

Holy Hands ministers to 45 students, community at PSH

Students from Valley Forge Christian College use mime, drama and puppets to spread the word

by Melissa Stricker

Capital Christian Fellowship (CCF) welcomed "Holy Hands" to Penn State Harrisburg on March 25. The evangelistic mime-drama-puppet ministry is made up of 11 students affiliated with Valley Forge Christian College, Pheonixville, Pa.

"I was really impressed with Holy Hands from start to finish. I am amazed of how this was created. It is an original piece, not copied from someone else," said Mark Tomlinson, 26, an accounting major and president of CCF.

"It shows that the word of God can be used to minister," he continued. "There were about 45 people who came out from both the campus and the community. We were able to touch lives and that was the key."

Holy Hands was started four years ago by Jason Rising. Their mission is to penetrate the cities in the Northeast with the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in love, power and hope. The group's goal is to present a clear and relevant message of faith to the visually responsive, unchurched society through use of mime, drama, puppets and

the preaching of the word.

Rising, 25, said: "We have never been on a secular university campus. We enjoyed ourselves, but most of all this message that we are bringing is real to us through the images that we have on our minds."

He added, "We can actually see the tears people have cried at alters and see the words we have in our hearts about Jesus Christ."

Like many other campus outreach programs, CCF receives a lot of positive feedback from students. "The emotion inside this room was unbelievable," said Lindsay Fuddy, 21, a Material Science major.

PSH announces student awards results

The Student Awards ceremony was held April 5, with over thirty different awards handed out to outstanding students from Penn State Harrisburg. There were a few University and College awards as well as a large number of division awards. The following is a list of the winners..

University Awards- Joy L. Hartman, Laurie A. Klinke, Thomas Long, Jennifer L.

Elementary education major Tim Bond, 21, said, "It was an incredible display of God's love. God was here and working."

Kurt Bogart added, "I really enjoyed Holy Hands. It was a great ministry."

The requirements of the team include raising \$850 of personal support, committing ten hours a week during the fall and spring semesters for practice, and dedicating the months of May through August to travel during their actual ministry. The money goes toward makeup, new equipment, and traveling costs for the first week of their tour.

Jodi Nearhoof, 24, and Sean O'Dell, 19, are new members of Holy Hands. Nearhoof said: "God really spoke to a lot of people. Whether they are bound by drugs, alcohol, or sex, I believe a lot of people were set free

tonight, both saved or unsaved. This is something they can remember."

"I think God will call this campus to a state of repentance, whether they came to the altar or not," O'Dell added. "People will respond to God's call. They will get their hearts right."

For their part, CCF has held many events in the past including a Ghotti Hook concert. However, this was probably the most memorable for the group because it allowed them to actually be a part of the production.

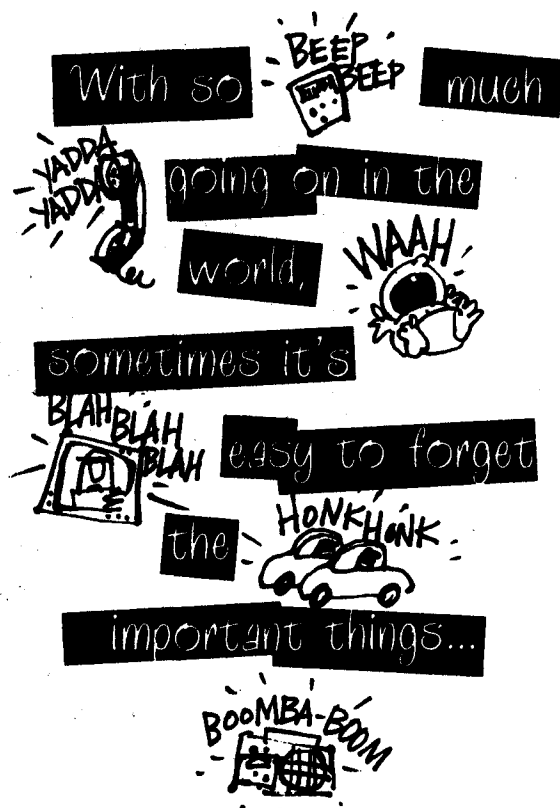
For more information on Holy Hands and their tour dates, e-mail them at Acts29@prodigy.com. CCF holds regular meetings on Thursday afternoons from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Olmsted Building, room E207.

Long, Jennifer L. Rogers, Kathy A. Russo, Linda Tully and John W. Segnor.

College Awards- Makito Yurita and Matthew Hayden.

Division Awards- Michelle S. O'Brien, Amanda Zimmerman, Susan Van Zile, Beth A. Biery, Lori Machara, Yvette Bailey, Venus Mintz, Constance E. Roland, Susan Baugh, Heather Rugg, Lois Imblum, Jason

M. Allen, Marc A. Crum, Jesse Gutierrez, Mary Jane Russelburg, Mark D. Shaffer, Lewis K. Webster, Jon B. Smith, Thomas R. Stauffer, Barbara G. Deppen, Mark J. Zvorsky, Joel Sattazahn, Hans Royer, Renu S. Chandra, Chad M. Enck, Scott R. Bainbridge, Jennifer Boyer Werner, Benjamin A. Pratt, Samantha J. Siok, Matthew L. Burkholder and Robert J. Opsitos.



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