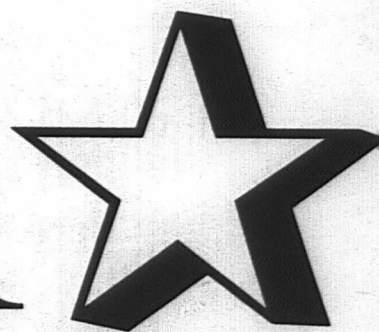


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## LOCAL EVENTS

### March 21:

\*Family show: Chris Burke, Joe & John DeMasi, 7:30 p.m., Rockwell Hall, BSAC, \$8, 878-3005

### March 22:

\*Parsons Dance Company, 8 p.m., NCAC, \$25, 389-2170

March 22-23, 29-30, April 5-6, 12-13:

\*Children's theater: "James and the Giant Peach," 1:30 p.m., TAP, \$6, 383-9060

### March 29:

\*Native Voices: Symposia on Contemporary Native American Issues, 9 a.m. - noon, 2-5 p.m., Eisenhart Aud, RMSC, free, 271-4552, ext.602

\*Spring Egg Hunt and local bird life, 1 p.m., Falls Overlook, TFSP, free, 607-387-7041

### April 4-6:

\*Eleventh Annual 6ft and Under Basketball Tourney, Wellsville Parks & Recreation, registration needed, 593-3246

### April 5:

\*Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Club Show and Sale, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Eisenhart Aud, RMSC, free, 271-4552, ext. 602

### April 9:

\*Flower City Park Band, "With Pomp and Flourish," role of band music in America's history, 7:30 p.m., SM, \$8

### April 16:

\*Lecture: "Genetic Screening: Is the Benefit Worth the Risk?" Dr. Ricki Lewis, 8 p.m., Eisenhart Aud, RMSC, \$8.50, 271-4552, ext. 332

### KEY:

BSAC = Buffalo State College Performing Arts Center  
NCAC = Nazareth College Arts Center, Rochester  
RMSC = Rochester Museum & Science Center  
SM = Strong Museum, Rochester  
TAP = Theater Arts Playhouse, Penfield, NY  
TFSP = Taughannock Falls State Park

## QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just."

- - Thomas Jefferson, Notes on Virginia (1784)

## SGA Officers Elected

Liz Nies

Tuesday March 11 marked election day for Student Government officials at Houghton College. Of the four core cabinet members, president, vice-president, secretary (commissioner of communication), and treasurer (commissioner of finance), only two of the positions had competition: president and commissioner of communication.

Dan Bates, the current SGA president, ran for this position again, but competitor Kristen Engnell received the majority of votes and will fill Bates' shoes the upcoming year.

Sophomore Seth Taylor and junior Andrew McGrath ran for commissioner of communication and Taylor was elected. The following ran unopposed and will serve as Student Government officers next year: sophomore Kristen Cook, will serve as vice-president and junior Jason Leininger will serve as commissioner of finance.

Many are sad to see Bates go. He is perceived as a great leader and a dedicated member of the student body. He looks back on this year with pride because he had the opportunity to serve and lead the most pro-

ductive student government ever at Houghton College. Several school policies were passed under Bates' rule such as the twenty-four hour study lounge and computer lab in the basement of the Campus Center. Students are greatly appreciative of such accommodations. The most community service projects ever were carried out and SGA communication with students was increased.

As Bates steps down he encourages students to be involved in organizations to better Houghton College and to take

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## Phonathon Successful in Raising Money

Michelle Wingfield

By Feb. 27, the final day of Houghton's 1997 phonathon month, students had made over 6,000 contacts and raised \$258,528 for scholarships, \$10,000 more than last year's effort.

"What makes phonathon a success is the willingness of so many students to actually volunteer their time to help," says Barb Bates, assistant director of the annual fund. "There wasn't a single night when the quality was down," she adds. Fourteen student groups of about fifteen students each volunteered during the month.

Bates, in her second year of

directing Phonathon, says the "formula" didn't change much this year. In fact, compared to the 1996 phonathon, 500 fewer contacts were made this year and the percentage of people making pledges remained the same. However, the average pledge amount was up six dollars per pledge, a significant increase.

Phonathon was started 17 years ago to raise funds for need-based student scholarships. Since then the money still goes toward scholarships, but the goals have expanded. Phonathon is now used not only to raise funds, but to maintain

contact with alumni and keep records current.

In gratitude for their participation, Bates hopes to make phonathon fun for volunteers. Besides pizza and refreshments, volunteers were awarded both nightly and weekly prizes for the greatest number of contacts made and the highest amounts of pledges received. Prizes, including gift certificates to Old Navy Clothing Co. and several restaurants, were donated to the Phonathon by businesses and individuals.

On behalf of Associate Director of Development Stephen Bariteau, and the other staff

## Senate Report:

Steve Dobrenski

The Senate is busy completing a few final projects before the newly elected Cabinet takes over in a few weeks. The March 11 election drew more than 550 voters. Be sure to communicate your ideas to the new cabinet.

Recently, the Senate allocated funds for Special Projects. The Houghton Environmental Club received money for birdhouses and the Music Education Club funds for new music stands. WMF was given \$1500 to sponsor student mission trips this summer.

Passed in principle was the Jumpers Club constitution. If you are interested in skydiving, look for information this spring or contact Alex Herrera.

The SGA held its appreciation banquet on March 12. Thanks again to everyone who has helped out in student organizations this year.

members involved in Phonathon, Bates, who will become director of the annual fund in July, expresses her gratitude "to all who worked together to make this program a success."

## Guest Lecturer Addresses Foreign Policy

Michael Walker

Discussion of U.S. foreign policy and the duty of Christians to directly involve themselves in current events were the primary subjects of a Feb. 28 lecture by the Rev. Lucius Walker, who spoke at Houghton for Black History Month.

Walker, executive director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), conducted the evening in a question and answer format. He said his views might be considered "non-mainstream," and encouraged the audience to ask questions.

Having recently completed a visit to Haiti, Walker believes that the U.S. must shape a more

humane, rational policy toward that country. Calling Haiti a "victim of colonialism," he discussed the necessity of allowing Haiti to privatize and utilize its resources at its own rate. Walker cited the Walt Disney Company as an example of American companies in Haiti that take advantage of cheap sources of labor under U.S. foreign policy. He said two of Haiti's most immediate needs are well-trained justice workers and an effective judiciary.

Walker then discussed U.S. policy in Cuba. He believes that relations between the two countries must be normalized. He said that the U.S. government

is wrong to effectively prohibit Americans from giving humanitarian aid to Cuba. Walker and IFCO are actively involved in organizing caravans which deliver humanitarian aid to countries that have suffered under U.S. policy. Walker was recently reprimanded by U.S. authorities for taking low-grade computers to hospitals in Cuba.

He stated that the U.S. government is more interested in destroying democracy in foreign countries than in seeing it develop. He cited Noam Chomsky's book "What Uncle Sam Really Wants" as an influence in his thinking about foreign policy issues.

