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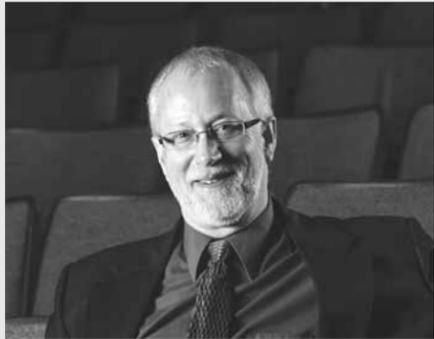
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Roberts Cultural Life Center Anticipates Exciting Year Ahead

By Susan LeDoux

It's clear that David Dunn, Director of the Roberts Cultural Life Center, loves his job. For the past fifteen years, this theater manager (and musician) has driven to Roberts Wesleyan College campus, hung his hat in his guitar and photo filled office, and relished interacting with his staff, Wesleyan students, big (and a little less big) name performers and their representatives.



David Dunn, Director of the Roberts Cultural Life Center.

Pavarotti rehearsed in the Center's Hale Auditorium, where just last week the Annie Moses Band wowed the audience.

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7 Reasons To Go To Summer Camp!

By Nathan Welton, www.hopevalleycamp.com

Summer camp at Hope Valley Retreat Center in Western New York can be an affordable vacation for the whole family. Not only do your children enjoy the benefit of time away and making new friends, but mom and dad get a relaxing break with a quiet home for a few days.

Summer Camp Culture!



Photo by Hope Valley Retreat Center

If you have never had the experience of attending summer camp in the past it is hard to explain the full value of the experience in just a few words, but I will try. There is some-

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An Interview With Dr. Gregory Alan Thornbury, President Of King's College

By Susan LeDoux

Located in the heart of New York City, King's College stands alone. Not because it is a Christian College, and not because it sits in what Pope Paul II called “the capital of planet earth.” Study its website at www.tkc.edu and you will realize this is a small college (current student body size of 510) with one purpose: to shape culture.

In an interview with Dr. Gregory Alan Thornbury, *The Good News* reflected this observation. His response was swift and emphatic.

“Ah! You've got it! Everything in an institution should flow downstream from the mission statement. The Mission Statement of King's College is: through the truths of Christianity and a Biblical worldview, King's College prepares students for careers in which they will help to shape, potentially lead strategic public and private institutions.”

Hence, the handful of undergraduate degree programs (Business; Finance; Media Culture and the Arts; Politics Philosophy and Economics; and Religious and Theological Studies) prepare students to impact areas of law, finance, art, entertainment, film media, journalism, to



Photo by King's College

Dr. Gregory Alan Thornbury

name a few strategic engines of culture.

The distinctive Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Major is based on Oxford, England's

PPE degree dating back to 1920, and, according to Thornbury, is a “proven winner.” He referred to an article in which the writer wondered if there was a conspiracy because ten out of twelve of David Cameron's ministers were graduates of Oxford's PPE. “No,” Thornbury said, “PPE graduates know how to run stuff.”

He noted that, with too many available choices of majors, students are more likely to drift from one to another. “There's a pretty reliable set of information about Western civilization that you need to know; and it basically goes from Plato to NATO.” Consequently, basing curriculum on that premise, he believes King's College graduates will more likely “see things at a higher level, than someone who was just focused on technical, pragmatic stuff when they went to college.”

“When you look at our majors, we're sending students into the publishing houses; the big financial firms in New York City. These are things that shape culture. That's why we're very much focused in the majors we have. Other majors like engineering, chemistry, nursing; wonderful, worthy professions, all of them, they're more on the side of keeping civilization running, but not creating culture.”

