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Professor Hosts Constitution Day Presentation

DANI EATON

On Tuesday, September 20, professor of political science, Peter Meilander, hosted a presentation with Christen Price entitled "Transgender Rights, Religious Liberty, and Higher Education: The Story of California Senate Bill 1146" in honor of Constitution Day, which happened on September 17.

Price, an attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, first, explained The

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State of the College Address Given



ANTHONY BURDO

President Mullen delivered her address to the Student Government Association on Monday evening.

MELISSA MACLEAN

On Monday September 19, President Mullen addressed

the student body with a summary of her annual State of the College address at the Student Government Association (SGA) all-campus meeting. Mullen covered topics varying from the celebrations to the challenges the college

has and will be facing in the coming year.

Traditionally, the State of the College address is given a week before the scholastic year begins. However, Mullen felt it was important to share this information with the student body, and thus provided a space on Monday night to address the students in a summarized and comprehensible fashion.

"I am overwhelmed by gladness of the ability to be in this place," she stated. Mullen further exclaimed how this year marked the largest incoming student class the school has seen in awhile. Houghton, as Mullen stated, is unlike any other college institution. "To have an academic environment that cares deeply about both faith and academia, and is intentionally about their fusions, is often unheard of in higher education... Sometimes we're so inside this

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Guest Professional Speaks On Faith In Workplace

MICAH CRONIN



Omar Haedo attended Houghton College from 1983-1985. KIM POOL

On Thursday, September 15, the first of five Guest Professional Dinners to be featured this semester took place in the South End dining hall. Omar Haedo, president of ELAN Solutions, Inc. spoke to a group of about 50 students about his career path as a health insurance expert and entrepreneur.

The Guest Professional Dinners have been sponsored by the Vocational Center and Career Advisement Office (VOCA) since the spring of 2014. The events have included speakers from various professions, many of them Houghton graduates. "The goal of the dinners is to expand students' view of the working world," said VOCA director Kim Pool. She said,

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New Majors See Success

BJORN WEBB

Houghton College's mission statement states that Houghton College seeks to prepare students for the changing world of the twenty-first century. The Director of Admission, Ryan Spear said, "In order to do this we need to ensure that our existing programs go through a careful review process and any new programs are considered thoughtfully." In just this past year Houghton College has added Data Science, Music Industry, and Sport, Recreation and Wellness Management as majors. In May, Justin Bullard walked at graduation as Houghton College's first student to

earn their degree in Inclusive Adolescent Education, which was recently added as well. Engineering will be another major added in the next few years. Jack Connell, Dean of the College and Vice President of Academic Affairs, stated that Houghton College is currently waiting to hear back from New York State regarding the approval of Engineering. This will determine whether the program will be offered in the Fall of 2017, or in the Fall of 2018.

Spear sees these new majors as an opportunity to attract more students and provide desired programs. Spear stated, "It is important that Houghton College as an institution walks the fine line between offering pro-

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National // Bomb Blast In Manhattan



NATHAN MOORE

MICAH CRONIN

On Saturday September 17 at approximately 8:30 p.m., a blast caused panic in the Chelsea district of Manhattan. The explosion, caused by an improvised bomb, injured 29

people in its vicinity, mainly through shrapnel. The New York Times reported by Sunday morning 26 of those individuals were released after being treated in area hospitals. Aside from injuries, multiple news sources reported blown out windows and widespread street closures as a result of the detonation.

City and state officials remained on high alert after confirming the existence of a second “pressure cooker” bomb in the same district, according to CNN. The New York Times reported the device was transported to the New York Police Department (NYPD) firing range at Rodman’s Neck in the Bronx, where it was deactivated. This particular kind of explosive has not garnered national attention since the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombings, which killed eight people and injured dozens.

A photo of the device surfaces on social media websites

late Saturday evening. The photo, which was confirmed by police to be authentic, pictured a cookware item attached to wires, Christmas lights, and a cell phone.

New York City Mayor, Bill de Blasio, called the act “intentional,” yet as of Sunday evening there was no known motive for the violent act. State and city authorities found no evidence of an international terrorist connection, though the New York Times quoted New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo, as having stated, “A bomb exploding in New York is obviously an act of terrorism.”

BBC, as well as CNN, have acknowledged the existence of a “person of interest,” a man who was spotted at both bomb locations, however, at this time the man’s identity is unknown. Reports of the accident claimed surveillance footage showed a man walking with a wheeled

duffel near the explosion of the bomb, and then later show what appears to be the same man with the same bag in the location where the second, un-detonated bomb was found.

The reason of the targeted location is also a mystery. A police officer told the New York Times, ““We don’t understand the target or the significance of [the detonated device]. It’s by a pile of dumpsters on a random sidewalk.” At this point, it is thought to be because of the dense population of the district, with its crowded bars, restaurants, and shops.

Both the Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates responded to the bombing, BBC stated. Republican candidate, Donald Trump, tweeted condolences to those affected. Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton, advised Americans to avoid premature conclusions about

the nature of the bombing.