Walker believes that Christians in America must respond to and be actively involved in the issues of our time, even if it (cont. pg. 3 - Walker)

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## News Bites

Jim Roberts

(Jordan) A Jordanian soldier killed seven Israeli schoolchildren and wounded six others before he was overpowered by his fellow soldiers.

(Albania) U.S. military helicopters have begun to evacuate the 2000 Americans in Albania. Looters have ransacked armories in several parts of the country, and they have been seen driving tanks in the streets. At least 12 Albanians have been killed and 50 have been wounded.

(India) Mother Teresa has an official successor, a Roman Catholic convert from the Hindu religion. Sister Nirmala, 63, will take over her responsibilities immediately.

(Columbia) A leader of the world's largest drug cartel funded political campaigns in Columbia. Miguel Rodríguez Orjuela, the leader of the Cali drug cartel, admitted to the illegal funding during testimony against a former senator.

(Zaire) Some citizens of Zaire are calling for the expulsion of all U.S. embassy officials. They believe that the U.S. has shown indifference to the plight of their war-torn country where rebels now control one-sixth of the nation. A travel warning has been issued for the 550 Americans in Zaire.

(California) Police in Los Angeles have arrested one man, and they are questioning two

others in connection with the death of Bill Cosby's son, Ennis. He was shot while changing a flat tire near a freeway.

(Washington) The United States Army has rejected a call by the NAACP for an independent investigation into several highly publicized cases of sexual harassment. They claim the military can investigate these cases using their own investigators.

(Georgia) The FBI has issued a warning stating that the person responsible for bombing the abortion clinic and nightclub in Atlanta is likely to strike again. There is no evidence that the person will strike again, but the FBI is warning likely targets to be cautious.

(Florida) Victims and local police have been alerted to the release of 300 violent criminals from Florida's state prisons due to a U.S. Supreme Court decision. Up to 500 could be released this week, and 2,500 could be released over the next few months. The court decision reinstated time off for prisoners in order to relieve overcrowding.

(Rochester) Since January, five people have been killed by a dangerous form of the strep virus. Seventeen Monroe County residents have contracted this variety of strep in the last two months compared with 29 cases in all of last year.

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## Biola Art Prof Visits

Tara Smalley

The March 3 chapel welcomed a guest artist, Dan Callis, an art professor at Biola University in southern California. Callis started the chapel by describing a few of the individuals who have built up his faith. He created the historical settings using a table setting for four. Each setting represented an individual who had influenced him.

In the summer of 1974, Callis was turning from teenager to adult in his mind. He was heading to university and in need of a full-time job. Callis ended up working at a camp for mentally retarded children from state institutions. There he was introduced to an amazing group, and through these Christian people, he accepted the Lord.

While attending university, he earned his degree in art with an emphasis in drawing and painting. He became very active in the church and more involved with a variety of special education programs. Callis kept journals of his sketches, prayers, readings, and thoughts. He looked at these as separate worlds, and as he searched for unity among his journals, he found interesting connections between them.

The table setting portrayed a banquet for the servants and the master. Callis read from his journal entries, one story for each of the four settings.

The first setting was for a patient at an institution where Callis worked as the Recreation Director. This patient was Ricky, who was non-verbal, hyperactive, and self-

stimulating. He caught Callis' eye because Ricky wore an epileptic helmet but did not have epilepsy, and was not disabled physically yet had to be strapped to his wheel chair so that he could be controlled. He wore the helmet to protect himself when he would be self-stimulated by striking his head. This was his way of receiving information because he could not interact with others. Callis' point of telling about Ricky was to show how a person could be restrained by other factors other than their disablement, and he noted that the administration of the institution eventually re-evaluated Ricky's treatment.

The second setting was for Robert B. He was non-verbal but very creative and active. He frequently followed Callis around and became known as Callis' shadow. Over time Robert's charts showed inappropriate behavior, but as Callis states, "It was his way of trying to communicate that he was dying." He eventually died of internal hemorrhaging due to a strike in the kidneys. Only four people attended his funeral, and because the minister did not show up, Callis led the funeral service. This was just another way that God tested Callis.

The third setting was for Juanita. She belonged to a mission in New Mexico. Callis' point in telling about her was to show that everybody has a gift to give. Juanita eventually found



interact with his work. His new and unusual images were by many unexpected, and for some they were confrontational.

In Callis' course of study, he was challenged to create his art from his field of work being his interaction among special education, and disabled individuals. His instructor said that making his art about these people and his observations would make his images more interesting. He would be communicating what it would mean to be dependent on the worst and best of what humanity offers.

His works included the imagery of water, which to a handicapped individual is freeing yet creates vulnerability. It is a powerful metaphor for life and issues of faith and trust.

Callis' goal was to bring an agenda to story telling by living hand in hand, experiencing first hand, and working with patients who are very sensitive. Two individuals he incorporated in his pieces were Terry and Mary. Terry is a quadriplegic who draws with a pen in his mouth. Callis and Terry collaborated their art to express themselves. Terry's story can be seen written out on nurses' uniforms, which is displayed in the show. Mary is deformed and in a wheel chair and enjoys making poetry. Mary would dictate her poems and feelings to Callis as he would write them. Callis wondered what would happen if he started to explain the beauty in her body, so he decided to paint, photograph, and sculpt Mary. The show includes pieces of Mary's poetry where she and others describe herself.

As artists and other viewers looked on and listened, expressions of interest, heart felt emotion, total attention, and ironic enjoyment could be seen.



Community member Karen Daugherty looks at some of Callis' art. (photo by Rhett Stuart)

her gift by shucking beans. Through this act Juanita was accepted into the community and for the first time in her life learned how to receive love.

The fourth setting was empty and he invited the listener to join them. At the banquet table you do not need perfect eyes to see, perfect

hands to touch, or perfect legs to walk in order to get to God. All are invited and all are accepted. Callis' visual dialogue created something tangible which touched many.

This vision was later strengthened by his visual imagery and discussion in the gallery opening. In Callis' opening, his intention was for the viewers to



## Two Bands Take Stage

Ward Mesick

As the seven man band of Reality Check walked quietly out onto the stage, I had a feeling that it would be the last quiet minutes for the next few hours. I was not disappointed. From the first note until they were finished, they were one of the most entertaining bands I have seen for a while. Their stage antics would have been hard not to enjoy. However, there's a lot more to Reality Check than their stage presence.

Talking with Nathan Barlowe, vocalist and guitar, one could tell that the band is dedicating everything that they have to God and his work. "The band is very outreach oriented," said Barlowe. They are preparing for a Summer tour as well as performing at all the festivals.

After that they are planning another tour for the fall. Barlowe said that they are giving so much time to touring because they feel that there is a need for young people to come to know Christ. After their wild concerts they always have an altar call for the audience.

The band had to change their name because of a record company decision. The night of the concert suggestions were taken for a new name. Barlowe said that everyone will find out the new name through the newsletter that the band publishes or through CCM magazine. The new album, with their new name on it, will be out in May.

After Reality Check was finished, Benjamin got his turn on the stage. Much like the first

act, he did not disappoint the audience. Benjamin, who has been writing music since he was three years old, says that he likes to write about things that others do not write about. He added that his goal in music is to make his audience feel a part of something bigger.

