

Area briefs

**Houghton ensemble
in Syracuse for show**

HOUGHTON – An acclaimed musician and author will share conducting duties when the Houghton College Symphonic Winds Ensemble performs at the New York State Band Directors Association Symposium in Syracuse on Friday and Saturday.

The ensemble will entertain audiences Friday at Eastern Hills Bible Church in Manlius at 7 p.m. and again Saturday at Doubletree Hotel at 7:30 p.m. Their performance will feature legendary guest conductor Frank L. Battisti.

**Conversation that
matters is slated**

OLEAN – Christ United Methodist Church and Houghton College will host speaker Dr. J. Matthew Sleeth as part of their “Conversations that Matter” series.

Dr. Sleeth will discuss “Creation Care: The Story of a Transformed Life” at the March 16 event, which will be held at the church, 633 Linwood Ave., at 7 p.m.

“Conversations that Matter” gives people the opportunity to explore complex topics. The discussion series is designed to help people think from the Christian perspective.