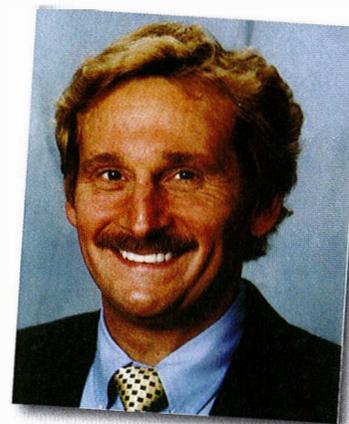
**62** Donald Housley, professor emeritus of history at Susquehanna University, has published a book on the school's roots, entitled *Susquehanna University 1858-2000: A Goodly Heritage*. The book is being published by the Susquehanna University Press.

**66** Ralph and Barb (Loveless '65) Olsen are moving from Walnut Creek, CA, to Redmond, WA. Ralph retired from his position, but then accepted a new, three-year job as resident engineer on a construction project for a sewage treatment plant. Barb is finishing up her contract with the school district and will join him in April. Friends are invited to contact them at [olsenrnb2@comcast.net](mailto:olsenrnb2@comcast.net).

**69** Brenda (Rhoad) Brokaw won the title Ms. Virginia Senior America in June 2007.

The Alexandria, VA, resident owns Brenda Brokaw Interiors and enjoys singing, painting, ice dancing, collecting and selling antiques, entertaining friends and traveling. Brokaw sings opera—which she did for her talent at the pageant—and will perform throughout Virginia during the year of her reign. In November she competed for the national crown in Las Vegas, finishing in the top 10.

**70** Elwin Stillman was named as a recipient of a president's award from the SUNY Upstate Medical University. The award went to "outstanding voluntary faculty."



Jeff Prinsell '75

**75** Jeffrey Prinsell has been elected chair of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' clinical interest group on snoring and obstructive sleep apnea. He has also been elected to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine's task force to update the standards of practice parameters for obstructive sleep apnea surgery. Prinsell is president of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. He and his wife and two sons live in Marietta, GA, where he maintains a private practice. Friends are invited to contact him at [drprinsell@mindspring.com](mailto:drprinsell@mindspring.com).



Pictured are alumni children and grandchildren of Eileen (Griffen '52) Spear who were in Scotland on a family adventure in the summer of 2007. From left: Rachel Spear '11, Erin (Spear '03) Gorham, Scott Spear '08 (behind Erin), Jessica Spear '05, Jeffrey Spear '79 (behind Jessica), Peter Spear '77, Jeremy Gorham '03, Scottish highlander, Penny (Spear '80) Williams, Eileen (Griffen '52) Spear, Marc Williams '10, Christine (Spear '91) Lee, Ryan Spear '07, Janine (Filmer '81) Spear, Molly (Mann '77) Spear, Matthias Williams '09 and Jonathan Spear '11. Do you have a photo of a group of Houghton alumni (preferably wearing Houghton College apparel!!) in an interesting locale? Send it to Milieu for inclusion in a future issue.

**78** **Patty Mondore** has published *To Love, Honor, and Oh Boy!*, subtitled "30 Ways for Couples to Say They're Wild about Each Other." The book tells the true story of 30 couples whose partnerships have stood the test of time and how they have applied the wisdom of I Corinthians 13 to the situations they encountered in their marriages. Mondore is the pediatric residency program coordinator for the SUNY Health Science Center (Syracuse, NY) and the author of three other books.

**79** **Sheila (Bentley) Bower** received her master's degree in special education from Northern Arizona University. Bower teaches special education students at

Arizona Desert Elementary School in the Tolleson Elementary School District in Tolleson, AZ. She earned Teacher of the Year honors during the 2006/2007 school year.

**Joseph Hupp** received the David Grahame Award from the Physical and Analytical Electrochemistry Division of the International Electrochemistry Society at its annual meeting last May. Hupp is a Morrison professor of chemistry at Northwestern University. For his award address, Hupp spoke on "Nanostructured dye-Sensitized Solar Cells: Beyond Nanoparticulate Cells." He has published over 225 peer-reviewed papers and served as research advisor for 36 doctoral graduates. Hupp is also a long-distance runner and has completed seven marathons, among them the 2003 Boston race.

**80** **Ken Dunn** was promoted to bond manager at Ohio Casualty Bonds, a member of Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies, in Charlotte, NC. He is also the director of European ministries with Word on the Street Ministries in Charlotte.

Olean General Hospital has appointed **William Mills** vice president for medical affairs. Mills previously held the same position at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital in Cape May Court House, NJ.

**Harriett Olson** has taken a new position as the chief executive of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, which serves as UMW's administrative arm. Olson was unanimously elected to the position on August 17 by the division's board

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**93** **Tamara (Marshall) Gaffney** (*far right in picture*) is a legal assistant at The Sonnesyn Law Firm and recently finished up a competitive triathlon season in which she took first place in the women's 35-39 age group at the Table Mountain Triathlon. Her husband **Mike '94** is the chief financial officer for Wiland Direct, a cooperative database that partners with catalogers and list professionals. He stays active in both indoor and outdoor soccer, basketball, road races and triathlons. The Gaffneys reside outside of Boulder, CO, with their three children, who also participate in soccer and compete in 5K and 10K road races.

of directors, and began her new job on September 4.



Harriet Olson '80

**86** **Carol (Hommel) Morse** has held various teaching positions within Head Start and at several Christian schools in New York state since her graduation. She is a librarian assistant at Gloversville Public Library, in the children's section. She

and her husband Ray are in the process of adopting a little girl from China.

