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New “Year of the Woman”? New York State Elects Ocasio-Cortez

MELISSA HODDE

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, 29, became the youngest woman ever elected to Congress when she won the seat for New York’s 14th congressional district. This year’s midterm election is shaping up to be the next “Year of the Woman”, a label ascribed to 1992 after a record-breaking number 24 female elections - a record which has been broken once more with at least 112 women elected to Congress on November 7th, according to the Los Angeles Times. In addition, the first ever Muslim women - democrats Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar - have been elected this term, as well as the first Native American women - Sharice Davids and Deb Haaland, also democrats. Finally, numerous other victories for representation of intersectional women have taken place in this election, including those for black and Latina women running for Congress in specific areas of the country. Ocasio-Cortez in particular stands out for her



ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ SPEAKS TO DEMOCRAT KERRI EVELYN HARRIS

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emphasis on issues independent of partisan labels, as well as breaking a stunning array of intersectional barriers in one motion. A portion of her speech in response to her congressional victory is recorded below:

“This is what is possible

when everyday people come together in the collective realization that all our actions, no matter how small or how large, are powerful, worthwhile, and capable of lasting change. Words cannot express my gratitude to every organizer,

every small-dollar donor, every working parent, and every dreamer who helped make this movement happen. And that’s exactly what this is: not a campaign or an election day, but a movement - a larger movement for social, economic, and ra-

cial justice in the United States of America. When I started this campaign a year ago, I was working in a restaurant in downtown Manhattan and . . . we didn’t launch this campaign because I thought I was special or unique or better than anyone else. We launched this campaign because in the absence of anyone else giving a clear voice on the moral issues of our time, then it is up to us to voice them. We launched this campaign because no one was clearly and authentically talking about issues like the corrupting role of money in politics, the disturbing human rights violations committed by ICE, by the fact that no one was giving voice to the idea and the notion that an entire generation is graduating with crippling loads of student loan debt, a ticking time bomb for our economy. No one was talking about these issues, and when no one talks about them, we have the duty to stand up for what is right. I think about,

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Prospective STEM Students Break Record

JOHANNA FLOREZ

Houghton’s STEM visit day on October 26 attracted the school’s largest-ever turnout of prospective students interested in science and math programs.

A total of forty-seven prospective students participated in receiving an in-depth look at what they might experience as Houghton STEM students. The visit day included campus tours, information sessions with faculty, classes and lunch with current students, and a hands-on lab experience. Prospective students were grouped by discipline to spend time with the professors, older students, and other prospectives who share their specific interests.

Houghton has offered STEM visit days since 2014, but this was a “phenomenal year” for turnout according to Miriam Case, the Academic Coordinator for the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division. “Coming as a large group builds excitement for [prospective students] to envi-



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sion themselves as an incoming the same studies they do. Their existing friend groups might not contain any students who are similarly passionate about STEM fields, so visit days open

up the possibility for this kind of bonding before college. This year’s visitors especially enjoyed meeting department faculty and interacting

with current students over lunch in the dining hall. “The current student perspective is so important to prospective students,” says Betsy Rutledge, the Associate Director of Admission Events and Office Operations. “No brochure or video that the Admission Office produces can ever replace the valuable testimonials of current students.”

Rather than attending isolated sample classes, prospective students sat in on “real” classes in biology, chemistry, physics, data science, or math. For their lab experience, they worked in teams to program the Science Honors robotic cars to drive through an obstacle course. These are the type of experiences that stick with students considering Houghton. Melissa Hodde, a junior majoring in environmental biology and writing, can still recall details of a STEM visit day she attended in 2015: the tour guide’s excitement about a miniature particle accelerator; a slide of a microscope tardigrade that Dr.

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International Perspectives // Canada



DAVID KRALT

There’s much discussion around the state of American politics with the election last Tuesday, November 6. The upcoming American election could prove to be a massive turning point for the country. But what about their neighbours to the North? For those of you who follow any form of North American politics, you might be able to recognize that Canada doesn’t have the most popular politician in government right now.

Some Canadians feel Justin Trudeau, the current Prime Minister, has continuously made a fool of Canada throughout the world. Some feel that he’s been

fairly inadequate. Trudeau has led the way into Canada’s crippling debt. At the beginning of his term, Trudeau’s Liberal government promised a \$10 billion deficit, and a balanced government budget by 2020. Not only has that failed to happen, but the deficit increased to \$18 billion. On top of that, many of Canada’s strongest economic powers were cut down at the knees.

The Canadian Liberal government prevented the construction of a vital oil pipeline across the country, but once they realized that Canada did in-fact, need said pipeline, they pushed for it as if they had all along. Canada’s debt doesn’t end there. Ontario houses 14.19 million people as of a 2017 census, nearly 40 per cent of Canada’s 36 million. However, Ontario’s debt is greater than the GDP of 75 percent of countries. To pay it off, every person in Ontario would need to pay around 23 thousand dollars. Canada is a bit of a mess right now.

This is what makes Canada’s upcoming Election on Monday, October 21, 2019 so important. Trudeau’s main opposition is Progressive Conservative Andrew Scheer, who has

already garnered the support of many conservatives, and people who normally wouldn’t vote PC. Andrew Scheer needs to attain only 73 more seats in Parliament to become Prime Minister, a difference that he is almost ensured to make up.

