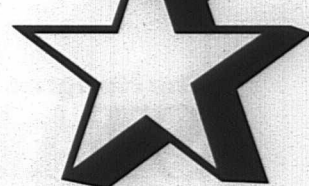


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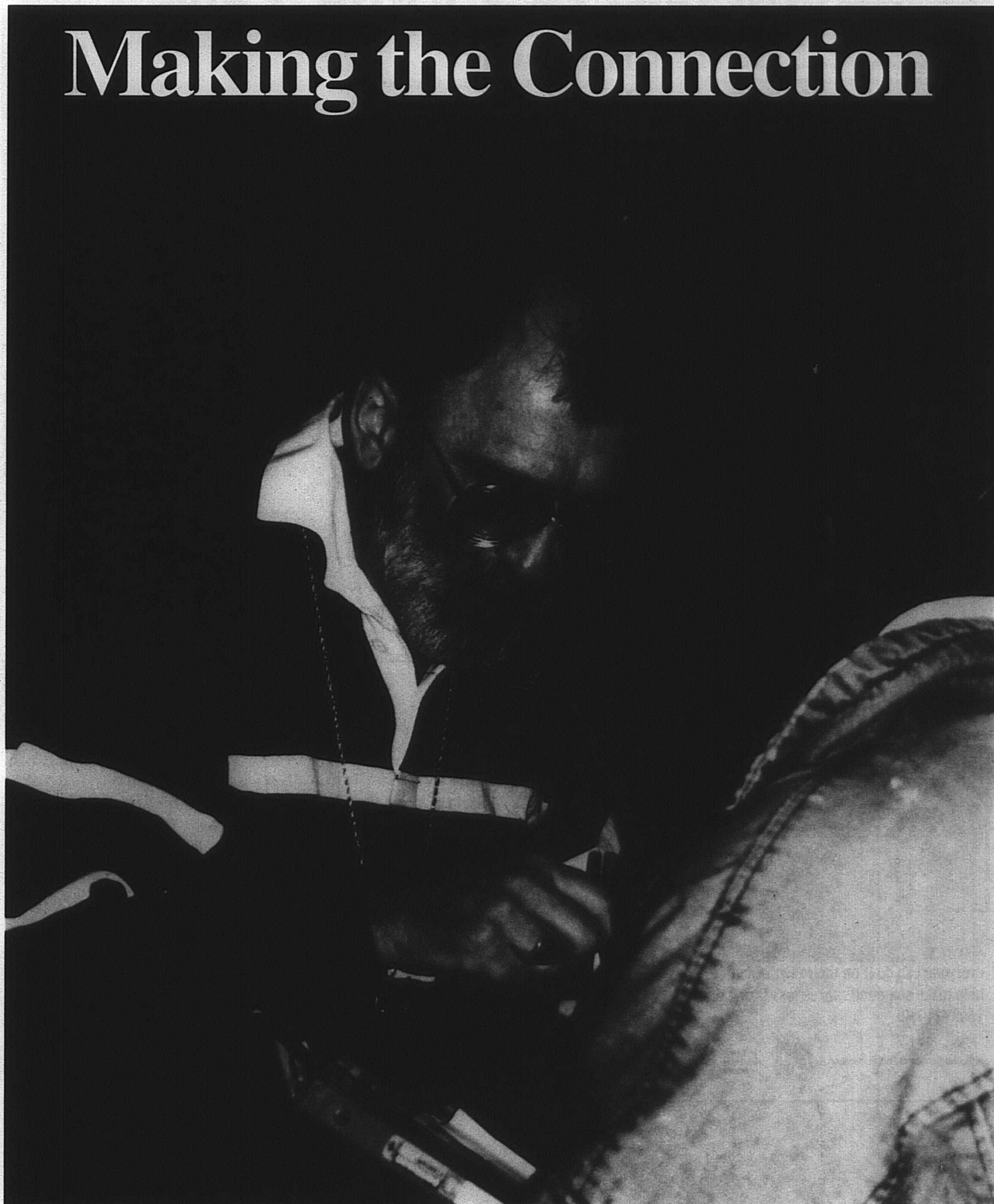
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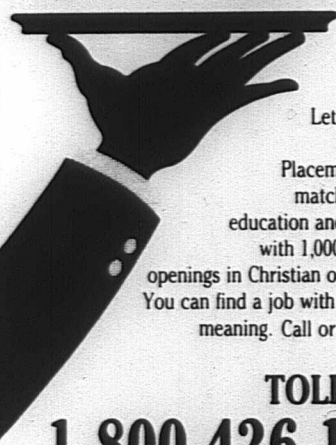


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# C.L.E.W. Speaker Jimmy Johnson Calls Campus to Discipline

*Lenore Kosoff*

"I came to Houghton with no agenda. Most of the student body is Christian so that's where I spent most of my time." This was the attitude of Jimmy Johnson, Wesleyan District Superintendent over Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Pastor Jimmy Johnson was invited to Houghton College as this semester's speaker for Christian Life Emphasis Week, January 17-22. He spoke at five evening meetings and 3 chapel services. Covering topics such as sexual purity and and living a committed Christian life, Johnson drew crowds at each meeting averaging 800 students, faculty, and area residents.

**Among the dedicated intercessors was a group that braved the cold at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning on the Quad.**

As a part of each evening service one of the class choirs sang, and there was special music on several nights.

Johnson, originally from Alabama, resides in Jackson, Mississippi. His southern background was evident in his speech, and he made several references to the low temperatures here in Houghton.

There is a one hour time limit on services such as these to allow students to attend and still be able to prepare for classes. Not only did Johnson exceed that limit, he often asked the permission of those in attendance and was told by

one audience member to "Preach on!"