**Glenn Rutland** ran the Marine Corp Marathon, his first, on October 28, 2007, as a member of Fred's Team to raise money for pediatric cancer research. His personal inspiration was the son of a business colleague who has retinoblastoma. Glenn and his wife Deborah hope to run the 2008 New York City Marathon for Fred's Team.

**88** **Patty (Reicherter) Slaughter** is an assistant professor of psychology and the director of the master's of science in professional counseling program at Southeastern University, in Lakeland, FL. She and her husband Dane have two children: Jady, 8 and Kaelyn, 5. Friends can reach her at [lakelandrunners@verizon.net](mailto:lakelandrunners@verizon.net).

**91** D'Youville College has named **Rand Bellavia** director of the Montante Family Library. He will be responsible for operations, planning and future development for the

college library and supervise a staff of 18. The library has 100,000 volumes and an annual budget of \$600,000.

**Melissa (Macdonald) Erasing** is a legislative aid and media contact for a New York state assemblyman. She is training to run a marathon in June to raise money for the Leukemia Society. She invites friends to contact her to support her effort.



Rand Bellavia '91

**93** **Jim Hilliard** completed his doctorate in finance at the University of Connecticut in December 2007 and accepted a faculty position in insurance and risk management at the Terry College of Business, University of Georgia in Athens.

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take care of the baby. Friends can contact her at [rachelwdavidson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rachelwdavidson@yahoo.co.uk).

**Paul DeHart** has published a book with the University of Missouri Press, entitled *Uncovering the Constitution's Moral Design*, in which he "seeks to reveal, elaborate and then evaluate the Constitution's normative framework to determine whether it is philosophically sound." DeHart is assistant professor of political science at Lee University.

ecutive director of The Ambassador Foundation in Lancaster, PA. Teague lives in York, PA, with his wife **Kirsten (Oldhouser)** and their children, Joshua, 9, Kate, 5 and Emma, 4.

**00** **Randy Fisher** teaches math and science to seventh graders in North Carolina. Fisher completed his second bachelor's degree in December 2006. Friends can contact him at [rfisher2006@hotmail.com](mailto:rfisher2006@hotmail.com).

**01** **Nathan Henry** plans to complete his nursing degree at North Country Community College in May 2008. He and his wife have two daughters (see *Future Alumni*).

**Jennifer Perry** was

**99** **Sarah (Stefanski) Lingenfelter** completed the New York City Marathon on November 4, 2007, a day after her third daughter turned one. It was her first marathon.

**Robert Teague** was recently appointed ex-



Sarah (Stefanski '99) Lingenfelter

### Down the Aisle

Kyle and Nadine (Mitchell '06) Crocker '05	8-04-07
Donald and Sandra (Parker '65 Roosa) Burgdorf	9-17-07
Steven and Nicole (Nafziger '01) Erickson '01	5-19-07
Josh (Miller '05) and Christina (Turner '05) Tremill*	9-29-07

\* "We both changed our last names," Josh writes, "Instead of hyphenating them, we decided to combine our last names, taking the T-r-e from her name (Turner) and the m-i-l-l from my name (Miller), making our new name, Tremill."



Mr. and Mrs. Crocker



Mr. and Mrs. Erickson



Debbie (Fraser '92) Deale (left) and Joaquin Marrero '87 (right) ran and completed the New York City Marathon—the first for Marrero and the second for Deale.

**95** **Noelle (Gurley '95) Winkens** and her husband Christopher welcomed their first baby girl (see *Future Alumni*) three weeks before her due date—she has been "healthy and beautiful since," Noelle writes. She continues to be a stay-at-home mom with the baby and their three boys: Joshua, Jared and Samuel. Christopher continues his work at the Houghton College library. Friends are invited to contact them at [thewinkens@yahoo.com](mailto:thewinkens@yahoo.com).

**96** **Karin Davidson** is moving to Tajikistan, where she hopes to use medical work in partnership with the local Christian church. She will work with **Brian and Jennifer (Nelson) Zerbe** and their three children.

**98** **Jennifer Christian-Murtie** was featured in a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal* on women executives. The article focused on women in managerial roles and some of the difficulties they may face due to gender bias and a lack of role models and mentors, giving some examples from Murtie's own experiences. If you'd like to see the article, it appeared in the Tuesday, August 28, 2007 issue, on page B5.

**Rachel (Cook) Davidson** has a new daughter (see *Future Alumni*) and is living in England with her husband. She had been teaching English as a Foreign Language, but now is staying at home to

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named an "Outstanding Department of Defense Employee with a Disability" at a December 4, 2007 ceremony by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates for her contributions to national security. Perry manages a research program at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency on the application of the social sciences to anticipate and reduce weapons of mass destruction threats. She formulates and selects research projects, advises researchers in academia and industry and briefs government officials.

**04** **Jeremy Zaborowski** just moved to Austin, TX, to work as associate project manager for AngelouEconomics, where he will be creating economic development strategies for cities, states and regions internationally and domestically. Friends are invited to contact him at [pearthief@gmail.com](mailto:pearthief@gmail.com).

**05** **Rachel Moran**, currently studying at a Chicago-Kent College of Law, won the Best Advocate Award in the 58<sup>th</sup> annual National Moot Court Competition—out of 400 students, competing in 189 teams representing 129 U.S. law schools. Besides landing the competition's best oral advocate award in the country's largest appellate advocacy tournament, Moran also teamed up with classmates to win the overall competition for their school. Moran is a member of Chicago-Kent's Moot Court Honor Society, winning the law school's 2006 Ilana Diamond Rovner Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy. A Chicago-Kent Honors Scholar, Moran, 25, is also a member of the Chicago-Kent Law Review and the recipient of the Donald Novotny Scholarship for superior aca-

**06** **Karis Koett** teaches high school English in the Bering Strait School District in Unalakleet, AK. She is also taking distance graduate courses through the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.



demic achievement.