"If you don't judge people who come, then you have a better chance of bringing them to Jesus. I want to bring the family together, to let them have something in common again," said Benjamin. He added that this extends to the Christian family as well. Benjamin feels that he writes to bring things into the light and to make people feel good about themselves. By doing that, they can bring more people to God's love.

## Spotlight on Alumni: Anthony Petrillo

Tricia Enos

Former Houghton College computer science professor (1982-86), Anthony Petrillo, combines his desire to serve the Lord and knowledge of computers to change the lives of people in Nigeria.

As missionaries with the Society for International Ministries (SIM), Petrillo and his wife, Nancy, a Houghton graduate and artist, established a computer center in Jos, Nigeria, in 1993. The center uses donated equipment considered worthless in the United States to teach the students. In fact, the center's first 12 students were trained on six old computers donated by the college.

At first Petrillo was unsure the computer center would work, but he persisted on depending on the Lord for guidance and provisions. The center now has over 300 students. Since last year the institute offers a diploma program at the tertiary.

Petrillo writes all the books for the center. Due to Petrillo's use of African names and illustrations for the texts, they are well received by the students. Petrillo said, "Without these texts and the donation of old equipment from the United States, only the rich would be able to afford the education."

Along with the computer center, the Petrillos have developed a program and lab for widows and the physically challenged, and we are working on a lab for widows and ex-prosti-

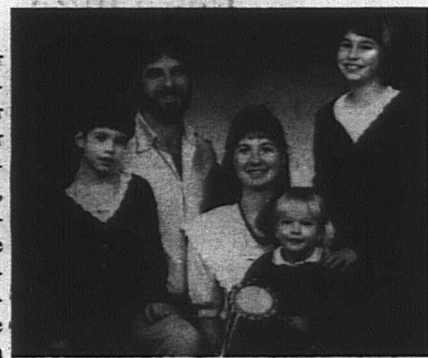
tutes. These people are considered to be disposable items in Nigeria. Petrillo explained that "simply being kind and compassionate to these people demonstrates to them the unconditional love of God."

In January of this year a small computer lab with Windows 3.1 was opened. Petrillo and his staff are both thankful and excited to have such a modern program to use to teach their students.

Petrillo's goal is to establish several more computer centers throughout Africa. There is a great demand from all over Africa for more computer training. Plans are in the works now to set up training centers in other African cities.

Currently Petrillo and his family are on furlough in Houghton. While Nancy works on her art and takes care of their three children, Petrillo works out of the SIM Technical Education for Christ (SIM TEC) office on campus. SIM TEC continually collects old hardware for use in Africa, writes grants and special funding for the widow program, and spreads the good news of this ministry.

Anthony Petrillo can be reached by phone at 567-8902, or by email to apetrillo@houghton.edu.



## Cardone Industries Interviews Students

Rhett Stuart

Cardone Industries, an automotive remanufacturing corporation headquartered in Philadelphia, Penn., recently interviewed with select members of Houghton College.

Serving over two million customers coast to coast, Cardone's 600,000-square-foot Pennsylvania auto plant now serves as a reminder of God's perfect watch and care over the Cardone family.

Houghton was recently visited by the Cardone Corporation in order to offer job interview opportunities to graduating seniors. A dozen students attended both an introductory luncheon sponsored by Cardone and an in-depth interview the

following day. Cardone Industries is presently looking for dedicated, professionally-minded young men and women to fill positions in marketing, advertising, sales, and customer service representation. It was immediately evident that Cardone is a corporation built on the drive for success, and everyone they employ has that quality.

Founded in Manhattan, Cardone Industries emerged timidly through the world of automotive servicing on Feb. 8, 1970. Michael Cardone, Sr. introduced the idea of rebuilding windshield wiper motors to NYC auto parts dealers and servicemen with little success.

Though he believed in God's provision for his life, the lack of direction kept Michael Cardone on his knees in constant, searching prayer. As God often does, He answered Cardone's prayers unexpectedly and with special purpose. One evening, Cardone's son called to report that his humble business warehouse had burned to the ground. Quoting Romans 8:28 ("...all things work together for good to them that love God...") to his distraught family, Michael Cardone Sr. immediately looked to God for new plans. Within 24 hours God provided an new, bigger warehouse for what has grown into a thriving, multimillion dollar corporation.

## Key Bank Executive Speaks at Career Seminar

Tricia Enos

Author of the popular book "The Total Executive," Herbert Knoll visited Houghton College Friday, March 7, as part of the Minding Your Call program directed by Sharon Givler. Knoll exemplifies what it is to be a total executive as a professional speaker, corporate strategist, columnist, author, and vice president of 15 billion dollar Key bank of New York.

The evening began at 6 with a time for students to meet Knoll, while enjoying crackers and punch. Knoll's entire presentation was entitled "Career

Strategies for Students with GPAs Under 4.0"

The actual seminar started with a slide presentation on subjects like positioning yourself for promotion, public speaking and ways to handle different opportunities. Following the slides, the students indulged in a rather fancy dinner, while Knoll continued to speak on business etiquette. He mainly talked of business dining do's and don'ts, interviews lunches, and handshakes.

One of the more interesting topics included helpful hints for

the job application process many of the students will be facing in the future. Knoll encouraged the students to go directly to the person who does the hiring, rather than pursuing the director of personnel or the human resource department of a company. He suggested contacting the person who holds the budget and make an appointment with that person. The seminar included several more useful tips to help the students achieve success in their business endeavors.

## TWO SENIORS GIVE RECITALS

Houghton students Garrison Roberts and Megan McFarland recently presented their senior recitals in Wesley Chapel. The performances fulfill a requirement of Roberts' bachelor's degree in theory and composition and McFarland's bachelor's degree in music performance.

Houghton students performed the works of Roberts, which included "Abaddon, Plague, and Kingdom" for a trumpet trio; "To One in Paradise" for choir, piano, and strings; "Movement I" for a pi-

ano duo; "Mood and Variations" for clarinet; "Dei Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi" for an variety ensemble and "The Fall of Man" for a piano quartet.

McFarland played works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Antonio Vivaldi and Samuel Barber. She was accompanied by several Houghton students on piano and strings. McFarland studied under F. Ellen Rathjen, adjunct instructor of violin and member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

## Prominent Alumnus Dies at 89

Adria C. Willett

Wilfred C. Bain, a Houghton alumnus of 1929, died March 7 in Bloomington, Ind. Among other things, Bain was the dean of the Indiana University School of Music from 1947-1973.

"It was Dr. Bain who really

put Houghton College on the map musically," noted Bruce Campbell, Houghton's director of alumni relations.

Bain received four honorary degrees and numerous other awards. Under his direction the IU School of Music expanded

to a school of international stature. The growth included the addition of the Opera Theater and Musical Arts Center.

Bain is survived by his wife Elisabeth Myers Bain, stepson, sister, step-grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

## WALKER

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means disobedience to our nation's laws. He believes we pay a spiritual price for not responding to injustice.