Along with affirmation like that Johnson was completely welcomed to campus by the student body. He was given two different class rugbyies, his room door was covered with toilet paper, and several students built a wall of popcorn for him to open up to the next morning.

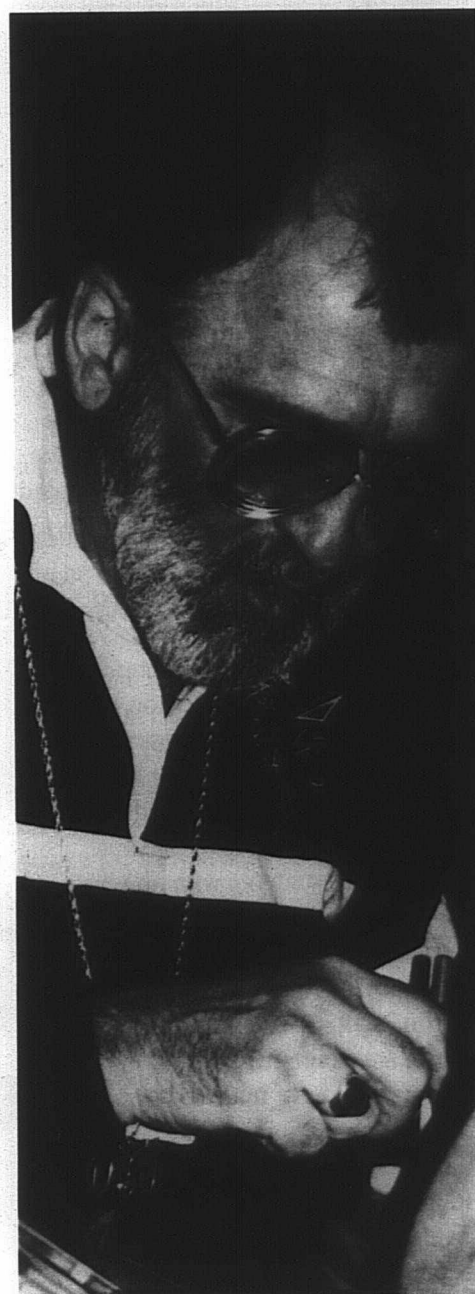
## Jimmy Johnson was told to 'Preach on!'

C.L.E.W. was a priority for the majority of the student body. More than 200 students and faculty members supported it by committing 20 minutes to prayer. The Heavenly Connection was a prayer chain sponsored by the freshmen class. Among the dedicated intercessors was a group that braved the cold at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning on the quad.

The students committed their time, but more importantly they committed themselves by responding to the challenges that Johnson presented.

And he challenged us to be sexually pure in an age when promiscuous sex is resulting in the contraction of diseases such as AIDS. He inspired us to be controlled by the Holy Spirit in every area of life. He encouraged us to be yoked to Jesus.

Many have received inspiration and encouragement and are now taking on the challenge.



# Still Following The Call

Melssa Pancoe

As of yet, no one has been assigned to fill the void Cindy Fox will leave when she exchanges her position as OMS Campus Representative and Coordinator of Intercultural Programs at Houghton College to become the Director of Recruitment for OMS at their headquarters near Indianapolis.

Many students who know her are sure that no one will be able to replace her.

Cindy Fox did more than work in counseling, student ministries and recruitment for OMS. She assisted David Pollack and eventually took over his job in helping internationals to adjust to new cultures and missionary kids to know what to expect upon reentry. She served as advisor for WMF and attended the weekly meetings at Steese House to pray for missions. Cindy helped to chaperone Spanish excursions and missions trips. She taught a class at the village church, shared at Celebration, helped to organize New Vision Week, and performed untold voluntary services.

Cindy Fox has opened her home and her heart to people in need and has become, in this way, irreplaceable.

Numerous students with no where else to go over breaks (primarily international students) have stayed at the Fox house. Deborah Dunklee and Sharon Taylor, two girls from Steese House, are examples of the many students who have felt free to come to Cindy's house, "just to talk."

Last Spring Break, four girls from Houghton, Katherine Turner, Kim Givens, Besty Ham, and Given Pifer, accompanied her to Mexico City to gain first-hand knowledge of missionary work. Upperclassmen may remember John Chung and Stephanie Slaughter, two Houghton graduates who went to Korea and Columbia, respectively, as

part of the NOW Corps summer missions program that Cindy Fox helps to coordinate.

"I am constantly encouraging people to go to another country," said Cindy Fox, who had her first overseas experience at fourteen when she spent a year with an American friend and her family in Sri Lanka. Since then, she has lived in Yugoslavia, Costa Rica, Spain and Columbia. She was unable to list all the countries that she has visited, saying at last count it was "somewhere around



twenty-seven."

Her traveling experiences were not trouble-free, however. She admitted, "I had a terrible time coming back." As a teenager, she felt ostracized from former friends upon her return to her small hometown in Ohio. It was not until she heard David Pollack speak at a mission-

ary school in Madrid over twenty years later that she realized her life-changing and sometimes traumatic experiences were normal for someone who has been immersed in another culture.

Cindy Fox requested that OMS post her at our campus three years ago so she could work with and learn from David Pollack; she wanted to understand more fully what she had experienced and so be able to better counsel others. David Pollack left Houghton last year, but Cindy still keeps in contact with him and plans to work with him during the summer reentry seminars for MK's and pre-field orientations for new dorm parents and teachers of missions schools.

Cindy Fox has been involved in missionary work with OMS since 1974 after receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Baldwin-Wallace College, and two master's degrees, one in education from Stetson and one in Old Testament from Asbury Seminary. Although OMS originally stood for "Oriental Missions Society," Cindy has been involved in the Spanish-speaking countries in which they minister. Following language training in Costa Rica, she taught at a vocational Bible institute in rural Columbia and later taught Old Testament studies and New Testament Greek in Madrid, Spain.