## P.A.C.E.

**J5** **Diane Hewitt** has been named administrator and CEO of operations at Tanglewood Manor in Jamestown, NY. Tanglewood Manor is an adult living facility with an assisted living program. Hewitt is charged with assisting the owner in moving the organization to better serve the residents and community as a whole while focusing on

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Richard and Maryann (Preston '86) Bowman  
Mike and Kathy (Croyle '95) Brubaker  
Wesley and Rachel (Cook '98) Davidson  
Adam and Rebekah (Randall '98) Ekelund  
Nathan and Kimberley Henry '01

Bob and Heather (Givens '97) Herrmann '96  
Jim and Christine (Broberg '95) Hilliard '93  
Robert and Kari (Whitaker '99) Howatt

Dan and Casey (Furrow '04) McGaffick '01  
Andrew and Tracy Murray '87  
Dieter and Jessica (McCann '01) Pearcey  
Bryan and Bobbie (Johnson '90) Polston

George and Zandra Rawlins '98-Adens

Doug and Krista (Alderfer '98) Roorbach '81  
Michael and Julia (Hanna '92) Stephenson  
Paul and Sharon Tanner '91  
John and Lynne (Jayne '86) Turner  
Christopher and Noelle (Gurley '95) Winkens

Charleigh Jane Ah-Rim*	11-25-2006
Zane Michael	1-17-2008
Ayla Blossom	7-12-2007
Timothy Thatcher	10-29-2007
Madison Lynn	9-4-2005
Noelle McKenzie	3-16-2007
Rachel Catherine	2-20-2007
Liam Anderson	11-4-2007
Abigail Margaret	11-21-2007
Robert Alan III	11-21-2007
Reese Christian	1-3-2007
Faith Eva Huan*	7-2-2006
Ethan Joshua	9-13-2007
Caleb Bryon	11-26-2003
Carley Jean	11-21-2007
Leilani Elyse Sade	10-20-2001
Daniel Ari Tomas	8-9-2003
Soleil Elena Reign	3-5-2005
Nathaniel Asher Zavier	12-29-2006
Joy Katherine	1-26-2008
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Ayla Davidson



Rachel Herrmann



Jonathan Turner

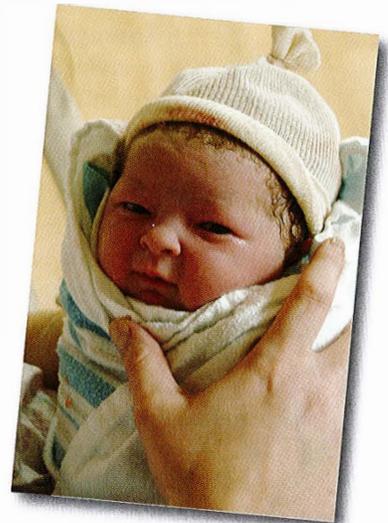
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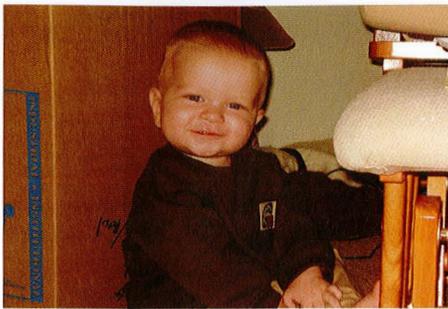
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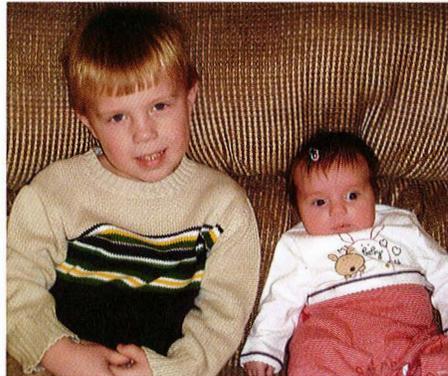
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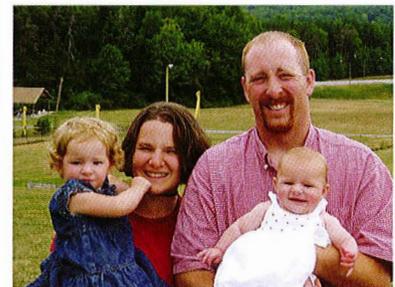
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Reese McGaffick



Caleb (left) and Carley Polston



The Henrys



Liam Hilliard (right)



Trevor Tanner and mom



The Rawlins-Adens children



Charleigh Bowman



The Ekelunds



The Murrays

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continued growth.

**N5** **Tawny Carle** has been promoted twice since completing her degree. Carle is now an auditor for the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmentally Disabled for the New York State Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Service Office.

**J3** **Deborah Urbank** is a licensed, long-term-care administrator. Since June 2007 Urbank has been the administrator of ElderWood Health Care at Lakewood in Hamburg, NY. "I am still thankful for my experience with Houghton College and am thoroughly enjoying my career," she says.

**07** **Inti Martínez-Alemán** is working for *Editorial Hablamos Claro*, a prominent editorial house in Central America, as the editor of *Come to Honduras*, a quarterly bilingual travel magazine that promotes tourism and investment in Honduras (the magazine's cover is shown in the photo).