Here’s where Canadian politics differ from American. Canada is not a two-party system. Instead, Canada boasts six parties, albeit three of them do have great difficulty getting votes. These parties are the New Democratic Party led by Jagmeet Singh, the Green Party led by Elizabeth May,

Bloc Québécois led by Mario Beaulieu, and the very recent People’s Party of Canada led by ex-conservative Maxime Bernier.

The NDP need to attain 129 seats for Jagmeet Singh to become prime minister; a difficult, but not impossible task to accomplish. The latter three however need a staggering 160-169 seats each. They are unlikely to achieve this, but can still make a difference in the polls by their mere existence. Canada’s power dynamic is far more varied than America and leads to some very interesting

elections.

The 43rd election for Canada is going to be an interesting one. While Americans might not always pay attention to their Northern cousins, this time it just might be worth watching.★

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Courtesy of the Toronto Star

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oftentimes, that incredible day on June 26th, when despite no attention, despite no media fanfare, despite the fact that no one wanted for us to get the word out on what was going on, we were able to organize everyday people knocking on our neighbor’s door, and despite being out spent four million dollars, eighteen or thirteen to one, despite the fact that we were running against a ten-term incumbent, despite the fact that it was our first time running for office, despite the fact that we didn’t have the money, despite the fact that I’m working class, despite all those things - we won.”

The crowd chants, “Si se puede!” [“Yes you can!”]

“Si se puede! Gracias! And

I think about the excitement that was unleashed on that day not just in our community not just the sense of hope, not just the sense of realization that we can organize to enact change, not that it just got unleashed here, but it got unleashed across the nation, and to our down-ballot candidates this September. I think about that excitement, because what was so interesting to me was that it was not a partisan fight that led to that. It was not a partisan victory that led to the unleashing of that excitement. Because I think we all know deep down here and across the country that our deepest challenges are not left and right, they are not red and blue, they are top and bottom, they are right and wrong.” ★

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Ransom Poythress showed; Dr. James Wolfe’s tales of tracking coyotes. Hodde considers this type of visit “absolutely essential.” “Prospective students don’t come here to eat pizza and hear about the creekstone buildings,” she says. “They come here to see what we’re really made of, and what they’ll really be studying if they choose Houghton.”

As more students approach their college search with specific major interests in mind, Houghton will continue to offer subject-specific visit days, especially for STEM, Equestrian, and Music, some of its most signature programs. ★

Houghton Highlander Upcoming Games for November 2018

- Women’s Basketball vs University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in Houghton, NY at 6:00 PM
- Lacrosse at NCAA Atlantic Regional Championships in Glassboro, NJ at 11:00 AM
- Men’s Basketball vs Geneseo in Houghton, NY at 7:00 PM
- Women’s Basketball vs Morrisville (Brockport Tournament) in Brockport, NY at 5:00 PM
- Men’s Basketball vs University of Rochester in Rochester, NY at 6:00 PM
- Lacrosse at NCAA Championships (location TBD) at 11:00 AM
- MBB vs University of Rochester Tournament in Rochester, NY (time TBD)
- Women’s Basketball at Brockport Tip-Off Tournament in Brockport, NY (Location TBA)
- Women’s Basketball vs Alfred State in Houghton, NY at 5:30 PM
- Men’s Basketball vs Alfred State in Houghton, NY at 7:30 PM
- Women’s Basketball vs Wells in Houghton, NY at 5:30 PM
- Men’s Basketball vs Wells in Houghton, NY at 7:30 PM

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Religious Diversity in Houghton

PAIGE COLLINS

The Religious Diversity in Houghton column hopes to explore the wealth of diversity on campus and give students a chance to express their beliefs.

Honus Wagner, a student here at Houghton College, is a part of the Roman Catholic Church. However, this was not always the case, as he testifies that “I’m actually a convert, I became a Catholic after being Evangelical a short time when I was in high school.” He explains that what caused him to convert was “discovering what the Church actually taught and finding myself actually believing it.” Honus continues that he was “attracted to the historical dimension, and the sacraments, especially the eucharist; where we believe that Christ is truly present. That immense gift drew me to the faith above all else.”

To give a quick look at an average Roman Catholic Church service; the mass is divided into two parts, liturgy of the word, and liturgy of the Eucharist. This is consists of opening rights, a hymn, a procession, and a song in which the congregation prays and asks God for forgiveness of their sins. “Gloria in excelsis deo”, glory to God in the highest, is sung, followed a prayer for the day. Reading from the Scripture includes a reading from the Old Testament, a responsive Psalm, and a New Testament, as well as a reading from one the Gospels. The priest then gives a short homily, followed by the Apostles and Nicene Creed. After the prayers of the faithful, the offertory takes place, accompanied by a prayer over the gifts. After the congregation sings once again, the Eucharistic prayer takes place. Once the bread and wine are concentrated, the congregation pray together to the Father, and receive Holy Communion. To conclude, the church is dismissed to go out into the world to serve the Lord.