"The Lord just kind of led me there," she said of her initial involvement with OMS. She literally left everything behind to become a missionary. Since then, Cindy Fox has been led all over the world in her quest to follow Christ.

Her lifestyle encourages all to follow **wherever** the Lord leads, be it Sri Lanka or even Houghton.

Cindy will keep in contact with Houghton College and plans to join Jose Velazquez and the Spanish class in Puerto Rico this Spring Break.

# Interviewing: How well do you measure up?

*Tami Marzolla*

Why are manhole covers round? How many gas stations are there in the United States? Why do so many vending machines and jukeboxes have both letters and numbers?

These are actual interview questions asked by Microsoft representatives to measure intelligence and logic. How well would you have been able to answer in an interview?

When you walk into an interview you have approximately 30 minutes to communicate successfully with an employer and impress him or her enough to obtain your desired position.

To do that competently, you must prepare for the interview. Whether you think of yourself as a commodity or not, what you are doing during an interview is selling yourself to an employer.

You are the product, the organization is the consumer, and the desired outcome is a position in the company. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Don't be fooled—you cannot "wing" an interview and expect someone who has interviewed countless numbers of college grads to be impressed by you.

Again, preparation is the key to a

successful interview. It shows, among other things, that you are able to consider other points of view.

Preparation begins with self-examination. Determine your abilities, strengths, and weaknesses. Attitude, appearance, and precise language are other essential factors needing attention in preparation for an interview.

Researching an organization and asking intelligent questions about the position, company policy and other questions translates as interest, capability, and eagerness.

A big problem job candidates have is leaving their etiquette on the doorstep. Etiquette is more than "please" and "thank you." The way you address people (including secretaries, clerks and various other employees), or more specifically the way you show people the respect they deserve is an important asset that always gives you an edge. People with impressive social skills are the ones who are remembered, even above a nice appearance and a polished resume.

How well would you do on an interview? There are many more important "little" things you should know that will be a great help to you as

you prepare to meet employers. Perhaps the best way for you to prepare would be to come into the Career Development Office and participate in a video taped mock interview and critique. All you have to do is come by and make an appointment. The office also has several books, articles, and other resources available to help you prepare, including several handouts of typical questions asked during an interview.

Seniors, you don't have a whole lot of time left; take advantage of the opportunities in the Career Development office that will help you prepare for grad school and job interviews. You'll find that all your preparation will put you way ahead of your competition.

Oh, in case you were wondering: manhole covers are round so that they can be moved by rolling, and if they were square, they could fall down the hole; if you figure there are 250 million people and one car per four people, maybe 500 cars for each gas station, there are 125,000 gas stations in the U.S.; and there are letters and numbers on vending machines and jukeboxes otherwise there would be too many buttons.

## Sharra Durham, Claudine Austin perform junior recital

*Heather Dale*

At a joint junior recital, classical pieces of music were performed by Sharra Durham and Claudine Austin. The recital was held at the Village Church on Monday, January 25, at 8:00 p.m.

A voice major here at Houghton,

Sharra sang selections composed by Bach, Brahms, and piece from the opera "Carmen." Claudine majors in clarinet and performed works by Weber and Vaughan Williams. Julie Risser accompanied with piano for both women.

Among the 100 people in attendance

were Rev. and Mrs. Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Austin, the respective parents of Sharra and Claudine.

Following the recital was a reception in the fellowship hall of the church. Friends and family gathered there to congratulate the women on a job well done.

# Bringing Life to Youth

*Christ Otto*

Did you realize Houghton College is in the center of 84 public school districts, and 42,542 junior and senior high students? Louie Rudin, a local leader in Young Life has recently implemented a plan to reach the rural young people of Western New York for Christ. Young Life is a para-church organization that reaches young people who normally would not come into contact with a church. Rudin's plan involves training students at Houghton College to lead Young Life groups in local high schools. Presently Houghton students have already begun contact work in the Perry Junior-Senior High School.

This portion of Western New York is especially challenging for those involved in Youth ministry because it is seven times larger than Monroe county, yet has

3,000 fewer secondary students according to Rudin. Unlike the suburbs of Rochester, this area has small churches that are in many cases struggling to support one pastor and therefore cannot even attempt to develop a strong youth ministry.

Rudin sees Houghton as a "rich source of leadership" for the local youth and is beginning to involve Houghton students in outreach. Rudin would like to see the areas surrounding Houghton become like a staff-run Young Life area involving Houghton students in outreach among local high schools and forming Young Life groups in the rural communities. The Houghton students would be supervised by a committee of adults responsible for raising funds and overseeing the groups. Local churches have already become helpful in provid-

ing funds and support for the ministry, and are grateful for the help in reaching youth.

A core group of twelve students is already starting to put into practice this plan of ministry in the Perry High School. They meet in Big Al's on Tuesday nights, at 6:00 and would be glad to have more join, as well as support in prayer.

Many other Houghton students help out in local communities leading youth groups in small rural churches on a volunteer basis. Much of this work has done without recognition but is helping to disciple many local young people.

Rudin believes that Houghton students working in the rural communities may become a successful model to be used in reaching students throughout Western New York.

## Senate elects interim Vice President

Tuesday, January 26, marked the first meeting of the spring semester for Student Senate. Under old business, senate listened to the speeches of the three vice-presidential nominees: Jen Garrison, Erich Fabrin, and Jamie MacCallum.

Jen Garrison's platform was one of positive impact. She stated that everything she is currently involved in is because she feels that she can make a positive impact. Jen also wants to help facilitate a smooth transition for the new cabinet.