**C**ome to Honduras está de nuevo en el mercado nacional para cubrir la necesidad de conocimiento de nuestro país a todos los hondureños y extranjeros. Esta publicación muestra un nuevo enfoque de país más hermoso, más turístico, más acogedor. La revista es una de los miembros de la Editorial HABLOMOS CLARO. Ha sido circulando durante algún tiempo, pero a consecuencia de los desastres ocasionados por el huracán Mitch, se descontinúo su publicación. Actualmente el mercado de las publicaciones turísticas es reducida y manejado, en su mayoría, por extranjeros que han venido a Honduras y reconocido el tesoro natural que esta patria encierra en sus playas, montañas, sitios por sobre todo de un genio. Como to Honduras tiene secciones para todos los gustos, por lo que sirve de referencia al turista nacional y extranjero, además su formato incluye el idioma inglés y español, algo que facilita la lectura a aquellas personas que no dominan el idioma oficial de nuestro país. Tomando en cuenta de la importancia que encierra este tipo de publicaciones en el país, el Consejo Editorial de HABLOMOS CLARO se ha comprometido a volverla a impulsar, y se encuentran las necesidades de conocimiento de un país que se abre al mundo, como uno de los temas por desarrollar. La circulación de Come to Honduras a nivel nacional y en el extranjero, por parte de hoteles de las principales ciudades turísticas, estacionadas, aeropuertos y puestos de revistas, así como en todos los puntos turísticos y representaciones hondureñas. El editor de esta publicación es el periodista Inti Martínez quien realiza una amplia labor al frente de esta que, no dudamos, será un lanzamiento importante revista turística del país y uno de los referentes más solicitados en este rubro.

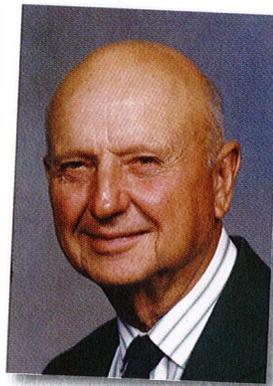


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**34** **Howard Albert Pasel** died August 29, 2007; he was 93. Pasel enjoyed a 35-year career as pastor of small United Methodist churches in New York and Tennessee before he retired in 1979. For the last six months of his life he lived in a nursing home in Lenoir City, TN. His daughter Gretchen writes that "He loved Houghton College and was still looking at his old yearbooks the week before he died!"

**35** **Vernon Saunders**, 95, died January 2. Born in Caneadea in 1912, Saunders went to Belfast High School, then to Houghton. In 1937 he married **Gertrude (Wolfer '35)**, who survives. He taught mathematics at Perry Central High School for 39 years and was chairman of the math department. He earned a master's degree from St. Bonaventure University. In 1946, he and his wife joined Perry Baptist Church, where he served as superintendent of the Sunday school, was a deacon and chaired the board of trustees. He is survived by four sons, including **Stephen Saunders '63**; by eight grandchildren; by two great-grandchildren and by many nieces and nephews.

**40** **John Arthur "Art" Mann** went home August 11, 2007, one week before his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Born in 1919, Mann graduated with a degree in music, then served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot from 1941-46. After Captain Mann's military service



he became a dairy and fruit farmer in Ransomville and, later, Lockport, NY. He was active on the Farm Credit Board, Co-operative Extension and Dairy Herd Improvement Association during his 55 years of farming. Mann devoted many years of service to the Lockport Christian and Missionary Alliance Church as a song leader, Sunday school teacher, elder, trustee and volunteer. Mann was predeceased by his younger brother and a son (in 1969) and by his wife, **Helen (Seefeldt '45) Mann**, in 1994. He is survived by his wife Ruth; his sister **Margarette (Mann '42) Markell**; three daughters and their spouses, **Bonnie (Mann '67) Muck '67**, **Peter and Molly (Mann '77) Spear '77** and **Rachel (Mann '85)**

**Will**; and by two sons and their spouses, including, **Jack and Evie (Faulkingham '69) Mann '69**. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and their spouses, including **Megan Mann '02**, **Jeremy and Erin (Spear '03) Gorham '03**, **Dan and Laura (Mann '06) Kilpatrick '04**, **Ryan and Christie (Tanner, Faculty/Staff) Spear '07** and **Jonathan Spear '11**; by six great-grandchildren and by several nieces and nephews.

**Kenneth Townsend Potts**, died December 2, 2007; he was 91. Born in 1916 in Vestal, NY, Potts worked as a gravedigger and at other odd jobs in his teens to help support his family during the Depression. After graduating from high school, he worked for three years on a railroad section gang to earn money for college, attending night classes at the Syracuse University Extension (now SUNY Binghamton) for two years' credits at the same time. He was the first in his family to attend college. With money saved, Potts came to Houghton, where he waited on tables and ran trap lines—selling the mink and beaver he caught—to pay his way through the rest of his education. He majored in chemistry and history, taking a position after graduation as an analytical chemist for a fledgling company called International Business Machines, better known today by its initials. He worked for IBM for 35 years before retiring. He was an avid

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outdoorsman, and loved to study Civil War history. He also enjoyed carpentry, baseball, traveling, reading and gardening. At 72, he took up oil painting. "He credited Houghton College with teaching him what the Bible and Christianity were truly about," his daughter Judy Potts-Sinicki writes, "He loved the school. No one who knew him could doubt his quiet but steadfast faith." Potts was predeceased by his wife. He is survived by his daughter, a granddaughter, three step-grandchildren and numerous sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