To understand Roman Catholicism a little more in depth, Honus explains that “[The] Eucharist is really the center of our lives as Catholics.” Honus continues, “somethings that’s often misunderstood about Catholics is our devotion to Mary and the Saints, which I find a very beautiful thing, but is often misunderstood and can come off as a bit excessive. I would challenge people to look more into it. Yeah they’re humans, but we believe that the Church isn’t separated by death and that those who are in the Church in heaven are interested in the Church here below... we are in communion with the Saints up in heaven as well as on earth”

Honus continues “I especially like Saint Teresa of Calcutta for her emphasis on serving the poor and her mysticism on satiating the thirst of Jesus. She’s a very big inspiration for me, I’m currently majoring in international development so something I’m very attached to is that serving the poor and doing it with the eyes of Christ. Her mysticism especially has encouraged me and I find myself turning to her.”

When asked what are some of his most cherished aspects of his faith and the Roman Catholic Church, Honus responded “the Eucharist above all” and continued to testify “I love both the mass (or divine liturgy, called different things in different rites) and receiving communion. There’s a practice of Eucharistic adoration where we worship Jesus in the blessed sacrament, usually in silence. Just kneeling before Him in that setting I find very beautiful and it’s always very comforting. Especially if you’ve had a rough day or if everything is falling apart in your life, it’s great to go to Jesus in the blessed sacraments.”

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Houghton STAR Rerun

This rerun column features various Houghton STAR articles from our archives. These articles do not contain current information, but are meant to show the past culture and events on Houghton Campus throughout the College’s history This particular article is from Volume 1 Issue 1 of the STAR published in February 1909.

J. A. MCPHERSON

O Muse, come, sing a song to me,
Of Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.
How in the days not long gone by,
‘Twas -Jockey Street” to passers-by.
Old men most wise and ladies too
Tell us these tales, we believe they’re true:
How J. L. Sullivan. the lighter great,
Walked the street with heavy weight;
Jockeys drove nags to quickest time.
When the roads were good and the weather fine.
They sang this song as they rode along:
They sang it lustily, they sang it strong:
Of all the places I love most to be
Tls Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.

O Muse, these people further tell,
That Jockey Street was a gate to Hell:
Men gathered here, on the sacred day,
To curse and to swear, to race and to play.
One day there came to Tucker Hill
A man with a purpose, an inborn will,
To do the right. for the good to pray.
To fight all evil night and day.
He came to work and he came to do.
He came with a purpose firm and true.
He sang the old song to a different tune.
He sang it merrily as birds in June:
Of all the places I love most to be
‘Tis Houghton. Houghton on the Genesee.

He chose a sight at the foot of the street.
Where lofty hills and valleys meet.
He worked away in sunshine and rain,
He worked away, ‘twas not in vain;
His heart was brave, his hand was true,
He worked in brick and mortar too,
Till yonder walls, Houghton Sem, in name,
Rose to view both bold and plain.
He sent out a call for holy men
To fill the halls of Houghton Sem.
The students came, the great and the small:
They came singing that’s best of all:
Of all the places I love most to be
‘Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.

Time went on, it marked each day.
Jockey and fighter passed away.
The good old man has gone to his rest,
He’s now reclining on Jesus’ breast.
The school goes on, it has prospered well.
The town is called, not the gate of Hell,
‘Tis the way of Heaven, the town of God,
‘Tis the home of the pilgrim, ‘Tis free from the rod.
His saints are victorious, the Sabbath they keep.
They come at his call, they follow like sheep;
They shout as they walk; the welkin doth ring,
As marching along, they triumphantly sing:
Of all the places I love most to be
‘Tis Houghton, Houghton the Genesee.

O Muse, one thing I would question about,
Why went Jockey and racehorse out?
What means this praise in hearts athrob
Instead of the cursing yelling mob.
Why is it now, instead of the race,
We meet the student with earnest face?
‘Twas the school, you say? You speak right well.
‘Twas the school, indeed, closed the gate of Hell,
But who made the school? [N]ot the holy man,
He laid the foundation, he set the plan.
But you, fellow students, as you’ve marched along.
Have made the school by singing the song:
Of all the places I love most to be
‘Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee.

Now, fellow students, the Muse will relate
The future of Houghton, her fate and your fate.
Just as her past has been moulded by you
There hangs her future. plastic ‘tis true,
Just waiting your hand, skilled in the art,
To mould and to fashion each beauteous part.
The bulwarks of Houghton are not in her walls:
The defence of our college is not in her halls;
Ye are the bulwarks; and yours is the shame
If Houghton goes backward, not onward in fame.
Press into the battle; march bravely along,
Shouting in triumph, and singing the song:
Of all the places I love most to be
‘Tis Houghton, Houghton on the Genesee. ★

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CAB Questions Answered

TYGER DOELL

At the Homecoming dance, the music is blaring, students all around are having a great time, and Snapchats are being recorded at an increasing rate. Amidst the bops and high-heeled shoes, however, there are a few people slipping around unnoticed. One adjusts the lights above the dance, while another holds a bundle of balloons, tying them to various places around the gym. Rewind the scene back to a few hours previous, and you'll find these same people in casual clothes setting up the snack tables, carrying in DJ equipment, and stringing lights from the railings.

Who are these people, you may wonder? They are none other than the Campus Activities Board, Houghton's unsung event planning heroes. Ask anyone on the street, and the answers they give you as to what the Campus Activities Board (CAB) does will usually consist of "Homecoming" or "Shenoween." But upon closer examination of the club and what they do, one will find that they actually play a more integral role on the campus than most might imagine.