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The Lord Is Rocking His Thousand Hills Camp And Conference Center

By Jennifer Lamey

Take a break from the hustle and bustle to re-focus at His Thousand Hills. Located 15 miles from route 15 in the beautiful rolling hills of Pennsylvania, His Thousand Hills Camp and Conference Center offers guests a beautiful getaway in a Christ-loving atmosphere. Driving through historic Wellsboro, PA you will find a quaint, tourist-friendly town, with gas lamps lighting Main Street. The town boasts one of the original Diner cars and Dunhams department store that just celebrated its 100th birthday. Beyond the town you will follow the winding roads to the camp. Guests are known to say, “I thought, wow, what could be up here on the top of a hill?” It might just be the best kept secret! As you enter the camp your adventurous nature will stir with the sight of the large climbing tower. This is just the beginning of your unforgettable time at His Thousand Hills.

The camp began in 1960 as a Baptist Evangelist Boy's Ranch which thrived until the late 70's. In 1979 Tom Uber acquired the property and changed the name from Tioga Youth Ranch for Boys to His Thousand Hills. In 2005, when Mr. Uber retired, Todd and Julia Moss answered the Lord's call to take over the ministry with their four homeschooled children. Prior to becoming the camp director and operations manager Todd and Julia owned a successful home security business in New York. Mr.



Photo by His Thousand Hills Camp

His Thousand Hills Camp and Conference Center offers guests a beautiful getaway in a Christ-loving atmosphere

Moss utilizes the knowledge and experience he gained running his own business every day at His Thousand Hills. His quick business mind has helped the camp become more financially stable and see yearly growth. Mrs. Moss re-

members the early days of life at HTH, “our feet hit the ground running,” and they haven't stopped since. The Moss' main goal was to revamp current buildings before adding more

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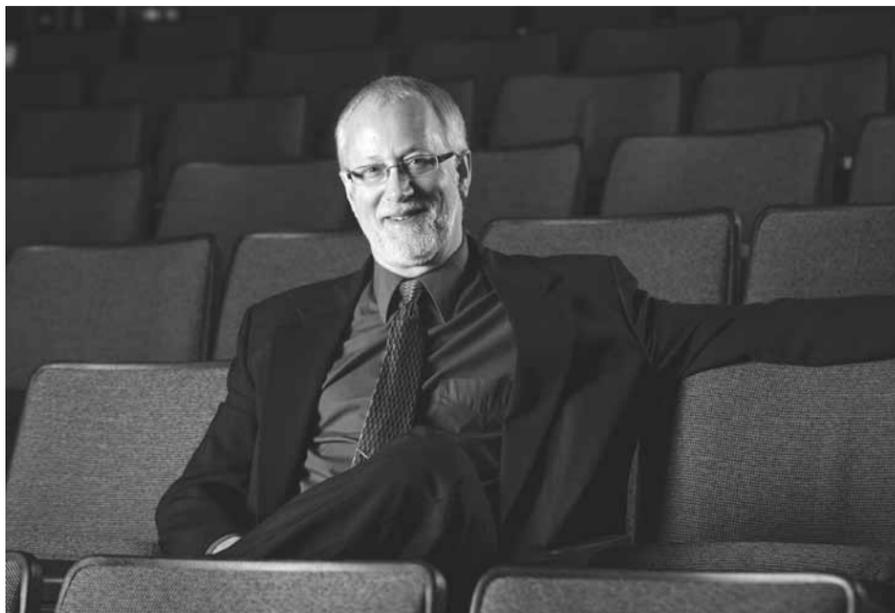
"Oh my goodness," he said, "They were one of the best groups we've ever had here. The quality of musicianship - Julliard trained, classical crossovers, and believers. Everyone is related, except the drummer. They start with a string quartet, with two violins, a viola, and cello. Then they add a piano, bass drums, guitar, harp, and mandolin. The voices are angelic. That good! It was quality entertainment where people walk away and go 'wow!'"

His enthusiasm extends to the organizations that provide entertainers for his venue. Kingdom Bound Ministries, which puts on the three day annual Festival at Darien Lake, has worked with Dunn, as well as with Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary, for over twelve years. Kingdom Bound Ministries books one concert each year in the Athletic Center, which can hold 2,500 people.