Walker is a graduate of Shaw University, Andover Newton Theological School, and the University of Wisconsin. He

holds several honorary degrees. Among the awards he has received are the Edwin O. Dahlberg Peace Award, given by the American Baptist Churches, USA, the Gandhi Peace Award, and the Thomas Merton Award.



# The Vagrant



## Within

Matthew J. Essery

When I was a freshman, a friend came to me, visibly upset with an urgent prayer request. "Pray for my roommate," she said, "late each night, she says she cannot sleep and there is a pressure on her chest. A demon is tormenting her and it won't leave."

"A demon? Really?" I asked, fairly interested, and very skeptical. A demon would have been sensational, but my doubting mind boiled with questions.

"Is she sick?" Yes, she'd had a cold for a few weeks now.

"Does she eat enough?" She doesn't have time to go to meals usually.

"Does she sleep enough?" She goes to bed at 2 a.m. and gets up at 6 or 7.

The only demon that existed was her unhealthy lifestyle. "Tell her to eat a good meal, take some Tylenol and go to bed early and she'll be fine. She's just sick." My friend informed me several days later that her roommate was feeling much better. No more demons.

This story is not intended to prove or disprove the existence of spiritual warfare, demons, leprechauns, angels, elves, or anything of that sort. It is an example of how people have a tendency to divide their lives into boxes (like the scientist). There are several major categories that we can divide our lives up into. There's the emotional box, the academic box, the spiritual box, and the physical box. When we go to class we exist solely inside the academic box, when in chapel we switch to the spiritual box (and sometimes we sing about putting Jesus into a "little white box" so we can take him out and show him to our friends), when at the gym we reside in our physical box. This division of our lives has severely damaged the way we relate to each other, the world, and particularly, ourselves. We are holistic beings that don't exist like jigsaw puzzles, but rather, if there are any divisions made, it's because we've been the surgeon and cut ourselves to pieces. Granted this may be necessary to diagnose and solve problems, but surgery is only effective if the patient is put back together again.

The truth is that all of the

areas of our lives affect all the other areas of our lives. For example, when I am sick, my academics suffer, my relationship with God seems fuzzy and distant. When a friendship is hurting I feel physically slow, restless, and I can't sleep well. When I get an 'A' I am closer to God.

We say, "Well, my spiritual life needs help, but my emotional life is straight," or, "I've got ulcers and a gut, but my academic life is healthy." Can this be accurate? Our lives are not a series of characteristics that grow independently of each other as they move along the straight line of life. Rather, everything is interconnected. Life is more spherical than linear.

On March 10 Aaron Routh presented his biology senior seminar which compared the effects of Western Christian philosophy and Native American philosophies on the environment, historically speaking. The disturbing idea presented was that the linear view Western Christians have held concerning time and the earth has helped to destroy the earth. In the process of spreading the gospel out of hope and fear of the end of the world, Western Christians have managed to exploit and abuse just about every biological and geological resource the world has to offer. To them, the health of the earth and sensitivity to other cultures were not as important as the spread of their ideas. This is contrary to Jesus's views. To him, one who addresses physical and emotional needs understands spirituality (Matthew 25:31-46). Those who merely say, "Go with God," yet destroy relationships (human, environmental, or otherwise) haven't a clue.

The Native American views of time and life was circular and interconnected. Religion, environment and the tribe were all merged into one homogenous and intimate relationship called life. This, I believe, is the healthier way to view ourselves.

We humans are holistic beings who need to keep our entire selves healthy in order to be right with our environment, each other, and God.

# Her Coin

## Naming God I: Questions of Language

L.J. Arensen

Looming large on the theological table of our day is the matter of the language we use when we speak about God. Language is finite, yet we must employ it in our attempts to describe an infinite being. This may seem impossible -- a conclusion reached by the apophatic tradition, which claims that God is so transcendent, so utterly Other -- that we cannot possibly know God's essence or even describe God's qualities. Yet Christianity claims that God is revelatory in nature: a God so committed to revelation, in fact, that S/He became incarnate in human flesh. Since God's nature includes immanence as well as transcendence, we may claim with confidence that God wants to be known and, accordingly, talked about. How well we manage that is the next matter.

We move from impossibility to inadequacy. We have an infinite God who apparently wants to be known, but we must express ourselves through the medium of finite language. Our finitude keeps us from encompassing God in God's totality, but we are given glimpses. Picture with me a very small hand trying to hold a very large balloon. It is quite beyond the physical capacity of that hand to enclose the unbroken balloon completely within its palm. Yet it can grasp part of the balloon. It can finger the balloon's

surface bit by bit. Finite descriptions of an infinite entity are bound to be diverse; there is necessarily a plurality of God-language. The Biblical revelation, sprouting with names and diverse descriptions of God, corresponds to this. If we believe this then we must defend that plurality. If a certain name or metaphor has taken over to the exclusion of other metaphors, this is a dangerous practice; it is asking for lopsidedness in our understanding of God. To use only one name or describe only one trait of a God who has many is error. The critique of Father-language for God by some feminist theologians is based on this principle.

The nature of God-language is another great debate. Are there divinely revealed names and metaphors for God? Biblical tradition suggests that there are; we have cases when God names Godself, as S/He does to Moses in Exodus 3. The next question is more difficult: are all the Biblical names and metaphors for God divinely revealed -- are they transcendent? If a metaphor is transcendent in the sense of historical context, then it must hold meaning beyond its sociocultural context; it must still be as meaningful today as it was when it was first used. Before we claim this sort of transcendence for Biblical metaphors too quickly, let us

reflect. I have never seen a shepherd -- in fact, virtually all of the knowledge I possess about shepherds was gleaned from Bible lessons telling me of the habits of shepherds so that I could understand that particular description of God. Objectors to the historical transcendence of Biblical metaphors see traditional language as exactly that, language which functioned within its tradition. What point, they ask, in a metaphor which now must carry an entire cart of baggage along with it in order to be comprehensible to the woman on the street? Most of us are reluctant to reduce our criteria for God-language to function alone. But returning to our original question -- is all God-language in the Bible divinely revealed? -- I think we may say without endangering our foundation that some names and metaphors are and some are not: some are revealed and some are given to God by humanity. Can a human generate a transcendent metaphor? But perhaps we are missing the point with our fine abstractions. What does God think of our naming and describing of Him/Her? If we are free to employ metaphors other than purely Scriptural ones, which the Christian tradition has done, what are our criteria? We will look further into these matters.

## The Myth of Vocational Choice

Jon Makay

Vocational choice is a myth going around the Christian circles of life today. Lee Hardy, the head of the philosophy department of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., spoke on such a topic. This was part of Sharon Givler's Minding Your Call seminars, this one particularly was held on March 6.

The main premises was that we have no choice in vocation. "What?" we may ask. Yes, we as Christians have no choice in our vocation. We are called to serve the Lord in all that we do. Many confuse vocation with occupation. Vocation comes from the word *voconcio* or *vocare* means: to call. We are not asked to choose a calling, there is one call for all: discipleship. Jesus said, "you did

not choose me, but I chose you."