"We make things happen," is the short answer given by sophomore student and first-year CAB member Emmy Erisman. Looking around the campus, it's not hard to see what she means. The organization is responsible for the majority of the events that happen around campus. They plan the coffeehouses which

happen in Java every Thursday, run the CAB Clubs that happen at sporting events, and provide materials and resources to the various parts of campus who ask for them. According to Erisman, however, the organization tends to be under-utilized around campus. "I wish we could be less compartmentalized on campus," she says, "CAB has so many great materials that the campus could benefit from!"

The student director of CAB and senior Abigail Taylor, agrees. "We're a small staff, but we do very big things," she explains, "I wish more people knew who we are and that we work really hard every week." Taylor describes the typical week for a CAB rep: four office hours a week, in addition to a weekly meeting on Tuesday nights. Taylor also meets with each member of CAB bi-weekly to discuss events and check on the student's overall well-being. Much of the member's spare time, she explains, is spent planning for the events and advertising for them.

Throughout the process, the members themselves seem to be happy to serve the rest of campus. "We like it when people enjoy the little details we put into our events" says junior CAB member and social media director for the organization Chenoa Berg. She runs the organization's Facebook page (CAB at Houghton College) as well as their Instagram page (@cab_houghton), and uses these pages to promote the events and get the word out about events that are happening around campus run by CAB. "We try to use our social media as a virtual poster of sorts to let everyone know what's going on," she says. She explains that, with a



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CAB members are responsible for many campus activities throughout the year.

more digital world, it's important to advertise digitally as well as with physical posters. Aside from the advertising use, Berg also cites that the social media pages are a way for the organization to give back to those who attend their events. "Often times, the only way students can get photos from events like Shenoween is through our Facebook page," she says, "but we like it that way, because it's almost like a personal thank you from us to them for attending and enjoying our event."

Overall, in fact, CAB seems more thankful to the students than anything else. Carly Cronin, a sophomore and new member of the CAB staff this year, says that "see-

ing people enjoy the things we do is one of the things I like most about CAB." Berg says the same thing about her motivations for being on CAB: "we want people to come to our events and enjoy them." While the members love seeing people at their events, however, they stress the importance of attendance and feedback. "In order to serve campus," she explains, "we need to understand the campus. We want to hear what students want, but we can't serve you at our events if you don't come!" In addition, any students who are interested in potentially joining the CAB team or learning more about them can contact them through

their email at cab@houghton.edu

That being said, Taylor did let slip a new event in the works for the CAB team: the Match Game. Similar to the Match Game television show, the game will feature guest "celebrity" professors and a student host. Students who attend have a chance to win prizes, some of which, she says, are pretty big. "If you want a chance to be in the game, definitely come," she says, "but there will also be prizes for the audience too." The Match Game will be in the Wesley Chapel on Saturday November 17th from 8-10PM.★

Photo of the Week

BRYCE BELLAN



Houghton’s Archives Unveil History

KAYLA SIMMONS

The Archives resides in the basement of the library, a horde of historical treasures telling the story of Houghton College from its very beginnings to the present day. Started in 1981 in preparation for Houghton’s 1983 centennial celebration, the Archives has been an integral part of preserving the history of the college. Housing a plethora of records, photos, and memorabilia, “The Archives collects, organizes, preserves, and makes accessible materials critical to understanding the historic, present, and future mission of Houghton College and to nurturing identity, purpose, and unity in the College community,” according to the library website.

The Archives serve a multitude of people on campus, from President Mullen gathering information, to students doing research papers, to CAB members looking for riddles. Habecker mentioned that she also gets requests from outside Houghton—people looking into family histories, PhD students doing projects on Christian institutions, as well as larger organizations such as the Billy Graham Archives and the NFL.

Laura Habecker has been Houghton’s archivist for the past two years. “There’s some really great stuff in here, from the very beginning of the story,” she said, “it’s just fascinating to me.” The collection is home to a wide variety of items relating to Houghton’s past. The Archives has each issue of the STAR, Houghton’s yearbook The Boulder, the Houghton magazine in all its various incarnations, and The Lanthorn. There are minutes to faculty meetings from decades past, dozens of oral histories, an estimated 20,000 photographs, correspondence from past presidents, architectural models of campus buildings, the Ortlip family’s art collection, Native American arrowheads, and much more.

“I find the most random, odd, totally cool, amazing things in here,” Habecker said. Highlights include Willard J. Houghton’s original ledger with the donations that helped establish the college, President Luckey’s herbarium project from 1891, the ceremonial trowel from Lambein’s construction, an old dorm phone from the days when each dorm only had one, the first laptop the college acquired in 1997, and the library’s old card catalogue. “My favorite picture of the whole collection is from

1904 or 1906,” Habecker said, “it’s the theology class, and it’s half women, and there are at least three African American women.”

Currently the Archives has created a display located in the library commemorating Houghton’s involvement in World War I, the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day being Sunday, November 11th. A photograph of the class of 1920 is central to the display, along with the flag featured in the photo. There are interest-

ing facts detailing what life may have been like at Houghton during World War I, including excerpts from old Star articles and an amusing photograph of students growing potatoes on the quad to assist with food shortages.