Saturday’s violence preceded the Tuesday meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, which U.S. President Barack Obama and other world leaders were expected to attend. De Blasio promised a “bigger than ever” police presence in the city, according to the BBC.

Cuomo backed up this promise, deploying 1,000 additional New York State Troopers to patrol the city’s subway tunnels, busses, and sidewalks in the coming days and weeks. “Whoever placed these bombs - we will find them and they will be brought to justice,” Cuomo said. ★

Micah is a senior theology major.

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grams in line with the needs of the world and the demands of the student without risking chasing after ‘fad’ programs, like forensic science or video-game design. There is nothing wrong with those programs, but often these programs often can be little

more than gimmicks to attract students and lack necessary substance.” He referred to the “Houghton way” of offering new programs to consist of finding the best way to offer new programs that fit with the school’s mission of being a rigorously academic, Christian liberal-arts college and will sustain demand in the foreseeable future.

In their first official year of approval, Houghton saw six students enroll in the data science program; three in sport, recreation and well-

ness management, and 11 in the music industry program. In fact, the 11 students to enroll this year in music industry made this first year program the largest of the music programs being sought after by incoming students. And despite engineering still in the process of being approved, Houghton saw 12 students enroll this year with an interest in physics and possibly engineering. This is the highest number in the past few years. Inclusive adolescent education is a little

farther along in the process. Professor of education, Sunshine Sullivan, said “There have been many prospective students that I have spoken to that have responded positively in having inclusive adolescent education as an option here at Houghton.”

Nic Loew ’18 will be one of the first students with the opportunity to graduate with a data science degree. He said, “Data is so much of life in today’s society. No matter one’s major or interest, whether Business, Biol-

ogy, Athletics, Music, etc., there is a need to understand how to use and interpret data in the most productive way.” As Houghton College looks to grow with the changing world,the addition of these new majors will prove to be a tenable strategy to attract more students as well as providing students with the necessary knowledge and experience to “lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world,” as Houghton College’s mission statement states.★

Fall Sports Off to Strong Start

KASEY CANNISTER

A few weeks deep into the fall semester, and athletics are off to a good start. Both the women’s tennis team and field hockey team have seen improvements in their season and are fighting hard in competition.

According to Charlie Ellis, head coach of the tennis team, the team is a close-knit group which has a high level of respect for each other and the teams they compete against. It’s been a good season and although they have had some difficulties with illnesses and the high demands of the classroom, the team is holding together very well. “The girls are an extremely humble group,” said Ellis. “It’s enjoyable to work with

them because they really do care about the team and their reputation deeply.”

Ellis emphasized the positive culture his team has created between every player. “These girls enjoy each other’s company regardless of ability. They push each other everyday and work to help each other instead of trying to compete within their team.”

As a coach, Ellis likes to observe the girls who are not typically in the front line up. Their goal is to push the players at the top in practice everyday. “They always do a great job pushing and fighting to reach the top,” said Ellis. He explained how those girls have to work hard because they always have to be ready to be called upon to play in a game.

As a team, “They don’t press and get outside of what

they are capable of doing and they don’t embarrass themselves. They make sure the other team has to play and really fight for their points. Even if a team beats us, they have to spend a long time fighting for it,” said Ellis.

Women’s tennis is a new team, just started 4 years ago by their current coach. Ellis attributes their success to the girls’ commitment to improving their tennis game. As a coach, he focuses on the skill sets of his athletes and seeing individual and team improvement each week and year.

Ellis said, “We are more focused on measuring the physical success of tennis skills compared to winning or losing. The skills of our team are better this year for sure.”

The team looks forward to

their home match against Alfred University on Tuesday, October 4th. Ellis said, “It’s always a pretty even competition and it’s nice to enjoy a conference match with a team right down the road.”

Also showing success, with a 4-2 record, the field hockey team is one to look out for this season. According to junior player, Elizabeth Modesto, “This year’s team is primarily upperclassmen who have been playing with each other for several years. We’ve also gained some solid key players.”

Captain and senior, Kelsie Ashley said, “Our team is unique in that we have a larger roster than years past. Even with some new players, our previously young team has transitioned into a veteran squad.”

Modesto commends their strong season to the

team’s connectivity on and off the field. This strength is witnessed in their successful passing patterns up the field and their constant communication.

One of the team’s main goals for their season is to push each other to their full potential and raise the overall standard of play. According to Ashley this is something they talk about regularly as a team.

Moving forward into a busy season, Ashley, Modesto, and their team look forward to more challenging conference games as well as continued growth in their learning and weakness on the field.

Field Hockey plays at home on October 8th and looks forward to redeeming themselves to Washington & Jefferson College after a tough lose last year.★

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California Senate Bill 1146, and then provided an opportunity for questions from those who attended the presentation.

Constitution Day, according to constitutionday.com, “...commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who, are born in the U.S. or by naturaliza-

tion, have become citizens.” All educational institutions that receive federal funding are required to observe Constitution Day.

The presentation, hosted via Skype, largely discussed religious freedom in regards to California Senate Bill 1146 (SB 1146). The bill was introduced by California senator, Ricardo Lara, on February 18, 2016 and was passed in Senate on August 30, 2016. Once passing the Senate, it went on to the Assembly of Higher Education Committee where it was also passed.