**Helen (Reynolds) Smith** died November 5, 2007; she was 90 years old. Born in the Philadelphia Women's Hospital, the first of two daughters, she grew up as a city girl. After Helen graduated from high school, her mother was recruited to work for Houghton as a dormitory mother and cook—positions that included the benefit of her daughters' tuition to the college. While at Houghton, Helen met Herman, her husband of 64 years. They were ordained in The Wesleyan Church and married in 1942. Convinced of the value of ministries to children, she took music and Bible study to many children, including the children of coal miners in rural New York. They pastored several churches in New York before taking a pastorate in Ottawa. After several years in Canada, they returned to the U.S., taking a pastorate in Portland, OR. She loved reading, gardening (especially her roses) and canning produce from the garden. Smith is survived by her two children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**44 James Stuart Campbell** died November 17, 2007 from heart failure at his daughter's home in Redlands, CA. He was 86. Campbell was born January 27, 1921, in Troy, NY. After high school, Campbell went into the U.S. Air Force and was stationed near Cambridge, England, for two years. After leaving the Air Force, Campbell graduated from Houghton in 1944, then attended the New York State College for Teachers, from which he graduated in 1945. That same year he moved to Redlands and began teaching. Campbell taught for four years at Red-

lands High School and for 35 years at San Bernardino Valley College. He received his master's degree from Stanford University in 1951. Campbell directed more than 250 plays at Footlighters Theatre and at the college, beginning in 1949. He met his wife Betty at Footlighters; she was an actress. She died in 1999; they had been married for 46 years. Campbell is survived by a son, a daughter and two grandsons.

**48 Virginia (McGarvey) Harr** died July 31 in Carlisle, PA; she was 84. The youngest of 11 children, Harr attended Nyack High School and received a diploma from the Missionary Training Institute (now Nyack College). In 1946 she married **James B. Harr** and they attended Houghton together. She earned a bachelor of arts, *magna cum laude*. She was a supporter of her husband as he pastored a church in New York; she was involved in the women's ministry and taught Bible classes. Harr was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by three sons and two daughters, 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**49 MaryAnna (Gerhardt) Adams** joined the church triumphant on November 13, 2007. Adams was a long-time professional pianist and teacher. She was church organist for the Falconer (NY) First United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, NY. Adams was also a long-standing board member of the Falconer Public Library. She is survived by two daughters, including **Nancy (Adams '78) Mason**. Her husband Harold predeceased her.

**Harriett Pease**, 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior September 7, 2007. After graduating, Pease became a registered nurse and served in the U.S. Navy for two years. Following her discharge, she was a missionary in Japan for the Conservative Baptist International Mission from 1951 until her retirement in 1986. Pease is survived by a sister, **Dorothy (Pease '50) Bloom**; by two brothers, including **Doug** and **Sophia (Andrychuck '50) Pease '52**; and by many nieces and nephews, including **Shelly (Pease '79) Woodward**.

**54 Richard Follette** moved peacefully into the presence of his Lord on January 22; he was 80. Born in 1927 in Vale, SD, Follette served in World War II with the U.S. Navy before coming to Houghton. After graduating, he and his wife, **Helen (Smythe '54)**, served pastorates in Wesleyan churches in Toledo, OH; Lansing, MI and Denver, CO. Follette is survived by his wife; by a son, **Jarrett Follette '82** and by a daughter and son-in-law, **Kevin** and **S. Beth (Follette '83) Oakes '84**; by three grandchildren, including **Erika Oakes '08** and **Erin Oakes '08** and by two brothers. Three brothers and a sister predeceased him.

**55 Janis (Hildebrandt '55) Angell Kinyon**, 76, died November 25, 2007 at her home in Mitchell, SD. Kinyon studied at Miltonvale (KS) Wesleyan College, then earned her degree from Houghton. She married Duane Strand in 1955. She was an accomplished violinist and taught for many years. In 1979 she married **Edward Angell H'87** and together they ministered in Virginia and Maryland for 12 years. She worked in administration for human resources at the Calvert Group in Bethesda, MD, for several years. She married Daniel Kinyon in 1997. She was a member of the Black Hills Orchestra in Rapid City, SD, and had a passion for missions and volunteer work. She is survived by her mother; one brother; one sister; five sons, including **Jonathan Strand '90** and **Jonathan** and **Sharon (Heritage '66) Angell '66**; three daughters; 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, her husbands Edward Angell and Daniel Kinyon, a brother and a sister.

**Nancy (Reist) Grayson** died May 28, 2007; she was 75. Grayson was born in Chester, PA, and graduated from high school there. She earned her degree in early childhood education from West Chester State University in 1976. She was a purchasing specialist for Scott Paper in Chester and a purchasing agent for Widener University, from where she retired. Grayson also played piano and organ for several churches. Her hobbies

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**37** Robert Luckey died October 25, 2007 in Houghton; he was 89. Born to **James Seymour** and **Edith Bedell Curtis Luckey**, Bob grew up in Houghton as it did—he was a boy and his father was president when the state of New York granted the college its charter. In his college years, Bob was a serious student, an athlete and a member of the college choir. He earned his doctorate from Cornell in 1942 and became a professor of mathematics at Houghton. While teaching at Houghton he met and married **Ruth (Brooks '45)**, who survives, in 1945.

Speaking at Luckey's funeral, **Dick Alderman '52** recalled how the professor would teach his students (of which Alderman was one) to "attack a problem with the best solution." **Clarence "Bud" Bence '66** recalled that Luckey, as an advisor to the class of 1966, "mentored and molded our feistiness into leadership." He also found time to develop a style of accomplishing things that his son **James Luckey '68** said he learned from his dad: "It's OK to be behind the scenes." Said Alderman: "[Luckey] lacked one thing that most of us have in abundance: He could not see why something could not be done."