The display also commemorates four Houghton students who lost their lives during World War I, some from combat and others from the Spanish Flu that killed millions in the aftermath. One student included in the display is Ed-

ward van Shiack, who died in battle and nevertheless did not receive a mention on the Houghton Memorial roll or a hemlock planted in his honor. As the display says, “We may not know exactly how or why Edward’s death was overlooked, but hopefully today we can restore Edward to his proper place within the Houghton story and better remember the sacrifice of these four students in one of history’s deadliest conflicts.”★



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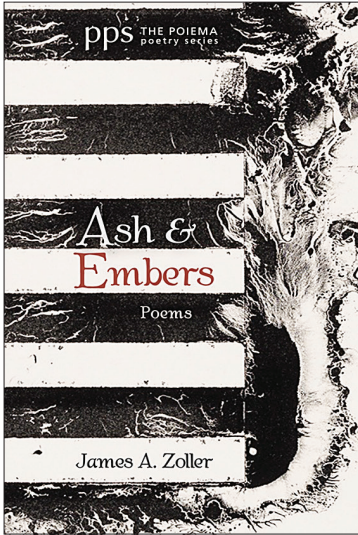
The display in the library commemorates Houghton students who were involved in World War I.

Professors Publish New Books

MELISSA HODDE

2018 proves to be a prolific year for publishing among Houghton’s professors. Professor James Zoller of the English and Writing Department released his third book of poetry *Ash and Embers* on March 15th, Jeffrey Wiesman of the Education Department and coauthor Annie Wiesman released *Education Begins at Birth: A Parent’s Guide to Preparing Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers for Kindergarten* on June 20th, Biology professor Eli Knapp published his autobiographical work *The Delightful Horror of Family Birding* on October 30th. Professor Zoller also has an instructive book on writing in the works, with multiple publishers interested in receiving the manuscript.

Zoller and Knapp note that taking time to write for personal projects is difficult to stack on top of academic, family, and community duties. As Houghton professors, a million spoken and unspoken commitments stack up, which can be as complex as taking students to East Africa for a semester or as simple as regularly attending church. Nevertheless, both professors felt the need to create

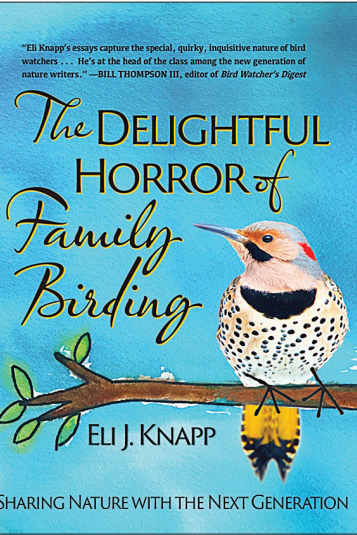


Houghton professors have published three books in the past year.

in the midst of this often-hectic context. Knapp notes that “each chapter felt like an escape from the cluttered noise of my endless to-do lists [to] journey into myself.”

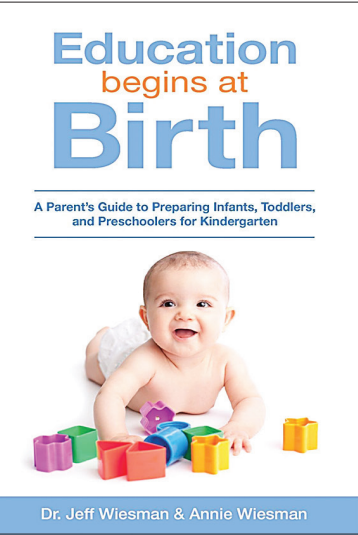
While Zoller considers writing of all types a necessary exercise to keep his skills in the field sharp, he noted that “there came a point” when he realized that his current project wouldn’t be the same if he wrote it after the experience of teaching had faded. Knapp felt similarly, having drawn on a slew of life experiences to craft his book over the last five years. “It hit me all at once: I need to write this now,” he said, “before I lose the moment and this bucketful of ideas drains away.”

All three professors drew



from teaching experiences and student interaction to write their books. Zoller initially imagined his work in progress as a textbook for his 101 class “WILA: Words that Move Us”. With the era of teaching behind him after the spring semester of 2019, he hopes instead to offer the book as an introduction to writing well - and understanding poetry - for a wider audience. Nevertheless, the book retains elements designed to be effective in the classroom: Zoller chose poetry as the focal pieces of modeled writing so that students could feasibly read and reread the material on a busy schedule, among other benefits.

Wiesman noted the inspiration he gathered from student discussions, often



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expanding on key concepts from his classes. “I teach an elementary math and science methods course and a class that discusses the importance of establishing a culture that values a growth mindset . . . in writing the book, it was our goal to provide parents of young children with practical ways to establish such a culture.” Knapp said, “My students appear in my book and fill the content of many of my stories. Without professorship, my book wouldn’t exist.”

The professors also relied on members of their family to make their books possible, albeit in different ways. Wiesman said of his coauthor and wife, “Her strength is definitely literacy and physical development, whereas I have

a stronger background with math and science.” The experience of coauthoring enriched both the experience and the final product for the Wiesmans, allowing their ideas to interact and strengthen one another. Zoller’s son Stefan, creator of the Skeletal Trees exhibit featured in the Ortlip Art Gallery this fall, contributed cover art to *Ash and Embers* as well as creating pieces for his father’s previous works. While less immediately visible to the reader, Knapp drew on familial resources as well. To reflect the relevance of his book to all ages, Knapp turned to his family for their reactions at the editing stage. “Every chapter that appears in the book was read to my oldest child, Ezra, first,” He said. “If he didn’t like it, I went back to the drawing board. If he enjoyed it, I figured I had something worth keeping.”