According to Price, “... in its worst form, SB 1146

amended the education code to add the disclosure provisions...” Some of these disclosures, described by Price early on in the discussion and included, “...requiring students to sign a statement of faith, maintaining sex segregated dorms or shower facilities that are based on biological sex rather than gender identity, or expecting community members to comply with Christian standards for sexual morality...”

The bill, which can be accessed at <https://leginfo.ca.gov>, reads, “This bill would require an institution that has an exemption from either the Equity in Higher Education Act or Ti-

tle IX to make specified disclosures to the institution’s current and prospective students, faculty members, and employees, and to the Student Aid Commission, concerning the institution’s basis for having the exemption.”

In attendance were individuals such as president of the college, Shirley Mullen; vice president of student life, Rob Pool; counselor, Nancy Murphy; director of the counseling center, Bill Burter; residence director of Rothenbehler Jon Craton; former director or counseling services, Michael Lasatoria; and dean of the college, Samuel “Jack” Connell.

In addition to the vast

amount of faculty and staff in attendance, there were also students present. Joshua Bergart ’19 said he went to educate himself, “It’s one of those areas that is kind of a blind spot for me, not that I don’t have certain opinions about it, but I’m kind of ignorant about what the rest of the church believes and why, so I’m curious about that.”

Bergart also said he had no knowledge of the bill prior to the presentation. “I hadn’t heard about SB 1146, so I wanted to know what it was about and what were the implications for the state of California and is it a big of threat as it is made out to be,” he said. ★

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“The [speakers] share the story of their vocational journey exposing students to real-life issues, [and] opportunities.”

According to his LinkedIn profile, Haedo has had an extensive career in management, insurance sales, and employee benefits over a period of nearly 30 years. After studying for two years at Houghton College (’83-’85), Haedo completed his education at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, graduating summa cum laude in 1987. With his varied resume behind him, Haedo now holds an executive position and claims expertise in his field.

Yet it was Haedo’s perspective on faith and work that made an impression on Robert Kuchar ’17, who attended the dinner. Haedo, who was “very enthusias-

tic” spoke on “how to live a Christ-filled life in the context of the business field and entrepreneurship,” even including references to Scriptures which apply to the difficulties business professionals face on the job, Kuchar said.

Kuchar went to several Guest Professional Dinners before, beginning in his freshman year. “The motivation to attend this particular dinner was getting extra credit for Financial Accounting,” he admitted. However he said, “I would recommend the dinners to anyone who has an interest in meeting people who have gained real world experience and desires to share the lessons they learned.” Kuchar continued, “Even if you are not a business or accounting major.”

On student feedback regarding the Guest Professional Dinners, Pool noted, “We have heard from students that [the dinners] have helped them think about careers that weren’t on their radar and that they have provided them

with ideas of where they can put their skills and knowledge to use.”

Professionals with stories of trial and faith have also been a hit with students. “We have also heard that it is helpful to hear real life stories that include bumps and snags along the way, yet hearing the recurring message of how God has been faithful in each [speaker’s] life,” Pool said.

Of course, the opportunity for personal connection is also appreciated by students. Kuchar left the dinner in high spirits, saying, “[Haedo] was very encouraging to me as we discussed my interest in video production. Both his message and chatting with him afterward gave me more of an interest in the possibility of doing a video production startup and insights into how my faith plays into that.”

Pool encouraged students to attend at least one of the remaining five Guest Professional Dinners: “Log in to Handshake to check out the line-up and register!”★

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place, that we often forget how special it is,” she said.

Mullen also addressed some of the challenges for the college, the first being the continuation of Houghton’s foundational economic model. Houghton was founded on the principle of affordability for all. However, this generosity comes at the expense of the budget. Mullen said, “It costs about \$7,000 more dollars to educate the average Houghton student than what they actually pay.” Though a huge risk, Mullen explained the deep desire the administration has to preserve these foundational values as best they can.

Cayleigh Pracht ’17, Executive Officer of Communications, responded to the address by saying she “appreciated the time that President

Mullen took out of her schedule to be with the students.” Mullen, as Pracht explained, “bridges the gap from administration to students in a tact and sincere way.”

Student body president, Joanna Friesen ’17, also emphasized the importance of having the president involved in student activities. She commented, “It’s important to have and maintain a relationship with the president of the college...It allows the opportunity for both students and administration to be aware of the wider part of the college.”

In closing, President Mullen encouraged the student body to take advantage of their time at Houghton, and to “carry out the tasks that God has called each of us to.”

Though that does not guarantee an avoidance of storms, it guarantees a life of molding and growth in both students’ spiritual and academic walk. ★

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- 5. First word of a southern celebration
- 10. "Blue Tail Fly" singer
- 14. Mistrustful
- 15. "Men in Black" kitty
- 16. Camper's purchase

- 17. Say positively
- 18. Earthy echinoderm?
- 20. Common volcanic rock
- 22. Screwball
- 23. Rome's ___ Veneto
- 24. Wire measures
- 26. In an ineffectual way
- 28. Earthy toast? (with

- "Here's")
- 33. Say 'ere or 'ead
- 34. Play first with Goren
- 35. Palestine strip
- 39. ___ Ling, Chinese mountain range
- 40. Perceived
- 43. Grave letters?