Luckey's "lasting contributions to Houghton College are beyond counting," said former Houghton College President **Daniel R. Chamberlain** at

the funeral, citing Luckey's 34 years of working for Houghton College. Among those years was one spent as acting president, as Luckey moved into administration, where he also served as vice president of development. It was in that position that Luckey oversaw the creation of the *Milieu* by **Dean Liddick '60**, and approved its name. In 1976, Luckey became president of Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University, or IWU), a position he held for nine years.

Chamberlain noted Luckey's "encyclopedic knowledge," and praised his leadership by saying, "He stressed substance over style." He recalled that Luckey would often ask: "What are we going to do about it?" and summed up by saying that Luckey had "joyfully pursued three loves: his Lord, his family and Wesleyan higher education." Bence, a professor at IWU, said "Our institution thanks God for the leadership we have had from Dr. Bob Luckey."

Luckey himself turned regularly to God for guidance. Thomas Luckey—youngest of Bob and Ruth's six children—recalled coming downstairs in the morning to see his dad on his knees, praying, in the corner of the darkened living room. Even when his body and mind were failing, recalled Tom, his dad "still knew he was a friend of God."

"We're supposed to be God's



hands and feet," Liddick said, "He was."

In addition to his wife, Luckey is survived by their six children and spouses, including **James Luckey '68**, **John** and **Camilla (Dayton '73) Luckey '71**, **Linda (Luckey '73) Reed**, and **Peter** and **Nancy (Clow '74) Luckey '74**; by 10 grandchildren and their spouses, including **Clifton "Rob" and Melissa (Smith '01) Luckey '00**, **Blair** and **Lucile Danielle (Luckey '05) MacDonald '05**, **William "Jim" Luckey '08**, and **Peter "Tom" Luckey '10**, and by a great-grandchild. Luckey was predeceased by his son **Daniel**, his brother, **James Harold Luckey '18**, and his sister, **Ruth (Luckey '21) Welch**.

included sewing, crochet, knitting and music. She is survived by her husband; a daughter; two brothers, including **Irwin Reist '57** and **John Reist '58** and a sister.

**58** **Shirley (Dye) Hammond** ended her earthly journey on October 19, 2007 at the age of 71. Born the first of nine children on a dairy farm in Monticello, NY, she graduated as valedictorian of West Winfield High School before earning her bachelor's in English, classics and Latin—with honors—at Houghton. She went on to get a master's in education from Salem (MA) State University in 1962. In 1958 she had married **John**

**"Pete" Hammond '59**, her high school sweetheart. She taught in schools in New York, Massachusetts, Georgia, Virginia and the Philippines before serving for over 20 years in the Madison (WI) schools. She wrote two booklets on serving needy children and was a member of the American Association of University Women and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Hammond held positions of leadership in the churches where she and her husband lived, including children's storyteller, Sunday school teacher, librarian, women's ministry leader and newsletter editor. She is survived by her husband, by three children and by 10 grandchildren.

**60** **Bonnie (Boggs) Mills** of Seabrook Island, SC, went to be with the Lord on January 30. Born April 14, 1937 in Arnold, PA, Bonnie Boggs earned a double major in English and Bible at Houghton, then married **Paul Mills '61**, who survives. Together, right out of college, they served Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University) for 22 years, then Bartlesville Wesleyan College (now Oklahoma Wesleyan University) for 19 years, Southern Wesleyan University for one year and their alma mater for the last five years. She helped pioneer the CYC program for children in The Wesleyan Church while serving as an editor and layout technician at the Wes-

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leyan International Center. All through her married life her energy went into her children, but she also contributed to students at each of the colleges/universities she and Paul served. She served as an associate dean of students at Marion College, alumni director at Bartlesville Wesleyan College and assisted students with their studies and study habits. She gave them confidence and always shined as a spiritual model. Her love of scripture and her devotion to the Lord were evidenced all throughout her life in everything she did. The Mills moved to Seabrook Island after their retirement from Oklahoma Wesleyan University in 2002. Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, a daughter, two grandsons, her twin sister, another sister, two brothers and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son.

**61** **Ronald Arnold** went home to be with the Lord July 15, 2007, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 68. Arnold was born in Little Britain, Ontario and attended Houghton for two years, where he met and married **Jean (Dunbar '61)** in 1960. They served together at Elim Lodge Christian Resort, after which Ron taught heavy equipment at a community college for 35 years. He also founded and built a trailer park that became part of Elim Christian Ministries. He was a longtime member of Calvary Pentecostal Church in Peterborough, Ont., where he was known for his sense of humor and love for life. Arnold is survived by Jean, his wife and best friend of 47 years; by two daughters and a son; by six grandchildren and by his sister, **Deanna (Arnold '60) Henderson**.

**85** **John R. Brown, Jr.** died January 23 of infections related to a liver transplant three years earlier; he was 44. Brown was raised in a devoutly Christian home in Westmoreland City and attended Houghton to prepare for youth ministry. He worked at churches in New York state for a few years while singing in the summers with the Continental Singers. While trying to cope with turmoil in his personal life, however, he developed a fierce addiction

to alcohol. He entered recovery through Alcoholics Anonymous, relapsed, then made a lasting recovery. Along the way he graduated from the Pittsburgh Beauty Academy, becoming a hair stylist. He was a member of the leadership team at Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community and was instrumental in the church's rapid growth. "He was a sponsor in AA to a whole bunch of guys," one of the pastors said, "He was a friend and a brother and a fellow minister." Brown worked part-time with the Civic Light Opera as an artist-educator, helping the children in the Propel charter schools in Homestead and Turtle Creek put on musical productions. He is survived by one brother.