After the Reformation, when the old system of thought was removed in many minds, people wanted to know how they could serve God with their lives. The old belief was that there were two roads one could take; the high road was for real saints and most likely led to the monastery. The second and only option left for many others was the low road, which was to live a lesser Godly life and be an average person working an average daily job. This did not quite fit into the idea of the priesthood of all believers, therefore Protestants rejected this division. The human body as an idea of how God has made society, was revived. A para-

digm shift took place in which one could now serve and obey God fully in the many stations and duties of life simply by obeying these same duties and occupations one was in. This pleased the Lord as much as being a monk or priest.

As social mobility changed, choice of occupation suddenly became an option to many. One chooses a vocation and God's will by the gifts given by God to individuals, experience, personal interests, passions, listening to friends who know you, concerns for others people or topics etc. etc.

We do choose how we respond to the call. Our occupation is the place we choose to fulfill our vocation.



A one-pound can of regular grind coffee, tossed into a commercial urn will brew fifty cups of regular strength coffee or sixty cups of weak coffee. A pound and a half of regular grind coffee will make ninety cups regular strength coffee.



# Cities of the Future

## NAPS

In sports there is always a Cinderella Story: the contestant nobody expected to contend that ends up competing among the elite. If laying the groundwork for business growth were basketball practice, Dayton, Ohio would be a sure bet to try on the glass slipper.

In an urban setting that combines the benefits of both the big city and the pastoral Midwest, the Birthplace of Aviation quietly has developed a technological and industrial infrastructure most other cities would envy. Dayton continues to innovate: reinventing itself for the technological revolution now underway.

The city's reputation for heavy manufacturing belies the make up of its modern economy. General Motors and other big-name manufacturers remain significant employers in Ohio's Miami Valley. But Dayton long ago shifted its manufacturing focus to the more stable production of component parts. Likewise, homegrown corporate giants like NCR, Reynolds & Reynolds and Standard Register are case studies demonstrating the shift to an information management-based

economy. The greater flexibility of these segments means that the products Daytonians turn out no longer are tied to the business cycles of a limited number of industries or geographic regions.

Balance is valued in the Midwest and Dayton rapidly is gaining attention for having it in abundance. Component-parts makers and information management companies have created a boom of business start-ups in related fields. Suppliers to these firms are attracting their own suppliers, who in turn are bringing some of the latest design and manufacturing technologies to the area. Composite materials and advanced manufacturing techniques are current high-growth segments in the city's manufacturing base.

With new industries come not just new suppliers, but new markets. An economic Cinderella story, Dayton already supplies software engineering, information technology, manufacturing systems, composite materials and components—as well as manufactured goods—to every continent. Because the city government and business work together in Dayton, it is a city whose stock is rising.

## The Houghton Star is in need of a photographer and a typist for next year's staff.

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## Moral Code Making a Difference In Schools, Prisons

### NAPS

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But they're inspiring strong attitudes of responsibility and mutual respect, and programs of effective personal and community action—from cleaning up city streets, parks and beaches to combating drugs and crime—among children and adults, students and teachers, business leaders and city officials, from Los Angeles and Philadelphia to Sydney, Johannesburg and Moscow.

The precepts are among 21 principles for leading a happier, more responsible life formulated by author-humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard. Along with a basic guide on how to apply them each day, they comprise The Way To Happiness—a practical, nonreligious code of moral values based entirely on common sense.

Written by Hubbard to help provide a workable answer to the global, critical-mass problems of crime, drug abuse, disintegrating families and deepening moral decline, The Way To Happiness has had a marked—and widening—impact.

More than 50 million copies for example, have already been distributed in booklet and book form in more than 50 countries in 23 languages—from French and German, Arabic and Hebrew to Bosnian, Serbian, Afrikaans and, most recently, Zulu.

And over six million students in some 8,000 U.S. elementary, middle and high schools have participated, to date, in two national contests—"Set a Good Example" and "Get Drugs off School Grounds"—based on The Way To Happiness.

ness and designed to help students educate themselves and their peers in the importance and application of straightforward moral values.

One school alone—Lockeland Middle School of Nashville, Tennessee—reported a 70 to 80 percent decrease in violence, and comparable decreases in "disrespectful attitudes...vulgar language and gestures" after becoming contest participants.

The Way To Happiness also serves as the centerpiece of pioneering criminal rehabilitation and education programs—developed by L. Ron Hubbard—being conducted in prisons, as well as juvenile detention facilities, throughout the United States and in a dozen other countries.

At the same time, campaigns sparked by the book's precept "Safeguard and Improve Your Environment," have been launched by street gangs in East Los Angeles, youngsters along the beaches of Sydney, Australia, and schoolchildren in Soweto, South Africa—and in many other communities around the world.

The Way To Happiness and its far-reaching programs have, in fact, already received four Congressional recognitions, the endorsement of more than 40 state governors, and the support of police, civic leaders, businessmen and the directors of state alcohol and drug abuse programs and departments of education in hundreds of communities across the United States alone.

For a free copy of The Way To Happiness, write to The Way To Happiness Foundation: 6070 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 301, Hollywood, CA 90028, 800-815-0242. The Internet address is: [www.thewaytohappiness.org](http://www.thewaytohappiness.org)

### SGA

(cont. from p. 1)

pride in our school. He challenges students to look at their priorities and purpose.

Do not worry about Bates being bored next year, however, since he will keep himself busy serving Houghton. He will be in charge of Habitat for Humanity and will work with Evangelicals for Social Action. He will also work for other community service-oriented organizations.

Kristen Engnell brings a fresh, new image to the SGA since she will be one of only a handful of females to ever serve as president. She has served as a senator in previous years and is therefore both experienced and familiar with the procedures

of the Senate meetings and what it takes to make things run smoothly and efficiently. Engnell looks forward to this new experience and hopes to make SGA a more integral part of the Houghton community.

She wants to encourage the SGA cabinet members and senators to be more accessible and approachable. With the help of her co-workers, she plans to address such issues as fiscal accountability and efficiency and work to create a more informed student body.

"Dan has left me very big shoes to fill," says Engnell. "It will be a challenge to fill them, but a challenge I'm very excited about."

## Kathie's Cooking Corner



Kathie Brenneman

Today we have such a marvelous variety of ethnic foods available. Italian, most everyone's favorite, Mexican, Chinese and Greek are readily available in Western New York. I loved the International Dinner with the many exotic flavors in foods new to me. A gift you can give yourself is to be adventurous in eating by being willing to try something you've never eaten. Don't assume that because Mom never made it, you'll hate it.

This week's recipe is for Greek Chili. If you enjoy the sharp taste of feta cheese, you should like this. You'll need:

- 1 lb ground turkey
- 1 onion, chopped
- olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 sm can of Hunt's tomato sauce
- 14-1/2 oz can of Italian-style tomatoes
- 14-1/2 oz can diced tomatoes
- 14 oz can Artichoke hearts (NOT MARINATED), drained
- 19 oz can garbanzo beans (chick peas) drained and rinsed
- 1 can sliced black olives
- Lots of crumbled feta cheese

In large soup pan, saute onion and garlic in olive oil. Brown the ground turkey, stirring until no pink shows. Add the herbs and everything but the feta cheese. Coarsely chop the artichokes. Stir and cook on medium for five to ten minutes. Add salt and a sprinkle of Cayenne pepper if you want. The feta cheese adds some salt flavor. Serve at once, garnished with a generous amount of feta cheese. Add a salad and toasted feta on sourdough bread, and you have a wonderful supper. Enjoy!