- 44. "Do ___ others as ..."
- 46. Spike and Harper
- 47. Largest city of Nigeria
- 49. Earthy pumper?
- 52. Beasts of Bolivia
- 55. Catch red-handed
- 56. Jed's discovery
- 57. AAA recommendations
- 60. Marten relative
- 64. Earthy target?
- 67. Emperor after Claudius
- 68. Glacial sand deposit
- 69. Do a Thanksgiving Day chore
- 70. Small singing group
- 71. Boston Bay vessel
- 72. "Slammin' Sammy"
- 73. Assist in illegality

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- 1. Cotton product
- 2. Magma on the move
- 3. Mars' alias
- 4. Egyptian tourist attraction
- 5. For the greatest part
- 6. Palindromic constellation
- 7. Word with ice or roller
- 8. Bygone bird
- 9. Habitually lazy
- 10. Kind of wind
- 11. Trombone part
- 12. Computer post

- 13. Roll-on alternative
- 19. "Sure, why not?"
- 21. Result of ruling
- 25. It's better than later
- 27. "Falstaff" mezzo-soprano
- 28. Remote button, perhaps
- 29. ___ Bator
- 30. Force or power
- 31. Overturn
- 32. The underlying cause
- 36. Jason's mythical craft
- 37. Hill in Jerusalem
- 38. Vaulted church section
- 41. Rubber bands, e.g.
- 42. "___ Dinsmore"
- 45. Electrician's mantra?
- 48. City of Terminus re-named
- 50. Holliday partner
- 51. Kowtowed
- 52. Tresses
- 53. Flower in a Noyes poem
- 54. Crockett's mission?
- 58. Alaska's first governor
- 59. Withered
- 61. Sarajevo combatant
- 62. Euclid's lake
- 63. Crook's booty
- 65. Longbow wood
- 66. Macrogametes

“See You At The Pole”

Houghton Community Gathers for Worldwide Event

CARINA MARTIN

when ten students gathered around the flagpole in defiance of their school’s ban on public prayer. In following years, the movement has experienced a vast expansion from its original purpose as a religious liberty protest, and now defines itself broadly as an event “committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation.” See You At the Pole events now serve as an opportunity for students and faculty on campuses across the globe to come together in prayer for their schools and nations, and draw in students from Germany, Ecuador, Indonesia, Japan, Nigeria, and dozens of other countries.

In the North American region, See You At The Pole takes place annually at 7 a.m. on September 28. This falls in the middle of the Global Week of Student Prayer, an initiative dedicated to supporting student ministries and prayer groups. Houghton College began participating in the event several years ago, and has since seen a steady growth in attendance ever since. Last

On Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 a.m., Houghton’s Student Government Association (SGA) will host a See You At the Pole event around the flagpole in front of the Chamberlain Center. All students, as well as faculty and staff, are invited to come out and support one another in prayer and encouragement. In order to accommodate class schedules the event will run for a brief 20-30 minutes, and drinks and breakfast refreshments will be provided.

See You At the Pole is a worldwide event with a long history. The first See You At the Pole was a grassroots gathering held in 1990 at a Texas high school,

year’s See You At the Pole event attracted over one hundred Houghton students, the largest turnout the college has ever seen.

Melissa Maclean ’17, one of the event’s organizers, fell in love with See You At the Pole during her first semester at Houghton and is thrilled to help continue the tradition this year. “I think one of the most memorable moments is to see students and faculty from all different backgrounds and friend groups coming together as one body of Christ, praying with one another,” she said. “Prayer is such a unifying and transformative experience that I could not imagine a better way to start the semester.”

Houghton’s opportunities for spiritual growth are numerous, but it is rare for the whole campus to be able to come together in prayer. The Student Government Association hopes that this year’s See You At the Pole will continue a long tradition of encouragement and unification.★



NATE MOORE

This coming Wednesday at 7 a.m., the Houghton community will gather around this pole for a See You At the Pole event.