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**Helen Hirsch**, 88, died January 4 in Bristol, SD. Born Helen Hubbard in 1919, near Letcher, SD, she graduated from Faith Home High School in Mitchell, SD. She received her bachelor's degree from Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, ID, her master's degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, and her doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1960 she joined the faculty at Houghton teaching Christian education, a position she would hold until 1980. In 1968 Hubbard married Victor J. Hirsch and became the stepmother to her deceased sister Ruth's six children. Hirsch was an avid bird watcher, amateur photographer, artist and musician. Her love for travel and adventure was evidenced by her work as a missionary in Vancouver, British Columbia and a visit to the Holy Land. Hirsch is survived by her brother and her step-children, including **Fredric and Valerie (Lewis '73) Hirsch** and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers and her sister and their mutual husband.

In the early morning hours of December 27, 2007—through the blood of his savior Jesus Christ—**Robert Mattke** triumphed over sickness and death and entered into the very presence of God; he was 86. Born in Baraboo, WI, and raised on a farm, Mattke went to the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated with a degree in agriculture. During World

War II, he spent three years in the armed services, working in medical labs. On October 20, 1945, he married his sweetheart, Jeanette Carolyn Bryan. After being called to ministry both Robert and Jeanette attended Marion College, and then went to Asbury Theological Seminary. After seminary, Mattke pastored a church in Hayward, WI. The Mattkes next went to Australia, providing leadership to the Wesleyan Church and Bible College in Melbourne. After seven years in Australia, the Mattke family moved to Montfort, WI, where he pastored two Methodist churches while completing his master's degree from the University of Iowa. In the summer of 1965, the family moved to Kansas, where Mattke taught Greek, Bible and theology at Miltonvale Wesleyan College. In 1969, Robert continued his teaching ministry at the then-new Buffalo suburban campus of Houghton College, where he officially retired from teaching in 1988. During that time he also served as assistant pastor of the Orchard Park Wesleyan Church. In their retirement years, Mattke and his wife joined the fellowship of believers at the West Seneca Wesleyan Church, until they moved to Henrietta in October, 2005. For the past two years, the Mattkes made their home with their oldest daughter, Sharon, and her husband, Duane. Mattke is survived by his wife; by two daughters and their spouses, including **Jeff and Beth (Mattke '77) Long '78**; by five grandchildren and by two great-grandchildren.

**Florence B. Orser** died October 3, 2007, at 99. When Orser's husband died, she followed her children to Houghton College, becoming resident director of East (now Gillette) Hall, a position she held for 17 years. Later, she volunteered her time in the Churchville-Chili Elementary School District, also for 17 years. She is survived by two daughters, including **Janet (Orser '61) Fleth** and her son and daughter-in-law **David and Edna (Lovestrand '64) Orser '64**. She is also survived by her grandchildren, including **Donald Orser '87, Linda (Fleth '88) Thompson, Thomas Orser '89 and Edward and Linda (Geiger '90) Fleth '90** and 20 great-grandchildren.



# THE LAST WORD

## Memories

I enjoyed the piece on the Houghton choir (I was a member in 1948 and '51), but was sorry to see no mention of the names of Professor Butterworth and Professor Finney.

**Darwin Townsend '51**  
Fayetteville, NC

for the scriptures and vast understanding of the ancient languages.

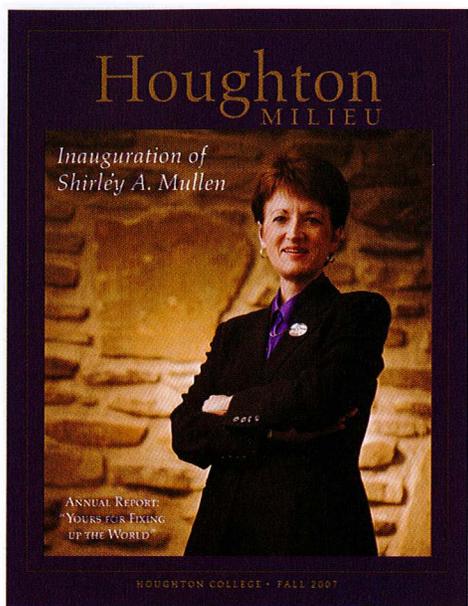
**Chuck Hurne '70**  
Montpelier, VT

The summer '07 issue included an article entitled "All in the Family" about the new president, Shirley A. Mullen. In truth, Houghton boasts 13 alumni from Mullen's family.

Mullen is descended from William Sabin, the next-door neighbor of Stephen Payne—both were founding members of Rehoboth, MA (now East Providence, RI) in 1643 and each had descendants who became presidents of Houghton College (Mullen and Stephen Paine). Thirteen of William Sabin's descendants are Houghton alumni: **Robert Sabean '58, David Sabean '60, John Sabean '61, Shirley Mullen '76, Barbara (Mullen '78) Pointer, Andrew Mullen '82, James Mullen '86, Kirk Sabine '90, Linda (Mullen '92) Dingley, Laurence Mullen '95, Jeffrey McMullen '98, Benjamin Sabine '02 and Jessica Mullen '08.**

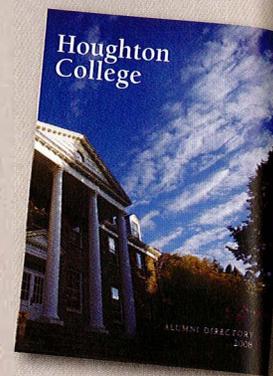
**Robert "Bob" Sabean '58**  
San José, Costa Rica

*You can read many more details of the Sabine/Sabean-Mullen/McMullen-Payne/Paine connections that Bob Sabean has written about by visiting the Milieu section of the Houghton College Web site.—Editor*



## Alumni Directory coming:

The printed version of the alumni directory will be mailed shortly. All alumni who confirmed their information with the publishing company will receive a copy in the mail—others may purchase a copy (\$20) through the alumni office. Contact **Liz Bordonaro '07** at 585.567.9546 or [elizabeth.bordonaro@houghton.edu](mailto:elizabeth.bordonaro@houghton.edu) for further information.