Erich Fabrin, a transfer from West

Mont College in Santa Monica, California, wants to build more communication between Student Senate and the student body. Erich cited general student apathy and the incidents of last year as a need to make a change.

Jamie MacCallum did not have a specific agenda, but he said that he would like to see more prayer in senate meetings. Jamie referred to an incident in which senators gathered together 30 minutes before the meeting to pray, and then had a smooth, productive meeting. He then questioned senators why it stopped. Jamie was elected the new interim Student Senate vice-president.

Former Senator Kim Frymoyer's proposed by-law that no senators or cabinet members shall serve on committees except where specifically required to do so, failed by a 6-13 vote. Nominations to the Student Development Council, Judiciary Committee, and Curriculum Review Committee were postponed because senators failed to bring nominations to the senate meeting.

Senate Treasurer Isaac Ball, in his treasury report, announced that at the end of December 31, 1992, senate was \$1,800 less in debt, and senior class senator Amy Hodak submitted her resignation giving health reasons.

## A COMMUNITY MEMBER WITH INTENTIONS

Linda Betzold

Community. The idea of the Christian community appears time and time again in the New Testament. And today, the idea of the Christian community existing in modern society has become a major issue in the church. "Be ye separate," is the command. But what does this involve?

Dr. Richard Perkins, professor of sociology here at Houghton, explored this question on his sabbatical leave this past year. Dr. Perkins, a native of Weymouth, Massachusetts, graduated with his BA from Wheaton College and went on to get his MA and PhD at the University of Massachusetts. He joined the Houghton College faculty in 1978 after teaching at various colleges

including Westminster and the University of Massachusetts.

"Sabbatical," from the Hebrew "Sabbath," indicates a time of rest, refreshment, and renewal. This is what Dr. Perkins found, but he also found a new set of questions and ideas surrounding the subjects of the Church, including personal conviction.

Two trips were made by Dr. Perkins, one in the fall of 1991 and one in the spring of 1992. Dr. Perkins, his wife, and two friends made the first trip, while Dr. Perkins and his wife traveled alone in the spring. While most professors take only half a year off for a sabbatical, Dr. Perkins was gone for just over a year.

Covering around 3,000 miles and making 13 major stops all over the U.S. from Vermont to Arkansas and Alabama, Dr. Perkins and company visited what may be called "intentional Christian communities." The foursome usually stayed a week or two in each community, learning about the people; their diversity, views and lifestyles. For example, in some communities the economic "share" per person was less than \$2,000 per year, while the people in other communities lived rather affluent life-styles.

Some communities appeared Amish-like in that they were "very primitive," Dr. Perkins says. They produce their own material goods, as well as food. They raise the sheep from which they get the wool to

make their own clothes. Some are Catholic communities; others are Charismatic, and all those "in between." There are also similar communities in Britain and France.

Not all of the Christian communities are rural. The well-known Jesus People, USA, or Reba Place in Chicago, are specifically urban.

Dr. Perkins found communities centered on Jesus' teachings of a Christian "Koinonia" (sharing), and obedience that cannot coexist easily with the structures of modern society.

Vulnerability, the day-to-day being together kind, is not only risky, it is difficult. But this is an integral part of a true community. Church celebration should be the last day of the week, an expression of coming together as a community, according to the ideas Dr. Perkins experienced. Acts 2 and 4 best express the community that, ideally, the Kingdom on earth should be today.

There are a number of reasons why the body of Christ today is not the same as the early Church. One main reason is that Christians have accepted the modern way of living separate and private lives. Thus "Koinonia" has eroded because of our lack of vision and commitment. Christ did not fail. We did. This is the idealistic nature of the Christian communities.

Obedience to Jesus' teaching is another of the basic foundational beliefs of intentional Christian communities. They believe in Acts 2:44 and 45. They give up their personal property with the trust in God that they, in accordance with their act of obedience, will be provided for. In Luke 14:33, Jesus says that whoever will not forsake all that he has cannot be a disciple.

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# On His Way Down Under

*Elisabeth Bellamy*

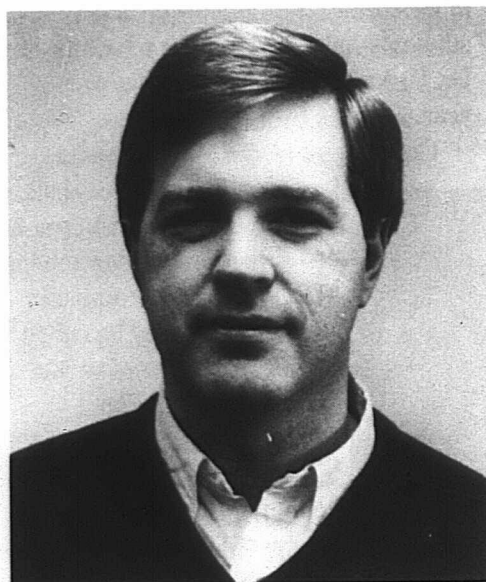
In Matthew chapter 28, Christians are faced with a challenging command: "go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to all nations." It is not often that people feel the Lord leading them to carry out this challenge in foreign countries, but one of the administrators at Houghton certainly has.

Wayne Macbeth, current Vice-President of Development, will be joining forces with Wesleyan World Mission at Kingsley College in Melbourne, Australia. There, he will serve as the Director of Missions Development and will have a part in coordinating the resources of the church, appointing people for missions work, appropriating gifts as necessary, and a host of several other activities.

Graduating from Houghton in 1975 as a Bible major, Macbeth continued studies at St. Bonaventure University where he received his MBA. He then returned to Houghton where, among other things, he has worked in Student Development, and served as Director of both Student Activities and College Relations.