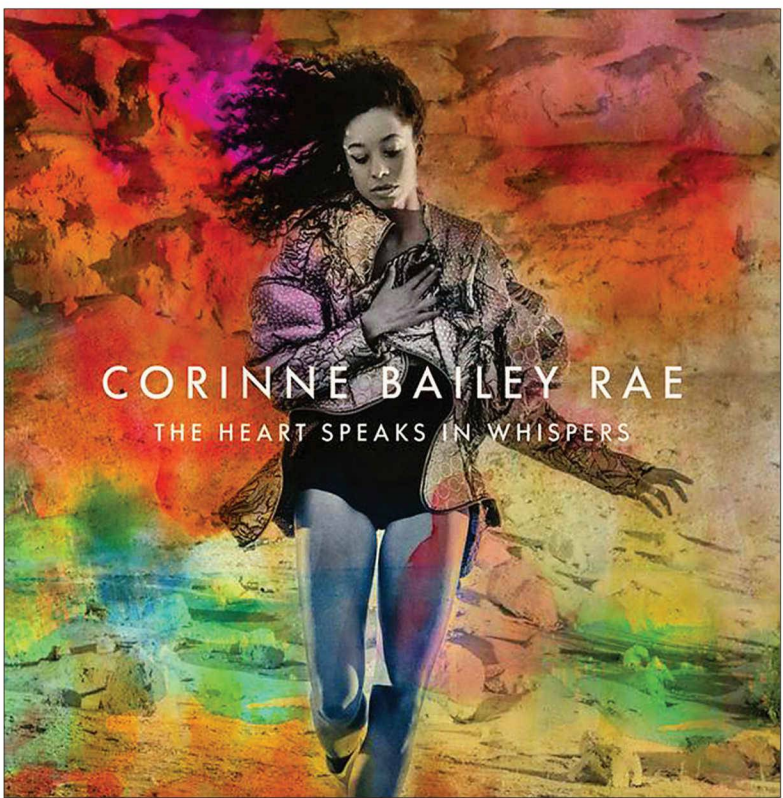
Music Review: *The Heart Speaks in Whispers*

by Corinne Bailey Rae

ALANNA PARIS

After the untimely death of her husband and scaling back on writing music for a while, Corinne Bailey Rae has come back with the highly anticipated album *The Heart Speaks in Whispers*. In this newest affair, Bailey Rae has found a way to integrate the vintage style of R&B with a modernized Synthpop. While this album is much more instrumentally heavier than her last, she finds a way to still let her full-bodied, yet silky voice sound relaxing and effortless while doing so. She is not as lyrically raw in this venture, much more akin to her first album, and her vocals are much more soulful, allowing listeners to hear her more unrefined and powerful voice. We get to hear a range of her abilities, from her edgier, more bluesy efforts, her classic smooth R&B sound, and in this effort she experiments more on the very 80’s, Prince styled, pop sound that listeners experienced on her last EP *Is This Love*.

The Heart Speaks in Whispers is easily her most



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eccentric work to date. We get tastes of how unique she could be with previous songs like “The Blackest Lily” and her cover of Belly’s “Low Red Moon.” Her latest venture starts out with the biggest sound and most instrumentally diverse track that she

has ever attempted with “The Skies Will Break”. It suits her well and allows Bailey Rae to venture away from her usual sound that generally tends to be more of an urbanized version of easy listening.

She eventually fills the al-

bum with a mixture of 80’s inspired Synthpop styled songs such as “Been to the Moon,” “Horse Print Dress,” and soulful R&B such as “Green Aphrodisiac” (the album’s biggest hit) and “Hey, I Won’t Break Your Heart.” The lowest point

is “Stop Where You Are” a surprisingly cookie cutter song similar to what Jason Mraz or Sara Bareilles have made popular. Eventually, the album mellows out to her attractive and typical strings heavy, blues tinged love songs. This album’s biggest strength and overall theme is experimenting with what Corinne Bailey Rae’s voice can do, along with a more diverse and full instrumentation than she has previously attempted.

The album, for Bailey Rae, is a step in the right direction to what she wants to be as an artist. Each of her albums has a unique air, but this one ventures into new territory for the singer and also allows her to show off her instrumental tastes, something she is shy to do in her first two albums. It’s also simply a good album for music listeners. Some may find it a tad too eccentric or not quite their style, but no one would really go away feeling like they had listened to a bad album. The album itself is beautiful. It’s rich and quirky, while still maintaining the quirky chic vibe that is Corinne Bailey Rae. It should satisfy fans of hers and draw a few more in. ★

More Than a Headband: Alumna-Owned Brand Supports Anti-Human Trafficking Organizations

BETHANY KUIKEN

More often than not, the purchases people make do not have impact on anyone or anything other than themselves and their closet. The Houghton College Campus Store is active in supporting small businesses that try to create lasting impact worldwide. Last spring, the Campus Store started selling rePURPOSE headbands, and simultaneously joined the fight against human trafficking.

RePURPOSE is a business founded in March 2014 by Houghton alumna Jessica Burt '06. According to the company's website, Burt started crafting ethically made headbands from washed, used clothing out of a desire to do her part in the global fight against human trafficking. RePURPOSE donates 100% of its profit to two organizations: The Exodus Road and Make Way Partners. Both organizations work to actively take a stand against human trafficking.

Emma Webb '16, a former Campus Store employee, served rePURPOSE in the spring of 2016 as a brand ambassador. "After working with Jessica, it is very clear how passionate she is about the lives of others. This business completely stems from how her and her team can make a difference in this world, not how they can make profit," Webb said.

Houghton seeks to support small, fair-trade businesses that are fueled by passion and quality. "I think that it is really hard to be in fashion industry and not be fast-fashion. The passion that Jessica has is the best thing for a company like hers. It's inspiring," Webb remarked.

Rachel Blew, office coordinator and buyer at the Campus Store, echoed Webb and emphasized why it is important for Houghton to support rePURPOSE.