The works of Houghton’s professors offer deep and valuable insight into their vocational lives beyond the classroom. Whether participating in classes offered by the above professors or simply curious to learn more about Houghton personalities, students should consider perusing these works for their entertainment and education. ★

How Trump Tariffs Are Succeeding



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CHRISTIAN MILLER

As an American and patriot, I am most concerned with American public policy. The duty of our federal institutions is to secure the natural rights of all United States citizens within its jurisdiction. Every human has undeniable and observably provable rights to their lives, their faculties, and the products of their labor. In other terms, they have a constant right to their person, property, and liberty, and a right to apply those ends as they wish, so long as such actions do not infringe upon the same right of any other person. And therefore they have the right to secure these ends, when necessary, by force, which has been given to us to defend these rights constantly against those who would infringe upon them. As Frederic Bastiat says, who will dare say that force has been

given to us destroy the equal rights of our countrymen?

It is the responsibility and purpose of government to secure these rights constantly, and we should defend such governmental efforts always. On the one hand, then, the principle of free trade is inarguably consistent with the defense of individual liberties to conduct private commerce, since business is property, an extension of man. On the other hand, the protective tariff, however helpful it may seem for certain members of society or certain other nations, violates these natural-law rights to conduct one’s business. The theory of free trade is a theory of property, and the right to dispose of property as one sees fit. President Trump has correctly called attention to certain transgressions committed by foreign governments against the theory and practice of free

tariffs to force other countries to renegotiate unfair trade deals in favor of policies that are, and rightfully should be, fair. To that end, the Trump Tariffs are so far working. The United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement (USMCA) is an excellent example. Therefore, if the Trump Tariffs are a means to achieve eventual free trade, which is better for all, then I support them for that purpose alone.

Consider the Canadian case in more detail. The Boston-based literary and cultural magazine, The Atlantic, explains: “At issue is the Canadian supply-management system, which covers dairy, eggs, and poultry products. The system sets domestic production quotas and keeps prices stable, thereby guaranteeing farmers a steady income. And, in order to keep the supply stable, Canada blocks

On May 31st, Trump announced 25% tariffs on steel, and 10% tariffs on aluminum for the European Union, Canada, and Mexico. According to Business Insider, “The Trump administration says it imposed the tariffs on national-security grounds, arguing that domestic metals industries need to be protected in the event that a geopolitical issue cuts off access to imported steel and aluminum.” More telling regarding Canadian interference, Trump tweeted: “Our Tariffs are in response to his of 270% on dairy!”

Given foreign governments’ protectionist trade policies, something must be done. Yet, are retaliatory tariffs appropriate? If, as a negotiating tactic, U.S. tariffs succeed, then they have preserved free trade in the long run.

Indeed, after Mexican leadership changed, Trump struck a new deal: and threatening a Mexico-only bilateral trade deal, Canada suddenly returned to the negotiating table. With limited leverage, Premier Trudeau entered into the USMCA, more favorable to American farmers and industries. Theory predicts that Canada’s families, rich and poor, will benefit from lower Canadian dairy prices due to increased competition.

I still hold reservations concerning, among other things, domestic production requirements by the USMCA, which are inconsistent with free trade. Nonetheless, the USMCA is a definite improvement for the United States over NAFTA.

President Trump’s tariffs initiated this new deal. Trump promised the American people better trade deals; he is getting it done. Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer, who opposed NAFTA, said that Trump deserved praise “for taking large steps to improve NAFTA.” But whether it be economic rationale or anti-Trump animosity, the vast majority of legal, political, and media voices oppose the tariffs. But in the case of these U.S. Steel tariffs, Trump’s tariffs have effected a different reality. Evidently and paradoxically, these tariffs are moving us closer to free trade.

If other countries are unwilling to comply with free-trade principles, the United States must not tolerate an unlevel playing field. The USMCA is an improvement upon the trade deals and practices that have been hurting our economy and citizens. I am entirely against permanent tariffs, but I have come to support Trump’s tariffs as a means of instigating necessary negotiations. The United States must use its position of strength to bring about fair trade and, eventually, pure free trade. Finally, I say again that the one true object of the collective force of any nation is the security of the person, property, and liberty of its people. ★

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trade.

In this article, I am asserting that by infringing the natural right of property, which is an extension of the individual, nearly all the major foreign countries of the world are taking advantage of the United States in several areas of trade. In response, from a position of power – our superior U.S. economy – Trump has used

imports from other countries, including the U.S., by imposing tariffs – up to 270 percent on dairy products. About 80 percent of Canada’s dairy farmers are concentrated in two provinces, Quebec and Ontario, both of which are crucial to Trudeau’s political fortunes.”

What is a reasonable response to such interventions in free trade?