Wayne and his wife Bonnie, who has served Houghton in Student Personell

and Career Development, with their two children, Christie and Scotty, will be leaving Houghton in mid-February to move to Australia. Macbeth emphasizes, however, that "We're not trying to get out of here." Rather, he explained, he simply feels a "sense of call" to work with Wesleyan World Mission. In fact, Macbeth desires to keep in close contact with Houghton. should the opportunity arise, he wants to feel free to call on the college to provide mission teams for various outreaches to countries around the world.



## '83 Houghton graduate to replace Macbeth

Melinda Trine, a 1983 Houghton College graduate, has been named Houghton's director of development upon the resignation of vice president for development, Wayne Macbeth. A native of Pittsford, MI, Ms. Trine first worked in Houghton's admissions office, then moved to the development office in 1987. Since 1989 she has been director of annual giving and capital campaign manager. This spring she will work at Houghton three-quarter time while continuing doctoral studies in higher educational administration at SUNY Buffalo. Ms. Trine already holds a master's degree in student personnel administration from that institution.

Of her, Houghton's president, Dr. Daniel R. Chamberlain, says, "I am confident Ms. Trine will provide excellent leadership to Houghton's development office. She has accepted numerous challenges since she became an administrator ten years ago, and she has filled every position with competence and creativity. Her experience and the respect of her colleagues will be wonderful assets in this new position."

Wayne Macbeth, who has worked at Houghton College for seventeen years, leaves to become director of missions development for Wesleyan World Missions at the denomination's Indianapolis, IN, headquarters.

## Announcing . . .

**The Singer Trilogy by Calvin Miller, adapted by Debra Cauvel, with original music by Dr. William T. Allen.**

**This is an Independent Study Project directed and produced by Debra Cauvel, involving a 25-member cast made up of students, faculty and community members.**

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## Men's Basketball

*Michael Maloney*

After two long NBA-type road trips and facing five nationally ranked teams the Highlanders now stand with a solid 8-8 record.

The Highlanders plowed through perhaps the toughest stretch in their schedule without two key players. Senior guard Dave Brocklehurst tore cartilage in his knee and may be out for the rest of the season. He was the team's third leading scorer at the time of his injury. Freshman guard Jason Weyforth was declared academically ineligible.

"Having Brock and Jason gave us so much depth off the bench. We are trying to feel our way through without them," Coach Steve Brooks say. Guards Brandon MacCartney and Adrian Brice have picked up some of the slack, Brooks adds.

Houghton went 2-1 on a week-long Florida excursion over Christmas break. They lost to Florida Southern (ranked #5 in NCAA Division II), but then beat Warner Southern and Flagler College. Darren Berkley had 24 points in the Flagler victory.

HC returned home and defeated rival Pitt-Brad 76-64. Berkley again led the

Highlanders with 22 points, and big man Mike Brundige followed with 15.

After losing to St. Vincent, 48-62, the Highlanders packed their bags for another voyage - this time to the Midwest. They first paired up against highly-ranked Tiffin University. "George [Weidmaier] was exceptional against Tiffin. He had 19 points," said Brooks. But George wasn't enough. Tiffin rocked HC 92-61.

Two days later they faced Taylor, a team which hasn't lost at home in 23 games. Houghton stayed in the game all the way to the end, but they couldn't keep Taylor from posting win number 24. Berkley scored 21 and Brundige had 14 in the 62-73 loss.

Brooks says that he is "a little disappointed," but overall he's "feeling pretty good where [they're] at."

"We could easily be 10-6 right now instead of 8-8. We've had a very tough schedule, but that will prepare us for the district playoffs which we hope to be in."

The Houghton College Classic will be held this Friday and Saturday with Keuka, D'Youville, and Taylor visiting. Come support the Highlanders as they hope to take the tournament title.

## Women's team 12-3

Over Christmas break Women's Basketball played against Wilmington, Columbia Union, Millersville State, Neumann, and Lincoln, finishing with a 2-3 record. On Saturday, Jan. 16, the team slam dunked Baptist Bible with a 103-61 win. High scorers were Lori Sheetz with 19 points and Tricia Atkinson with 14 points. Keuka College

also bowed to victorious Highlanders on Thursday, Jan. 21. Lori Sheetz (20 pts.) and Tracey Vincent (15 pts.) led the team to their 85-66 finish. The team's record stands at 12-3. On Saturday the Lady Highlanders play Hilbert at home. On Tuesday they again play at Houghton against Keuka.

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## Rich Perkins & "community"

Dr. Perkins is struggling with the idea that Christianity cannot fit in modern society and that either society must be changed or Christians must leave. He has seen himself through the eyes of the idealists of his sabbatical and recognizes his own lack of commitment to obedience. And he's the first to express his personal notion of property and greed. "I like my stuff," he admits.

The realization of this has, of course, affected him as a sociologist, with the classroom context and his life as a Houghton community member. He has felt the tremendous Christ-like qualities of the people here in Houghton, when his wife died with cancer four years ago. While he remains grateful, he also sees Houghton as "full of lonely, isolated people who still manage to sustain many communal involvements. We call ourselves a community, but we live private lives."

Dr. Perkins is currently reading Chuck Colson's exploration of the Church in *The Body* and finds the thematic idea of place and belonging in Jack Leax's poetry and Wendell Berry's work to be intriguing as well.

In a day of individualism, materialism, and secular humanism, perhaps these ideas should be explored more thoroughly. If the community of Christians can't be the base for discipleship, what else can? If we don't take Jesus seriously enough to act in obedience, (which is not, by the way, to be mistaken for a doctrine of works), then perhaps we need to examine what we do take seriously.