"In Psalms we are called to seek justice, rescue the weak and needy and deliver them from their oppressors. As a Christian Institution that was founded on the belief that education and the power of the Gospel can change the world, it is important for us to put these core values into practice. By supporting rePURPOSE,

we are doing what we were founded to do. We are using our education, the Gospel, and the platform we have in the world to educate those around us about the injustices in the world and how we can help."

Another way rePURPOSE combats human trafficking is through awareness. They sell their products online, at boutiques, salons and churches. Burt and her team also travel around the country speaking to colleges and conferences about rePURPOSE. Through all of those avenues they are able to raise awareness and share the hard facts of human trafficking.

Through rePURPOSE, Jessica and her team are choosing to be an active voice in the ethical issues behind fast-fashion, even if that means sacrifice. All of their products, including head wraps, tie-wraps, one layer boho wraps, headbands, and scarves, are made from washed, used clothing. If rePURPOSE has to buy new for bulk purposes, they purchase ethically made products from the USA or other countries with fair labor practices. All of their products are then handmade by local women.

Blew admires rePURPOS-



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RePURPOSE products like this headband are handmade out of washed, used clothing or fabric purchased from companies that practice fair labor. They are then handmade by local women.

ES's integrity and conviction. "What I love most about rePURPOSE is their intentionality about the materials they use to create their products, as well as the awareness they are raising about human trafficking and the slave labor through these products."

Webb highly recommends rePURPOSE products for more reasons than one. "The mission of rePURPOSE lines up with much of what Houghton stands for as a whole. That alone is a really good reason to buy and to support this company."★

Houghton in Angelica: College Students and Community Frequent Angelica Café



SOPHIA ROSS

The Canteen in Angelica, NY is a popular spot for Houghton student, faculty and community members to meet up on weekends.

SOPHIA ROSS

Allegany County is home to several small, well-established restaurants that attract Houghton students and community members, including 3 Bums Pizza, Ace's Country Cupboard and the Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café. One of the most popular restaurants within the Houghton community, however, is only one year old: the Canteen in

Angelica, New York.

The Canteen, located about twenty minutes south of Houghton, opened on June 23, 2015, and has since attracted a large customer base from Houghton. The family style restaurant and coffee shop serves breakfast and lunch, as well as several specialty drinks and ice cream. Several Houghton students can be found there on Saturdays and Sundays, and many say they enjoy the restaurant's atmosphere for studying, as well as for spending time with friends.

"It's a really good environ-

ment," said Kim Logee '17. "It's everything you want in a coffee shop. The people who own it are really nice and welcoming."

Tom and Lynn Murray, the owners and operators of the Canteen, never expected to run a restaurant. Mr. Murray worked for Kodak for 30 years, and following his departure in 2014, he and Mrs. Murray decided to buy the building that houses Heritage Antiques, the restaurant, and the apartment above the restaurant. At the time, the tenants in the building that is now the Canteen ran a café called Heritage House. When business didn't work out for those tenants, the Murrys decided to renovate the full building. Once they finished renovations, they planned to rent out the space to tenants.

"We knew we didn't want to run a restaurant," said Mr. Murray. "We knew it was hard. Everybody told us it was hard."

In the midst of renovations, however, the Murrys learned that much of the building was not up to the New York state fire code. During the nine months they worked to meet those safety regulations, the couple also found that Angelica locals would come off the street and give them suggestions for how

to arrange the space. Eventually, the Murrys realized that if they did not have a buyer by the time the renovations were finished, they would have to run the business themselves to recoup their initial investment.

"It was really just to get it off the ground, establish some kind of presence, and see if it worked," said Mr. Murray. "Then, we hoped to find someone who was really passionate about food and restaurants to take it over. That was our plan. We're still here."

The Canteen opened in the early summer of 2015 with the Murrys as both the owners of the building and the business. They are still in charge, but have put the whole building, as well as the equipment from the Canteen, on the market for someone who wants to run a café full-time. Despite their reluctance to run the Canteen for longer than a year, the Murrys have still enjoyed their experience as owners of a restaurant.

"We like farming and animals and that type of thing," said Mr. Murray. "But we also enjoy meeting people like the locals and the students from Houghton. On the weekends, half of our clientele is from Houghton." He added that the restaurant also often welcomes

state troopers from Allegany County and travellers off the highway who find the restaurant through Google.

Houghton students go back to the Canteen for several reasons. Ian DeHaas '17, a frequent Canteen customer, noted the coffee as a reason to visit.

"The Canteen's coffee is mellow," said DeHaas. "Their beans have a nice range from dark roast to light roast and the flavor is good, but overall their coffee is brewed to be mellow and relaxing. It has a very tea-like quality to it and it's very non-acidic. It's the casual coffee enthusiast's dream."

Rachel Zimmerman '18 said the overall atmosphere, which feels like home, draws her back.

"I love the Canteen for all of its thoughtful details," she added. "The tables overlaid with newspaper clippings, the mason jar light fixtures, and the clear glass mugs that make every drink feel elegant."