Creating an Intentional Houghme



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Here in Houghton it can be argued that we use the word ‘community’ too often without putting our communal nature into practice. Communities are supposed to be unified groups of people and we are not always the most intentional about inviting people into our lives and to our social events. Community is about unity, not just of us in our individual friend groups, majors, sports teams, and clubs, but between all of us. As Christians we are not only supposed to be a community but the body of Christ; we’re supposed to brothers and sisters through Christ, not just people passing in and out of each other’s lives. As

the body of Christ we are supposed to reach out to everyone around us, but I feel like we spend too much time in our own friend groups. The “greatest commandment” the Bible gives us comes from Mark 12: 30-31, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” “Neighbor” means everyone we see around us and we should want to commune with and love them, whether we have the same beliefs as us or not. Luckily for us, at Houghton the majority of the population practices Christianity which means there should be no reason we shouldn’t want to get to know others. Maybe if we start thinking of others as neighbors and as vital parts of the body of Christ we will be more open to become a greater, stronger, more unified community. It all starts with our intentions. I urge us all to become more intentional in our inclusion of

are of different classes, who are married, who have families, who are international, whose native tongues are different than mine, who study different majors and minors and have different passions than I do. The interactions I have had with these people have opened my eyes to different walks of life and ways of thinking that have vastly expanded my view of the world and peoples around me! I love being able to meet

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people and learn about the interests and skills the Lord has given them and how they use them in the body of Christ and within the larger world. We all have a purpose within the body of Christ and we should become more comfortable with being vulnerable around others in the family of God

graduation, classes, internships, jobs, and/or living quarters. We then will be able to share in each other’s achievements, joys, and sufferings as we were meant to. 1 Corinthians 12:24-27 states, “But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers

with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

I see it all the time in the dining hall, where the same groups meet every day for every meal. In chapel the same groups sit together, typically in the same rows or in a more general seating area. In Java and Big Al’s the same people get together to study and watch the game and talk. Most of these groups include people from the same sports team, dormitory, roommates and their adjoining sinkmates, and people from the same graduating class. While it’s great to have a solid support group and people to

regularly commune with, I think it’s time we start branching out more regularly to others. Some of the most rewarding interactions I’ve had with others are the ones that have occurred when the dining hall was full and someone asked if they could join my table and the times when I’ve mustered up the courage to approach someone and talk to them. It’s always nice to make a new friend in the coffee or meal exchange line. While it may be a bit awkward sitting next to someone you don’t know at chapel, it might be worth talking to them! We all have a place within the body of Christ and it’s so fascinating to meet others and get to know them; we are all vital and should be seen and treated as such. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 says, “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

Don’t be afraid to speak to someone new, invite someone out to coffee, or ask if you can join an acquaintance for a meal! The person you talk to might just become someone very important in your life and if not, you’ve still made a friend. ★
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During my time here I have met and continue to meet students that are different from me: who

and beyond. We should strive to create new relationships with others that we may not have acquired through our shared year or entry or

How Not To Do Evangelism



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I cringe when people pass out tracts on street corners. I am disturbed when non-Christians are treated like children that must be coddled along until they “get it.” And I am angered when other people’s values disregarded for the sake of the “gospel.” I think my problem with these methods of evangelism is that they are not relational. You don’t have to know a person to shove a pamphlet in their face. You cannot know a person if

you are treating them like an ignorant child, and you are refusing to know a person if you don’t have time to listen to them and their worldview in a respectful way.

Too often evangelism is treated as something that Christians need to do so that we can prove to ourselves and others that we are “good Christians.” It is commodified, treated as a way to earn “God points.” For each person we harass with a sermon about Christianity, we get another point. The problem is that we have made evangelism about us, not about the people we may share the gospel with, and certainly not about God. This is a grave sin.

I am not an evangelism expert, but as a Christian, I figure that modeling the way we do evangelism based on the way people did it in the Bible may not be a bad idea. From what I’ve seen, evangelism is a lot like a partner’s dance. Dancing with a partner is invitational, reciprocal, and contextual. Evangelism, likewise, starts with an invitation, involves both parties communicating with each other, and must be contextualized.

Sometimes evangelism occurs in a group setting, such as Jesus teaching in the Synagogue. Sometimes it

may occur one-on-one such as Jesus with the Samaritan woman. Always present in these examples is an invitation. Invitation implies consent. One person must start the conversation, and the other must choose to engage. God gives insight about how to share our faith through relationships. Knowing a person and the context they are coming from before you preach at them may help you decide what is the best way to share your faith. Let’s look at a few examples from scripture to illustrate.

When Jesus calls the first disciples, he invites them to “Come, follow me.” And they do. Philip then goes to Nathanael and tells him about Jesus. Nathanael questions, “can anything good come from Nazareth?” and Philip responds, “Come, and see.” I think we often feel we must prove God to non-Christians. However, our job as Christians is simply to say, “I know Jesus, and he is a good friend; come and meet him.” The answer may be, “no”, or “not right now”, or “I don’t like Jesus”, and that is fine. God can handle all those answers. Your job is simply to bring the invitation when God asks you to. If the invitation is accepted, you can go further and share more details of your faith. When sharing our faith, Christians should be cautious in starting with the law and forgetting God’s grace. Most non-Christians know they are not perfect, but they also know that we aren’t perfect. Telling non-believers that they are sinful and should live differently, while failing to live up to our own standards, seems hypocritical. We must start, as Jesus does, with a love that allows us

to dare to be relational. Out of that love, we may then be able to show concern about the lifestyle choices of others.