## Editor's Mail Bag

To the Star,

I would greatly appreciate the publication of the following apology in your next issue of the Star:

George Harrier, I would like to take this time to formally apologize for my actions to-

ward you on Sunday, March 2nd. I deeply regret my ignorance of you and that it resulted in many words of hate and stupidity. By the grace of God I have been humbled in my actions. I know that in no way can

I expect your forgiveness in these matters. I only hope, that in time, you will be able to overlook the mistakes I have made. May God bless and keep you close to Him always.

Ronald C. Brigham

## Pastor of the Year Award Presented

Houghton recently awarded the Rev. Ralph V. Baynum of Spring Lake, Mich., the 1997 Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award during a student chapel service.

"We are pleased to recognize Rev. Baynum's service to our Lord and to the church, and to commend his example to others," said President Daniel Chamberlain on presenting the award.

Baynum has pastored the Spring Lake Wesleyan Church for 22 years. He also pastored churches in Ft. Myers and Miami, Fla., and he was president of Kernersville Wesleyan Acad-

emy in North Carolina for four years.

In recommending Baynum for the award, West Michigan district superintendent Dr. Ronald D. Kelly said, "The greatest strength in [his] pastoral ministry is his commitment to be a better preacher."

Baynum earned bachelor's degrees from Owosso College and United Wesleyan College and a master's degree from Michigan State University. He was named to the Delta Epsilon Chi honor society at United.

On accepting the award, Baynum said, "I am not the best

preacher or counselor, but I am going to get better; just be patient with me." He thanked Houghton for "lifting up the pastoral ministry" through its administration of the award.

Criteria for the Pastor of the Year Award include commitment to Christ and evidence of spiritual growth and perception, leadership in both the church district and community, faithfulness to denominational programs, and significant strength in pastoral service, preaching, and administration. In addition, the candidate must be pastoring a Wesleyan church.

## Houghton Presents 'Carousel'

Adria C. Willett

The Houghton College School of Music and drama department will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" in four performances April 10-12 at Houghton Academy's Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium. Dr. B. Jean Reigles, professor of voice and director of choral activities, will join Bruce N. Brenneman, assistant professor of theater, in directing the musical. Members of the Houghton College Philharmonia will accompany the singers.

"The stage is absolutely unbelievable and the voices are superb," said Brenneman. Houghton junior Eric Williamson designed the set.

"Carousel" was written in 1946 during the golden age of

American musical theater. "Both Rodgers and Hammerstein were at their full height of power," said Dr. Ben R. King, Houghton College professor of voice, who has directed and performed in the musical several times in the past.

"What makes 'Carousel' a high quality musical is the combination of strong music, a powerful story and a good balance of dance, song, and drama," said King. He noted that "Carousel" contains four hit singles, which is an unusual success for a musical.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for students. For reservations call ext. 353.

## DR. O'CONNOR WINS POETRY CONTEST

Adria C. Willett

Houghton College Associate Professor of Spanish Dr. Kathleen T. O'Connor was one of three individuals selected to read their poems for the Women's Arts Vision '97 conference recently held at Columbia University Teachers College in New York City. The reception also included winners in the areas of visual art and dance.

"It was a coming together of many art forms done by women," said O'Connor. The Teachers College dedicated the month of March to women's issues and sponsored the con-

test to celebrate women's art visions.

"I was excited to be one of the ones selected," said O'Connor, who read her poem "Ode to Maya." The poem honors poet Maya Angelou, but also plays on the word "maya," which is the Arabic word for water.

O'Connor earned a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.L.A. from Johns Hopkins University. In addition, she received an M.Ed., an M.Phil. and a Ph.D. from Columbia University.



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## Tips on Dealing With Stress

### NAPS

Believe it or not, there are times when stress is good—such as when you have to dodge a speeding car or leap from a burning building. However, stress—your body's instinct to defend itself—can lead to health and mental problems when it is triggered too often or too easily by day-to-day events.

The many signs of stress include anxiety, back pain, stiff neck, constipation, depression, diarrhea, insomnia, headaches, heartburn, upset stomach, shortness of breath and weight gain or loss. A family physician can help you recognize stress and figure out what in your life is causing it. Your family physician also can help uncover any hidden, and potentially serious, health problems that can cause stress-like symptoms.

Since you can't always avoid stressful events, people, or situations, take the following steps:

Stop worrying. You can't control some things, like the

weather.

Take control. Set realistic goals for yourself and rank them. Place the highest priority on things that you must do and like to do.

Assess. Why do some things upset you so easily?

Talk. Share concerns with close friends and family. Try to solve conflicts with other people.

Ask for help. Friends, family, and professionals can help.

Escape. Get away from daily stresses through leisure activities, such as hobbies, sports, reading, or social events.

Pace yourself. Don't overbook your life and don't let others overbook it for you.

Exercise. Release pent up energy and get in shape at the same time.

What's missing from this list? Medication. That's because stress reduction is a skill—it doesn't come in a bottle or a

pill. Other techniques to deal with stress include: meditation, relaxation training, stretching, and deep, relaxed breathing.

Ask your family physician for advice on treating or recognizing the symptoms of stress. Family physicians are medical specialists who have the broad training to treat nine out of 10 medical problems, including stress. Your family physician can suggest ways to cope with stress and relaxation techniques to help you deal with daily stress. Your family physician also knows how to help you through the health care maze to get the health care services you need.

For a free copy of Stress, How to cope better with the challenges of life, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: American Academy of Family Physicians, c/o Main Street Department, P.O. Box 19326, Lenexa, KS 66285-9326.



# JAPANESE RESEARCHERS TRY TO RE-CREATE DISCOVERY OF THE LAW OF GRAVITY

Dave Barry (TMS)

Settle back, because today I'm going to tell you the dramatic true story of what happened when some Japanese researchers decided to re-create the historic discovery of the law of gravity:

As you recall, this discovery occurred in an English orchard in 1666, when, according to legend, Isaac Newton, the brilliant mathematician, fell out of a tree and landed on an apple.

No, hold it, upon reviewing the videotape I see that in fact the apple fell out of the tree and landed on Newton. Had this occurred today, of course, Newton would have simply put on a foam neck brace and sued everybody within a radius of 125 miles. But those were the primitive times, and Newton was forced to settle for discovering the law of gravity, which states: "A dropped object will fall with an acceleration of 32 feet per second, and if it is your wallet, it will make every effort to land in a public toilet."

Later on, Newton also invented calculus, which is defined as "the branch of mathematics that is so scary it causes everybody to stop studying mathematics." That's the whole POINT of calculus. At colleges and universities, on the first day of calculus class, the professors go to the board and write huge incomprehensible "equations" that they make up right on the spot, knowing that this will cause all the students to drop the course and never return to the mathematics building again. This frees the professors to spend the rest of the semester playing cards and regaling one another with hilarious stories about the "mathematical symbols" they've invented over the years. ("Remember the time Professor Hinkwattle drew a 'cosine derivative' that was actually a picture of a squid?" "Yes! Students were diving out the windows! And the classroom was on the fourth floor!")