Stop by Dr. Perkins office in the NAB and start talking about the questions intentional Christian communities raise. Then think for yourself and see where it gets you. It might get you to the Mennonite Community of Plow Creek Fellowship in rural Tiskilwa, Illinois.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Considering the legacy and life of Dr. F. Gordon Stockin I would like to suggest that the Houghton College Board of Administration give consideration to naming the new academic building "F. Gordon Stockin Academic Building."

Dr. Stockin exemplified academic excellence from his student days, through his most lengthy tenure as a professor, and continued to manifest the same in his retirement. And he did this with integrity and joy and with kindness

to all. I believe that he leads the list of scholars produced by Houghton College and gave leadership in liberal arts that is ideal. He loved his Lord Jesus Christ, and all of us.

Yes, name the academic building "F. Gordon Stockin Academic Building." This done in his memory will remind future generations of a true scholar and Christian gentleman.

Very sincerely yours,  
G. Prinsell, M.D.  
Alumnus, Class of '48

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to John Hall's "Top Ten Things I Won't Miss About Houghton" that appeared in the last Star. John is creative, and I appreciate his humor. I would like to address one item in particular from his list—an item which perhaps was written down when he was reaching for those last couple of things to fill out his list of ten. I am talking about #3—"Those exciting field hockey games." I'm sure John knew this statement had the potential of hurting and angering quite a few different people. I am not, however, going to try to take away his right to free speech. He has a right to express his opinion. But those who read his list also have a right to hear a different opinion.

Field hockey is a difficult sport, both to play and to understand. It takes a team of very talented players to master the game. This year's team was exceptional, so exceptional that they

ended the season with the best record of all the fall sports teams. Just that fact is pretty exciting! The field hockey team has proven themselves to be a formidable foe to anyone who dares step on the field with them.

As I hear someone say this year, "If women's sports teams want to stop being treated as second class citizens, they need to come out and start supporting each other." So that's what I'm doing! And that's what I'm asking you to do. So to anyone who may have any misconceptions about field hockey, please give the sport and the team a chance to show you what real excitement is. When the fall season rolls around again, go to the games and learn the plays and rules. But be careful! Don't get too excited!

And to you awesome field hockey players: good job and good luck next season!

Jenny Smith

## ATTENTION

Anyone interested in holding a position on the Student Senate Cabinet for the academic year 1993-1994 must pick up a petition application form in the Student Senate office. Eligibility requirements for each position can be found outside the Senate office in the glass cabinet. Petitions are due back to the Senate office by 5:00 PM, Friday, February 5.

# fruits, nuts, & berries

Jen Garrison

The following is a transcript from the American Sociologists Annual Convention, July 14th, 2003. Keynote speaker Dr. Jasmine Maia Lierle addressed the assembly with a lecture from her new book: Systematic Oppression: Neo-Nazis Fundamentalists and Late 20th Century America:

Although oppression has always been an integral part of American life, it remains unclear if the movement in the latter quarter of the century was orchestrated or not. The world outside the United States erupted again and again in war and famine, disruption and overthrows, coups and demonstrations, oil spills and earthquakes. Through this, America sustained the image of the land of freedom, education, prosperity and women's rights. Under this glossy exterior racism, sexism, intolerance, and oppression lurked; study of this era leads to the conclusion that the elements were set into place intentionally.

Governmental control of the nation centered around one Caucasian male figure. It was by his standards and values the nation revolved. The abortion debate evidences this in the administrations of G. Bush and W. Clinton, two of the last presidential figureheads before the fall of capitalism. Bush brought his Christian views to office and imposed a "gag rule" on the population at large; he required funded clinics not to discuss abortion as an alternative with pregnant women. His first day in office, Clinton, following his own values, signed away this restriction on speech. Arbitrary values encoded as law inevitably end as excuses for further legislation and oppression.

Sociologists describe this era as anti-intellectual, paranoid, militant, intolerant, and phobic about sexuality. A backlash movement existed . . . one demanding equal rights for women, minorities and homosexuals. They demanded civil rights and freedoms for these groups, but lacked the power they could have attained by banding together. While a higher number of women were attending college, it was felt to be an unfortunate necessity for those who weren't already married and a way of filling four years for those on the verge of the marriage process. While a higher number of minorities (then defined as anyone not Caucasian and male) attended college, it was felt that they needed to be in "their place" and any minority or woman who succeeded was thought to be part of a quota or accused of having slept her way to the top. Homosexuals who were both male and Caucasian and had always attended colleges were increasingly denied access to jobs. This achieved two goals: companies could fulfill quotas without denying jobs to Caucasian males while rooting out undesirables.

This oppression did not exist in a vacuum and to understand this cycle fully we must begin analysis at birth, or even perhaps conception. Technology brought the 20th century the ability to discover gender and defects in the first trimester of pregnancy. Disclosure of gender made it possible for more accurate family planning as well as preparation in a color choice of pink or blue. Mothers dressed their young girls in pink frilly dresses. The difference in price between these lacy items and plainer, more durable "boys" items gave

mothers a reason to scold their daughters for mussing their hair, for playing in the dirt, for acting "not lady-like" and for forgetting to cross their legs while sitting. Derogatory language like "tom-boy" and "rough" was created to keep defiant girls in line.

Girls were allowed to attend school, but consistently received lower grades on papers and tests. When the girls did make higher marks, male students ridiculed them. Low-performing males were referred to as "girls" or "sissies" while artistic and sensitive males were called "effeminate" and "homos." This, in turn created a derogatory sense of the feminine and molded young boys to fit the desired expectations.

Toys that stimulated geometric and logic skills were segregated from "girl's" toys which were geared toward their role in the home: kitchen sets, brooms and dolls to care for and clean. Boys were cautioned not to engage in playing house except as income provider and they often "went to work" and left for the duration of the role play.