When Jesus is talking with the Samaritan woman, he empowers an extremely marginalized person to go back to her village and share her new-found faith. He does this through something very simple and yet profound: by seeing her as a child of God (in more modern parlance, we might say he is recognizing her human dignity). Jesus did not see

of God, even non-Christians will reflect glimpses of God that we can see and name. This does not mean we have to agree with every aspect of another’s actions or worldview, but we must still respect them and never let our criticisms of how they live their life cloud our vision. We should always strive to see people as God sees them, which is first and foremost as his children.

Modern conceptions of evangelism have strayed far away from the Biblical model.

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the woman as an adulterer or as ignorant, he saw her as an intelligent and beautiful child of God, a person who is worthy to be listened to. This is how we should view non-believers. There are elements of every culture that are clearly out of line with a Christian worldview, but because people are creating in God’s image, there are also aspects of every culture that can offer new insight into who God is and what he has done for us. The worldview of Judaism was used to explain the gospel at Pentecost, and Paul used the Hellenist worldview to speak at the Areopagus. It is important to listen and understand where people of differing faiths are coming from so that you can appropriately contextualize the gospel. As children

While many aspects of the biblical model are not prescriptive, but rather illustrate the importance of contextualization in evangelism, there are still important themes that can be drawn from Jesus and his disciples’ examples. The most important part of evangelism is relationship. Jesus was interested in people; we should be too. ★

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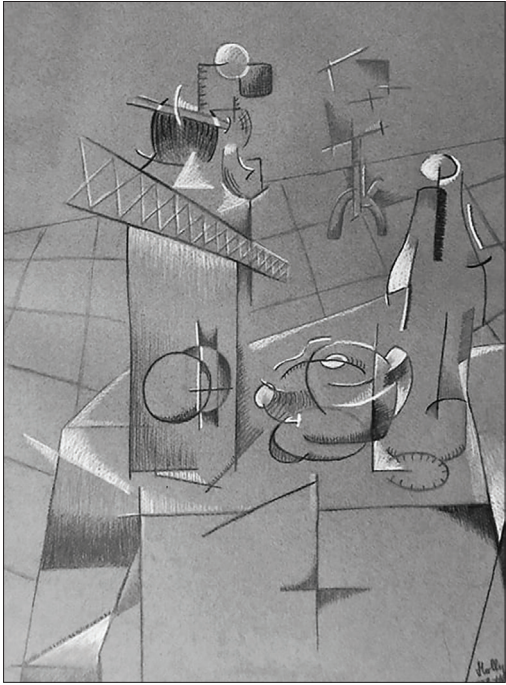
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Untitled, graphite on paper



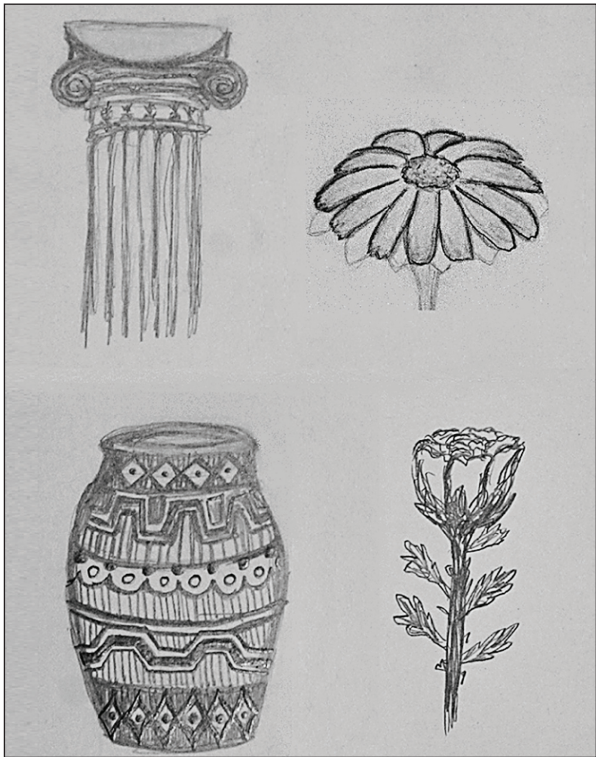
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Looking Up 1, photography

“I’ve loved creating art for as long as I can remember, but I never really considered myself an artist. A big part of that is that I’m not sure what my ‘thing’ is yet. I don’t have a particular style of my own at the moment, or one specific medium that I prefer using above all others. So for now, I’m pouring all of my energy into investigating and experiencing the art world. I’m trying to discover all the options that are available to me and then figure out how to use them. It’s very much a time of learning for me, and even though it can be frustrating not having a specific idea of what kind of artist I’d like to be, I’m really enjoying this process of exploring and growing.

As for right now, I really love drawing. Whether it’s some quick two-minute sketches or a more complicated, time-consuming project, I’m learning how to translate what I see around me into shapes and lines on paper. Still, I’d like to use more color in my art in the future. I love the variety and emphasis that color can provide, and I’ve always been particularly attentive to how color contributes to the beauty in the world around me, but I’m still learning how to use that tool effectively in my own work.”



Sketches 2018, graphite on paper



Untitled, Adobe Illustrator (available on Gillette Hall T-shirts)



Looking Up 2, photography