The Canteen is located at 40 West Main Street in Angelica, New York, and is open Friday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. ★

With Open Arms: Thoughts on Global Refugees



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I believe we are a world of immigrants. Each of us is a guest here, sharing space with others who have lived here millennia longer than we have. As we have had relative rule over the earth for the past several thousands years, we have forgotten that fact, and considered ourselves natives here. Native like the trees are native, like the oceans, like the deep earth that has lived here as long as the world has existed. We consider ourselves masters of it all, and so we have forgotten where we came from. The Earth has shown us hospitality unheard of, allowing

us to ravage and control, and to unleash powers previously unknown to its surface, yet we have reacted with pride to members of our own species who beg for the same, and have done much less. So if we are a species of beings merely moving through this world, perhaps it is time we welcome those who have been displaced from their homelands. Our society is at a crucial turning point for the way that we view immigrants. With wars more tragic than many we have seen before, and even the climate forcing people out of their homes, advantaged countries are in a position to be hospitable, and even vulnerable, and open their arms to those who have been disadvantaged most. The issue of immigration policy is most definitely a matter of justice. Many of the catastrophes that are driving people out of their own homes have some root in the intervention of the very countries who would consider closing their doors. The most publicized need currently is that of Syrian refugees, a prime example of the justice relationship of immigration. However, refugees of war are not the only refugees who are experiencing the poor balance of an unjust international system. A much less-known

“...advantaged countries are in a position to be hospitable, and even vulnerable, and open their arms to those who have been disadvantaged most.” type of refugee also experiences this justice relationship: the environmental refugee. The term “environmental refugee” was coined by Essam El-Hinnawi, who describes environmental refugees as “people who have been forced to leave their traditional habitat, temporarily or permanently, because of a marked environmental disruption (natural and/or triggered by people) that jeopardizes their existence and/or seriously affects the quality of their life.” In 2012, more than 32 million people were forced to leave their homes due to natural disasters (to immigrate to other areas of their own country, or to other countries). The biggest cause of this mass migration of environmental refugees is the numerous global effects of climate change, a phenomenon largely driven by the industries of advantaged national giants such as the United States and China. Again, a serious justice relationship comes out in many situations of environmental refuge (although there have been some environmental refugees from my own country, as seen in the relocation of people from the Isle de Jean Charles in Louisiana). Last year, I got to see one of the victims of this injustice speak at a symposium on environmental justice, a pastor from the island nation of Tuvalu. He spoke about how rising sea levels due to glacial melt from climate change will likely put his entire nation underwater within 50 years. Most of the nation is at sea-level, with their highest point being only 15 feet. If the ocean rises as much as it is predicted to rise in the next 50 years, he will be correct and the entire nation will have to relocate, leaving behind them a country which no longer exists. On top of their impending relocation, the country is already facing problems as they are continually ravaged by increasingly stronger tropical storms, and finding that their water table, which they rely on for clean drinking water, is completely salinated. As well as Tuvalu, the island nations of Kiribati, Vanuatu, and

Maldives are expected to face resettlement within the next 50 years. Will we – the nations who have been most influential in causing these massive atmospheric changes – not open our borders to welcome those we have disadvantaged? Will we not do everything within our power to reverse the effects of our harmful lifestyles? The world is ever-gracious to us lifelong immigrants, despite our extreme dependence on its resources, sometimes to the point of depletion. Will we not act with the same compassion towards our human brothers and sisters who ask for welcome? It is time for the advantaged nations of the world to change the justice relationship, and to welcome them with open arms.★ *This article was previously published online. It has been modified to fit this column. To view its full contents, go to <https://danielbelleroseblog.wordpress.com>* Daniel is a senior international development major with a minors in world religion and political science.

Pursuing Vulnerability as Christians



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There must be a switch that’s flipped between junior and senior year. As of late, more and more of the conversations I have drift toward, “What are you going to do after you graduate?” Often, my reply amounts to well-intentioned rambling about dreams and ideas and few definite plans about the future. While most of these questions come from the genuine curiosity and care of friends and relatives, I think they also get at something deeper. Beneath the five-year plans and polished resumes

lie our responses to one of our culture’s favorite expectations: You’ve got to have it all together. Now, don’t get the wrong idea. Resumes and networks are powerful tools that can be key in thinking about our professional journeys. Post-collegiate plans, however, are just one way this expectation shows up in our culture. It has permeated the church, too. We see it in the perfectly filtered photos of Bibles alongside coffee mugs and conversations that often fail to go beyond surface level. In adopting the belief that “we’ve got to have it all together,” we as Christians have forgotten the value of vulnerability. Social scientist Brené Brown defines vulnerability as “uncertainty, risk, and emotional exposure.” Vulnerability asks us to be authentic. When we pursue vulnerability, we put away the person we think we need to be and move instead toward authenticity.