This gender separation continued as female children received compliments on their appearance. Their "natural" self-loathing was encouraged by popular magazines which depicted models whose image they could never achieve. A female's self-esteem became dependent on her appearance. At the same time, they were reminded that only "sluts" dressed in the manner which brought attention, and were cautioned against dressing provocatively. Few mentioned violence against women in any other context; it sounded poor in light of the men who committed the act.

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# Uff-da!

*Scott Hansen*

Well, I'm back. It's for you to decide whether that's good or bad. I hope all had a restful and enjoyable holiday season. I've been thinking quite a lot about this article and have decided to discuss a problem I've been having and think many can relate with. My problem is the same one that got Ole Scratch kicked out of heaven and ranked number one on the list of seven deadly sins. Yup, you guessed it, it's pride.

Pride is the most subtle of deceivers. It creeps up on you and takes you unaware. Without even realizing it, pride can consume and devour the unsuspecting victim. The blatant expression of this venomous state of mind is epitomized by extremist mind sets. There are those who out of pride think that God can not

forgive their sins, and there are those who at the other extreme would not dare associate with people who were, shall I say "sinners." Regardless of the extreme, pride has accomplished its goal. It has separated the individual from God or other people. It sets up divisions and builds walls all with our willing and able assistance.

Pride has very fertile soil in an academic institution such as Houghton College. Academics is prone to pride. By its very nature education creates the concept of the "enlightened" and the "unenlightened." This is not bad, but it can be when people's worth is determined upon their intelligence or number of books read. That's not how God determines someone's worth. He dies for all and rose for ALL! I have

been on the receiving and giving side of academic pride. It sure is fun to make somebody look real foolish in class until that someone is you. Pride hurts others and satisfies only self. Knowledge puffs up but love builds up.

I have a long way to come in my own battle against pride. It's hard for me to accept praise. I can take somebody ripping me apart. Sadly, I've almost come to expect this, but nothing will ruin you like success. I'm reminded of someone who I respect all the more for how he dealt with human praise. Alistair Begg, a CLEW speaker of last year, who, at the end of his week's ministry, received a standing ovation from the student body. I had never heard

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## In Memory of Dr. F. G. Stockin

"Hail, Running Bear! Don't scare me! I'm too old," I read as my sister Lightfoot stood guard. We had received another message under the grandfather clock from Big Chief Owl Feather, the patriarch of the two-story wigwam we were conquering. After negotiating the terms of surrender, Lightfoot and I proudly entered Owl Feather's study and approached the vanquished with our suction-cup arrows. He, in the midst of typing a letter, stopped and joined our tribe. Our celebration was subdued by

restrictions against peace-pipes and victory dances.

Life with Grandfather. For twelve years we shared his home, watching television on Sundays (against his wishes), making popcorn on weekends (for his pleasure), and creating music on demand (to his delight). For us his earlier life, his forty-three years teaching Latin and Greek at this college, remained distant and mythic. We knew him in his retirement, the years when he enjoyed cows, classics, and Katie Couric.

But beyond his beloved eccentricities, we knew him as a man obedient to his relationship with God. In pain we watched his heart rate and blood pressure decrease last Saturday, watched him peacefully die in the early evening; but with joy we imagine him sitting next to Vergil and St. John as he finally sings with perfect pitch.

We love you.

Kathleen, Keren, and Marjorie Stockin

# Redirecting election frustraton

Joel Tom Tate

The start of a new administration poses a test for each of us personally. There's the temptation to look at Clinton's early setbacks and broken promises and simply feel self-righteous. But a chorus of arrogant I-told-you-so's from the right wing will accomplish nothing. And it's tempting to get angry about Clinton's apparent pandering to the special interest groups. But anger alone never changes anything.

If you are disappointed in our new president it's unfortunate because it's too late. He's been lawfully elected and inaugurated and it's for us to support him as our nation's leader and to be praying for him at all times. Opposition directed at Clinton himself is effort in vain; better to be angry at the people who elected him. That's something that it's within our power to change.

It's easy to blame the media and bluster about the lengths that it went to in order to get Clinton elected. But the media didn't cast one vote and if people believed things that are now evident to be false then people are to blame. Eve was none the less guilty for having been lied to. So we can find fault with the media but we can't try to punish it for what we perceive to be license with the truth. Lashing out at the media will affect our society as much as destroying the TV in your room. Our job is to be as persistent in preaching the truth to persuade our neighbors as the popular media has been in saturating in society with their brand of propaganda. If you are frustrated with what strikes you as stubborn ignorance in your society, I would challenge you to trade in your frustration for activism. And at this point I'm no longer speaking strictly of

political activism. I do believe that God leads some to serve Him in politics, but Christian political activism often resembles someone running around frantically with pails to catch the rain water when the roof needs fixing.

Our nation's roof needs fixing, and we'd be fools to think we could do that ourselves. We need to be praying for our nation and for revival, while sharing our faith with those around us. Perhaps that's a facile solution, but what more can we do? I suppose that in the meanwhile it's our duty to do our best to minimize the damage done by a leaking roof. In future columns I hope to give some suggestions about possible means of social and political activism.

And always remember that the truth will set us free.

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# MAASTRICHT WHO?

In May I left Houghton for a semester abroad  
 "When I return things will be different," (I thought).

Upon my arrival to Houghton's snowy land  
 Few things had changed, they could be counted by hand.

The masses begin to queue up for lunch  
 Long before it opens, (what a curious bunch).

The table talk that ensues has much to desire  
 From trivia and complaining, few attempt higher.

Still so many are obliviously free  
 of any knowledge of Maastricht or even the ANC.