The Lighthouse Events, a Christian concert ministry based in Maine, recently brought Laura Story to the Cultural Life Center. Story won the Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Christian Music Song as well as the Billboard Music Award for Top Christian Song, both in 2012. Just this September, the Cultural Life Center featured the Rend Collective of Ireland, now one of their hottest groups. It was a "sold out concert which was just wonderful." Dunn added, "We're looking to do more with them in the future."

Through his friends at Trinity Communications in Indiana, Dunn has booked Ernie Haas + Signature Sound, as well as Mark Lowry, a Southern Gospel musician and comedian.

Dunn is looking forward to the performance, just booked for November 6, 2016, of another comedian: the popular Tim Hawkins. According to Dunn, his performance last year was so well



David Dunn, Director of the Roberts Cultural Life Center.

attended, they ended up adding a matinee to the evening show. This coming year, Hawkins will perform in the larger Athletic Center.

Dunn describes his contacts with these various organizations as a "God thing."

"Bob from Trinity Communications called me one day and said, 'I hear you put on concerts. We're looking to put them on in your area.'"

"Same with Jeff Wall from The Lighthouse Events. It's just networking and a God thing the way he puts people in touch at the right time. We have our area of influence. Kingdom Bound has their area of influence. Others have areas of influence. As we market together, we get bigger crowds."

Dates are filling for 2016. For the Baby

Boomers, April will bring The Hit Men, featuring the music and former stars who played with names like Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, and Tommy James and the Shondells.

This coming year is also the Cultural Life Center's 20th anniversary, so to celebrate, major concerts audiences loved in the past, will return. You can look forward to The Brass Transit out of Chicago, musicians from Nashville, and other top names.

Dunn believes diversity of artists is a great thing. Theater programming at the Center is growing too. Last week, Wesleyan theater minors put on *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. "The makeup, scenery, had impact," he said. "The cast was zealous about what they were doing. I would like to have productions by theater majors also."

While Roberts Cultural Life Center is attracting bigger names and sold out audiences, it is always part of Roberts Wesleyan College. Every Monday brings students and faculty together for chapel in Hale Auditorium, and not infrequently, Dunn joins in the music worship.

"Students come first. You can quote me on that," Dunn asserted when asked about scheduling events. Because Hale Auditorium can hold 1000 people, and they continue to upgrade lights and sound equipment, it has become a popular venue to book by outside promoters.

"We continually have people knocking on the door. It's a great thing. We like to help as many as we can. Concerts and college needs come first and we book around that."

To visit Roberts Cultural Life Center to learn more, go to www.roberts/clc.



Roberts Cultural Life Center

USA TODAY Ranks Houghton College Number Six In Nation, As A Best College For The Money

(Houghton, NY) - According to a recent ranking by *USA TODAY*, Houghton College has placed sixth in the nation and number one in New York in their list of Best Colleges for the Money.

Houghton also has another significant ranking: it is the number one school out of top ten requiring the least amount of time for a student to graduate.

Eric Currie, vice president for enrollment management at Houghton, commented, "The average student at Houghton graduates in only 4.1 years, which allows the student to more quickly enter the job market or grad school."

The National Center for Education Statistics says that the majority of college students take about six years. This means that the average Houghton student graduates in 33 percent less time than the majority of other college students in the nation.

"Houghton represents yet another religious college on this list. Houghton emphasizes faith and spirituality while teaching a curriculum from a Christian worldview perspective," said *USA TODAY*. "The average yearly cost of at

this school is \$18,000, and the average student graduates in 4.1 years, bringing the total degree cost to \$74,300. This makes Houghton a great value compared to schools of similar caliber."

Using College Factual, a research site that, according to *USA TODAY*, "identifies schools that have good outcomes for students (high graduation rates, low student loan default rates, etc.) as well as a reasonable price tag for the quality they offer. The total degree cost of the school is found by multiplying the average net price (for all students including those receiving aid) by the average time to graduate."

Coupling the above ranking with the addition of Houghton College's new data science program and pending approval of its new music industry program along with the recent construction of the \$23 million Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex and, most recently, their women's soccer team winning a national title, Houghton is quickly becoming a standout among Christian liberal arts colleges.

For more information about Houghton College, please visit www.houghton.edu.



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