Yes, Newton made many contributions to science, but gravity was definitely his biggest. That's why a group of Japanese researchers decided, as an international good-will project, to re-create the original discovery, using an apple tree that was descended from the original Newton tree.

I found out about this project thanks to an alert reader named (really) Harley Ferguson, who sent me a story about it from an English-language Japanese newspaper called The Daily Yomiuri. The article states that in August 1996, researchers at the Construction Ministry's Public Works Research Institute in Arai, Japan, received a sapling descended from the original Newton tree. This sapling, ac-

cording to the story, came from the U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology, or NIST, which is in charge of weights and measures. (So if your pants don't fit the way they used to, this is the agency to complain to.)

I was curious as to why a U.S. government agency would be providing Newton saplings, so I called NIST and spoke with the official archivist, whose name (really) is Karma A. Beal. She sent me a bunch of information, which I will attempt to summarize here:

The original Newton tree -- for simplicity's sake, let's call it "Bob" -- died in 1814. But before Bob went to The Big Orchard In The Sky, cuttings were taken, and over the years these cuttings became trees, and cuttings were taken from those, and so now there are genetically identical offspring -- let's call them "Boblets" -- all over the world.

One Boblet lives at the NIST facility in Gaithersburg, Md. It produces apples, but not many; the information Karma Beal sent me refers to the tree as (I am not making any of this up) "a very shy fruiter." The story gets a little murky at this point, but apparently the sapling sent to Japan for the historic re-creation of Newton's discovery was grown from a seed from one of the NIST Boblet apples. This is significant, because if the sapling came from a seed, as opposed to a cutting, it is probably NOT a pure Bob descendant. As the NIST documentation states, "the original flower was almost certainly pollinated by some other tree." (Trees are totally loose this way.)

But let's not be picky. The important thing is that the Japanese researchers had a sapling that was in some way connected to the original historic Bob. According to The Daily Yomiuri, their plan was to videotape the exact moment when the very first apple fell.

The sapling was planted, and eventually it produced a single apple. The researchers set up a video camera. All was in readiness, as, day by day, the apple grew riper and riper, getting closer and closer to the big moment. And then, finally, it happened: A local resident, who knew nothing about any of this, wandered by, saw the apple, and ate it.

So the researchers never did get to videotape the apple falling in a historic manner, although the article states that "they did get scenes of the man munching on the apple." The man is quoted as saying: "It just tasted really bad."

But this does not mean the

Dave Johnson

Over the summer I work in a local, independent (we gained our independence from Great Britain in the year of our Lord, 1314), family operated grocery store. Working there for two years has taught me a lot about the Real World (we get MTV) and the proper way a business can be run (into the ground). There are several positions that help make up a grocery store: cashiers, stock-boys, meat-counter workers, and management. Together, these working parts help create the fluid, operational institution that charges you two bucks for a pack of Skittles.

I wouldn't want to be a cashier. In my opinion a cashier is one of those female stereotypical occupations. (Note: The following may be termed "chauvinistic" or "politically incorrect", but hey, what do I care, you're only girlie girls who all have cooties, anyway.) For example, if you closed your eyes and I said the words "cashier", "stewardess", "nun", "Leader of the Free World" and "volleyball player," I'm sure pictures of women would immediately jump to your mind. In the supermarket I worked, the cashiers were like the queens of the castle, always on the PA system asking for things like: "We need a bagger" or "Clean-up in aisle 3" or "Help there's a masked man pointing a semi-automatic weapon at me."

If the cashiers were the queens, then the stock-boys had to be the lowly stable-boys. If these guys were soldiers, they'd be the ones given a hunting knife and told to make a frontal attack on an aircraft carrier. In other words: petroleum mouse eleven molusk flute Buick dolphin carburetor gum-ball. The stock-boys in my store were part of the immaculate crew who had the honor of doing whatever the cashiers told them to do, be it bag, weigh produce, mop up vomit, produce mops, or vomit in bags. All this aside, strangely, I hold tiny amounts of respect for what these workers do. They're the ones who painstakingly construct the elaborate stacks of Pepsi cans and Ritz crackers that always get demolished in Jackie Chan movies.

But, there's another form of stock-boy, whom I like to call "stock-guy". These dudes are usually older, more responsible, and closer to an ulcer than the stock-boys. The stock-guys normally wander the store trying to look busy while simultaneously dreaming about going home and drinking, roughly, twelve metric tons of liquor and when they're not looking, suddenly run into some elderly gentleman carrying a case of Kaeopectate that spills all over the floor, creating a mess, which the

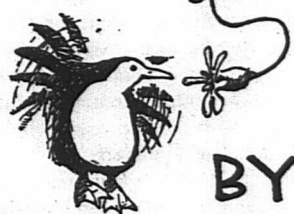
stock-guy orders cleaned up by one of the moronic stock-boys.

Meat-counter workers slice meat.

The management has many more responsibilities than the other personnel in a grocery store including: ordering stock, balancing the budget, disciplining stock boys, constantly staying in a bad mood, giving unintelligible directions ("Soldier the magnesium conduit to all the odd-number lathes on the opposing altitudinous bulwarks!"), and yelling at the hyperactive kids who knock over the Fruit Loops displays. All in all, probably the most challenging aspect of their job is giving out raises. I guess their line of thinking is: "Hey, there's so many of you exceptional workers, we couldn't possibly give you all raises because then we'd be out of money and you'd be out of a job, so we won't give any raises, but feel free to help yourself to a free stick of beef jerky. You can thank us later."

All these components help to contribute to the sprawling grocery institution that we all attend. The different people fulfilling their different positions help differentiate the differential equations differed to us by Der Fuhrer. Yes, a grocery store is an excellent example of capitalism at its best. No, wait, that's the feudal system.

## NON SEQUITUR



BY VILEY

project was a waste of time. Often, in science, so-called "failures" produce the greatest discoveries. And this project resulted in a discovery whose value to humanity cannot be overemphasized. I refer, of course, to the fact that "Shy Fruiter and the Saplings" would be a great name for a rock band.





## Track Recovers from Indoors

Cara Gerhard

Those who plan their exercise time from 4 to 6 p.m. will tell you: the Houghton track team can be found, Monday through Friday afternoons, practicing faithfully on the track, in the field or in the weight cage. But the indoor season has ended, and now is the time for recovery, especially for those who qualified for the National Indoor Track Championships.

Freshman Pat Weaver competed at the National competitions, held two weeks ago in Nebraska. He commented, "The trip really helped me to get to know the team better. It was an awesome experience that I wouldn't trade for anything."

Junior Krista Ruth agreed.

"It was a great to bond with the freshman and show them their potential." She added, "It was also a real witnessing opportunity, because we met members of other teams from secular schools."

For the rest of the team, February and March constitute the lengthy stretch from the last indoor meet to the first outdoor meet. Freshman sprinter, Anjuli Robbins, appreciates this break. She says it's a chance to catch up on class assignments, while physically recovering and building strength.