While returning the tray, one risks being blinded  
 By the superfluous shine of the wedding day minded.

Ringless hopefuls on the couches smooching away  
 Billing and cooing, "seizing the day."

But . . .  
 One thing has changed.

Although there is ample resource to add several more couplets, these aspects of Houghton life are somewhat insignificant. We could complain, criticize and cry over all those annoying features of campus dwelling until the snow melts. I don't deny my own indulgence in curses and tears.

But, something is different. There is a new spiritual climate on campus. Regardless of whether or not each of us is willing to be a part of it, we cannot disclaim its presence.

Although I did not care for Jimmy Johnson's style, wit or giggle, I must acknowledge the affects of CLEW on the lives around me. There is a conspicuously heightened sensitivity to the practice of faith, for some. Hopefully, it is more than a collective emotional response or mental assent.

It's too early to begin to label what the Lord is doing, and until we witness long lasting affects, we should abstain from trying.

Let's see how long it lasts this time. In the meanwhile, it is more pleasant to walk past two friends in prayer than rush by a pair of lovers in foreplay.  
 Shalom, Dalia

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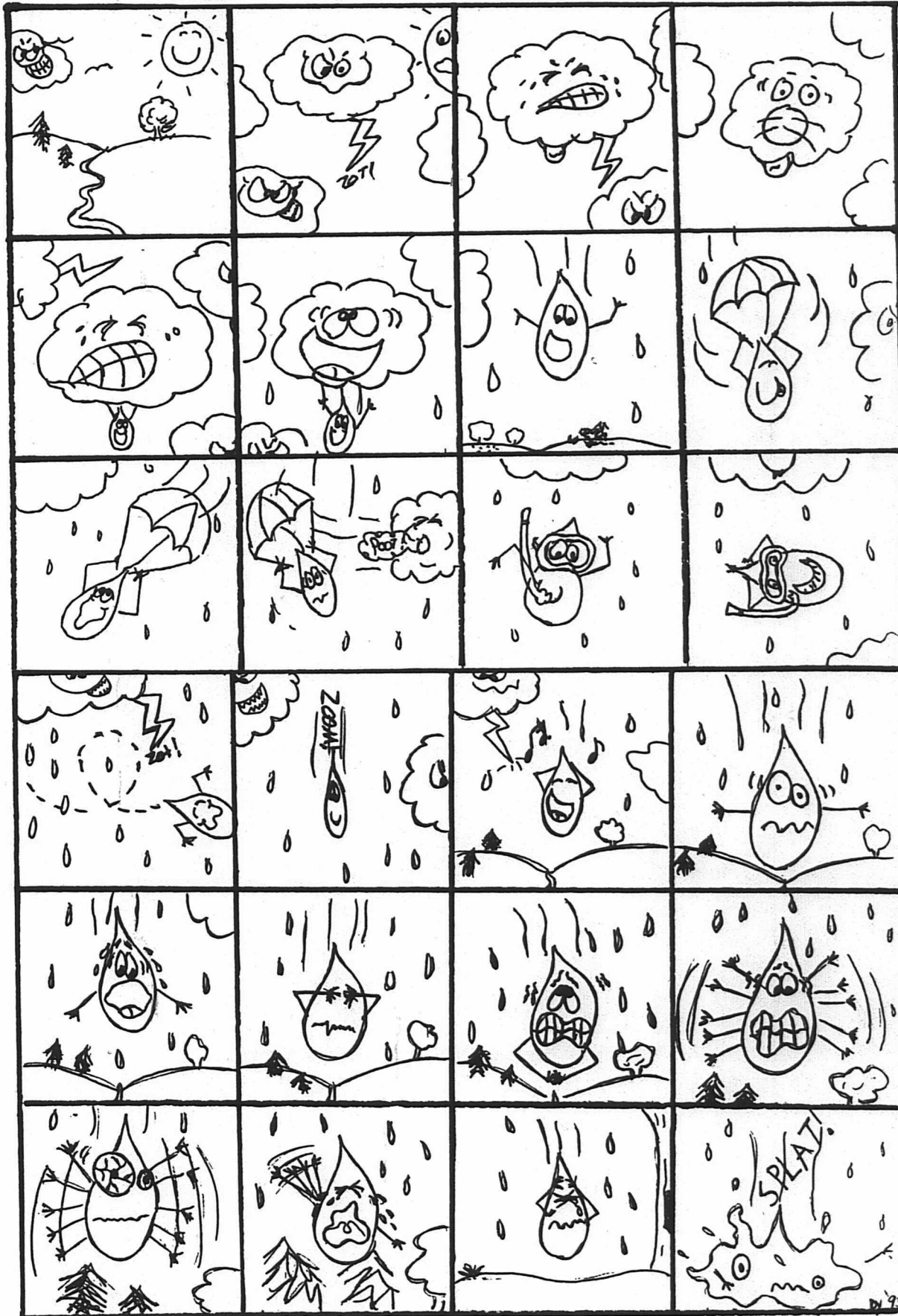
a speaker so warmly and enthusiastically sent off. He had gone off stage and the applause continued. He returned to the stage and in a scratchy but fervent voice began singing the hymn "To God Be The Glory." The applause ended as we all sang, and Alistair Begg crept off the stage

as the singing continued. God had been given the glory and not him. He directed our eyes off of him and back onto God where they belonged. That's humility. What would you have done?

Acknowledging that one has a special gift or has done a good job is not prideful.. We should

be as quick to praise others as we are to praise ourselves. When someone does a good job, let them know it. Let's not be Scrooges with our praise. Above all, remember that we only gain our worth in that God created and loves us. So be slow to criticize and quick to love.

# Life of a Raindrop



Darcie Yetter