I wanted to thank you for the tribute to my father, Herman Osterhus, in the fall '07 issue. It captured the essence of his contributions to Houghton College.

**Brian Osterhus '89**  
Westwood, NJ

## Presidents Past and Present

Through my years at Houghton I worked on the custodial crew at Luckey Building. When cleaning and polishing President Paine's office, I always felt rather awkward—as if I were invading the "holy of holies!" Occasionally Dr. Paine put in an appearance and was ever friendly and congenial. I am always proud to defend the NIV Bible because Dr. Paine contributed to the translation and I knew of his deep love



## Correction:

*In the summer '07 issue we listed the members of the men's 4 X 800M relay team ("Eight Compete at National Meet," pg. 6) incorrectly. The correct members were (from left to right in picture): **Ryan Fadden '07, Chad Stauring '09, Josiah Snellgrove '08 and Dan Ballard '09**. Milieu apologizes for the error.—Editor*

Last summer the class of '71 had its 36-year reunion. We had a great time and one of our classmates, Dave Hayes, wrote this lovely poem expressing his feelings from that weekend. I think all alumni would enjoy reading it.

**Ginny (Alexander 71') Halberg**  
Houghton, NY

## Through Memory's Eyes *by Dave Hayes '71*

We slowly gather on the chapel steps for class pictures as a fast-paced game of soccer plays out before us on the quad. The irony is not lost on those assembled and even as the cameras begin to focus, we remember ourselves on this very playing field, unaware of a group of senior citizens behind us.

What happened to the years in between?

When did "we" become "them?"

The reflections in the lens are suddenly surprising: we are aware of the gray hair and weathered faces but they seem strangely out of place in this sanctuary of our youth.

Yet at the clicking of the shutters, we are instantly transported in time and spirit even as we remain in place.

We no longer notice the wrinkles or slower pace or blurred vision—rather the vitality and charm of our youth.

The smiles and good-natured comments sound reassuringly familiar—voices from our past surround us as if time has melted away.

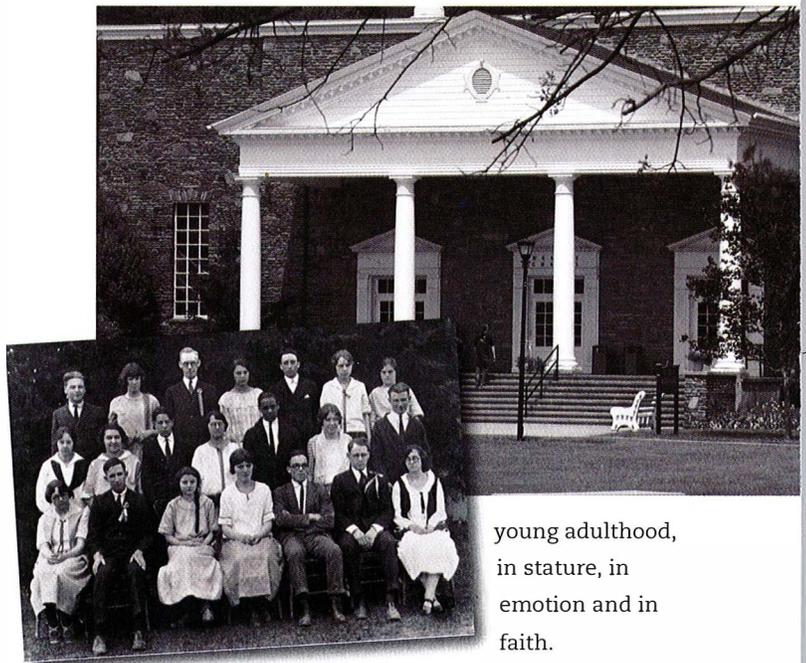
And through memory's eyes we see our classmates as we first knew them and as we so fondly remember them.

Voices become stronger and we stand straighter knowing that we are no longer the same.

This transcendence gives us access past the physical to the essence of whom we were and of whom we have become.

Conversations become richer as shared memories blend with the realities of present circumstances—years and years of living vie for attention amid snippets of dorm life, chapel attendance, waiting tables at Gao or the rigors of academic demands. We see not the older person before us but the youngster we once knew and we realize the two are one and the same.

And in that moment we pause, thankful for a common place and time that become uncommon in their lasting impressions on us—a time of change as we matured past adolescence into



young adulthood,  
in stature, in  
emotion and in  
faith.

Together we

formed lasting bonds of friendship and mutual caring that have lasted long past the seemingly carefree days of Frisbee tournaments and snowball battles.

Awareness and insight we now accept as gifts—not from ourselves but from the One who knew us then and has walked with us through the times of our lives and surrounds those gathered at this moment on the chapel steps.

His creation is reflected in the summer beauty before us and in the affection around us.

Loving embraces, heartfelt conversations and longing memories fade in the afternoon campus shadows but we are forever grateful for these moments in time both past and present that are now etched into the photo albums of our minds.

# PICTURE THIS

Bob Luckey '37 grew up in Houghton, served on the faculty, worked in the administration and retired here. (See Remembrance.) He was a familiar figure to many—perhaps you? In these pictures we share some of the times that he spent in and around Houghton, and invite you to do the same. Send your memories and stories to Milieu c/o Houghton College or e-mail [milieu@houghton.edu](mailto:milieu@houghton.edu).



ROBERT LUCKEY '37

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