The outdoor track season will extend through the month of April, beginning with the team's first meet on April 5.

John Bauda

The much awaited "March Madness" mayhem has begun. Now anytime I want to see any other sport besides college basketball I can't. This is the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament that eventually determines the 1997 National Collegiate Basketball Champion.

Sixty-four teams participate in the tournament which eventually produces four winners from the Western Region, Eastern Region, Southeast Region, and Midwest Region. This is known as the Final Four, for all you sports dummies. Number one ranked Kansas is predicted to capture the title with eight to five odds. In case you wanted to know, Princeton's chances of winning are 999-1. Just remember, there is no gambling here at Houghton.

Dean Smith became the all-time highest win coach in Division I men's basketball with 877 wins as top seed North Carolina defeated Colorado 73-56 in the second round of the Eastern Region tournament. This is his 36th season coaching for the Tar Heels.

Luc Robitaille: what a stupid guy. Just in case you didn't hear, the Rangers left winger broke his foot getting off the team bus the other week and will now be out four to six weeks. It is ironic because the

Rangers management was considering shopping him around for players to deal with before the trade deadline ends next week and now the injury will keep him inactive past the deadline. Robitaille has expressed his desire to remain in New York through the year since his contract expires at the end of the season. Well Luc, you really wanted to stay in New York.

The NFL voted "no" again to the reinstalling of instant replay for the 97-98 football season. NFL owners, despite getting 20 yes votes, fell three short of the number needed to revive the instant replay for next fall.

The U.S. National Soccer team has been struggling as of late with a non-existent offense and a midfield lacking and creativity and production. The U.S. has a chance to redeem themselves from the lackluster performances this year, including a recent 0-0 draw against Jamaica, when they take on Canada on March 16. The last time these teams met was in 1993, when the two countries were preparing for World Cup '94 qualifying. That match ended in a 2-2 tie.

And now, we will take a look inside the exciting world of bowling....that's our look inside today's exciting world of bowling.

The Conference playoffs are



heating up in the NHL's Eastern Conference, where the Philadelphia Flyers dropped two straight games to the Northeast Conference leading Buffalo Sabres. These losses dropped the Flyers into a tie with the New Jersey Devils for the Conference lead. These last few weeks are important for the Flyers, Devils, and Sabres, because they will determine the home-ice advantage in the playoffs and will also determine what teams they will play, depending on how they do. The Sabres have been 11-2-6 in their last nineteen games and the Devils have been on a hot streak as of late also. Look for these playoffs to be very physical and exciting hockey.

I predicted the Boston Celtics to win the NBA title.... in 1985. The Celtics are in the cellar of the Eastern Conference and will not make the playoffs. That goes for the Boston Bruins too. I give my heart out to Boston. Perhaps they should rebuild the Boston Gardens and maybe they will win something.

## Students With Low G.P.A.s Can Sell Themselves Big, Counselors Say

By Colleen DeBaise  
CPS

DELAND, Fla.--On her resume, Stetson University senior Meredith Preuss boasts of her computer skills and biology labwork. But there's one thing she's left off: her G.P.A. That's because, Preuss, 22, carries a 2.9 out of 4.0--not a grade-point average that typically catches a potential employer's attention.

"I know grades count but employers are interested in 'well-rounded' people," she said. "Someone who can't handle the stress of failure is a little scary."

Although many employers view a high G.P.A. as a way to predict success in the workplace, not every student graduates with a 4.0. For students with a less-than-perfect academic record, learning how to tailor your resume can mean the difference between a job offer and a rejection letter.

Rebecca Emery, career services director at Salisbury State University, says students should always focus on the positive on their resume. That means, "if your grade-point average is well below the 3.0 level, leave it off," she said.

In some cases, the G.P.A. in a student's academic major may be significantly higher than the overall G.P.A. In such a case, students should include their major G.P.A. on the resume, Emery said. For instance, Preuss plans to include the G.P.A. in her biology major, a respectable 3.4, on her resume when she applies for jobs in the science field. "That's the one that matters," she said.

Emery adds that students can even separate their upper level G.P.A. from the overall G.P.A. to show employers what they have accomplished in their last two years. Top-end jobs, however, do look closely at your

overall grade-point average, warns Michelle Ohayon, director of the Career Resource Center at Nova Southeastern University.

"Your grade-point average matters a great deal if you're hoping to work in a technical field such as engineering or in the sciences," she said. "If you're going into journalism, employers are more interested in your writing samples. If you're going into sales, your personality matters more than your grade-point average."

Real world experience through internships, cooperative education or volunteer experience can compensate for your grades, notes Ursula Hibbert, career counselor at Champlain College.

"Employers look at these as a true indication of ability," she said. "A good employment history--even when it's not career-related--can show determination and a willingness to work hard in pursuit of goals."

Students should use their college's alumni network to help them get over the low-grades hurdle, says Will Smith, career services director at Wartburg College. "That way professors who are familiar with your abilities can make recommendations to alumni which may help you get your foot in the door," he said.

Of course, the best track to take is to have everything: strong academics, activities and experience, says Frank J. Kollar, director of career development and placement services at Mansfield University.

"The bottom line is that if your grades are lacking, you better have something else of significance to offer an employer," he said.

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## A Survey of the Sexes

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Although most people would say they want to grow older, few want to feel older. Fortunately, biotechnology holds out some hope for a more vigorous old age.

Carl B. Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) predicts we will one day see headlines like the following: "80-Year-Old Runs New York Marathon in Less Than Three Hours," and "115-Year-Old Couple Renews Wedding Vows."

As unlikely as those headlines sound they won't be the real news. According to Feldbaum, the big story will be the lack of surprise when they appear. "Most of us share some common hope that we will live longer than our parents and grandparents. But we must question, will our longer lives be what we expect them to be? Will there be," Feldbaum asks, "more life in life?"

Recently, his group, the world's largest industry organization to serve and represent the biotechnology industry, co-hosted a symposium to look into that question with the Alliance for Aging Research (AAR). Many biotech research companies such as Aquila Biopharmaceuticals of Worcester, MA; Centocor of Malvern, PA; Cephalon of West Chester, PA; and Geron Corporation of Menlo Park, CA, were included in the symposium.

"More than 100 biotechnology companies are engaged in research and development for new medicines to treat age-related disorders. Aging is one of our industry's most significant areas of research," added Feldbaum. The program featured a national survey on attitudes and concerns about growing older.

Staying mentally sharp, the study found, is more important to most women than appearance

and sex drive. Men, on the other hand, tended to rank sex drive and appearance as more vital concerns. Overall, however, the survey found that staying healthy was the predominant choice between being "healthy, wealthy, or wise."

Recent biotechnology research suggests the human immune system may hold the key to overcoming or controlling many diseases. Researchers believe they can use the body's own immune system to more effectively fight cancer and other diseases associated with aging.

In treating diseases of the heart and circulatory system, researchers revealed, the biotechnology industry's most dramatic contributions have come from addressing the fundamental causes. Breakthrough biotechnology drugs that prevent, break up or reduce blood clots that cause many heart problems are now available.