“When we pursue vulnerability, we put away the person we think we need to be and move instead toward authenticity.” It requires us to be honest about our experiences, feelings, and at times, shortcomings. Being vulnerable means stepping outside of our comfort zones, putting away our pre-packaged answers, and putting ourselves out there. To be honest, pursuing vulnerability sounds challenging, and even frightening. By its very nature, though, the church ought to be one of the safest places to be vulnerable. When we say we believe in Christianity, we recognize we are in no way close to having it all together. The very heart of the Gospel message tells us that it is only through the power of Jesus’ death and resurrection we find restoration. Knowing this, we can let go of who we think we should be or who our culture tells us we ought to be. We don’t have to fear the uncertainty or rejection that might accompany vulnerable conversations, because we know who we are in Christ. Admittedly, vulnerability can be abused. Just as we run from vulnerability in an effort to look like “better” Christians, we can misuse it in order to feign humility and appear more spiritual. These motivations miss the mark. At its best, vulnerability isn’t about us. Rather, it’s a tool we can use to connect with others. Sharing allows us to build trust, be heard, know that we are loved, and remember we’re not alone. Opening ourselves up to others creates a more comfortable environment for others to share as well. And in allowing people to do so, we learn how to listen and support those around us more effectively. Even looking outside

of the Church, our stories can be powerful testimonies to God’s faithfulness and goodness. As Christians, a posture of vulnerability says, “I don’t have it all together. In weakness, we find strength, because Christ makes all things—including you and me—new.” My hope is this: That we would remember that the Christian life is not akin to a list of items that we must check off or a presentation that we would give at work. Rather, it’s an ongoing, and sometimes messy, process of learning what it means to look more like Christ and to love God and others. Because our identity is in Christ, we have the freedom to boldly pursue vulnerability. Henri Nouwen sums it up well, saying, “We are called to be fruitful –not successful, not productive, not accomplished. Success comes from strength, stress, and human effort. Fruitfulness comes from vulnerability and the admission of our own weakness.”★ Emily is a senior majoring in political science and international development with a minor in Spanish.

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Globalization, Proselytization and the Gospel



NATE MOORE

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Last week, Chad McCallum’s chapel message centred around the claim that the gospel is in dire need around the globe. He lamented that in a world of seven billion people, five billion had yet to hear the gospel. He believes the Church has a great mission on its hands and it needs brave individuals, like you and I, to submit to God’s call and preach the gospel, lest these five billion people perish. McCallum was undoubtedly a compassionate and genuine man, but the underpinnings behind his message were troubling.

It is difficult for me to write this article out of fear of being seen as anti-missions, anti-Gospel, or God forbid, anti-McCallum. However, that is not my intention at all. I recognize McCallum and missionaries with similar views are God-loving and God-honouring people. However, I find their rhetorical devices paint a view of evangelism and mission that lacks perspective and has troubling ramifications. The gospel is the moving narrative in which God and humanity are reconciled. Are Christians prepared to say that five billion people are out-of-touch with this narrative simply because the organized Christian religion is foreign to them? If the answer is yes, which McCallum’s rhetoric is implying, then humanity has great reason to despair; this would insinuate that the majority of civilizations have been lost due to their geographical

location or historical era: a.k.a, due to no fault of their own. McCallum also finds this fact troubling, hence his challenge to young college students to become young and zealous evangelists. However, this “solution” fails to see the incredibly complex situations in which modern evangelists find themselves. Historically Christian missions has been fueled by pejorative attitudes towards non-western cultures and, at times, been guilty of unethical practices as a means to institute their religion. There is a reason proselytizing is frowned upon, and it is because of the abusive ways evangelism has sometimes taken place. This is a reality the Church must admit too and repent from. Furthermore, Christian missions has also been guilty of perpetuating cultural stereotypes, and lacking nuance when describing their missional communities, thus painting these

groups of people either as deeply depraved and unfulfilled persons, or helpless babes in search of a (Christian and hopefully Western) leader. Both these approaches fail to recognize that cultures are made up of good, bad, broken, free-thinking and willing individuals. Missionaries need to use rhetoric that reflects this complexity and dignity of person to remove the “savior” complex. Furthermore, McCallum’s missional approach hinders one from loving one’s neighbor. We live in a globalized and pluralistic world. It is completely insufficient and rightly insulting for me to be motivated by a potential conversion as a means to tend to my non-Christian friends. You know what I’m talking about. Think about the feeling you get when a Jehovah’s Witness knocks on your door. Exactly. It is for these reasons I find McCallum’s rhetoric to be unsettling and insufficient to meet the needs of our modern world. That being said, the challenge still remains. How do we remain thoughtful Christians who believe in the power of the gospel in a post-modern, globalized and pluralistic society? That is no easy answer, and it would be against

my intellectual convictions to give you one. But I will end with this: it is a gospel imperative to believe that God is wooing His treasured creation, even if they remain His enemies. Thus, in our current climate, Christians must believe that Jesus bestows grace upon grace on all those who have (or have had) breath. Let me embody this concept. My mom often tells me about her friend, Kuldeep, who, as a Sikh, found God to be the greatest comfort before she lost her fight to cancer. What should my reaction be to my mom as she remembers her dear friend? Should I interject and insist this God was Jesus? Or should I remain quiet, embarrassed that my Christian gospel did not have explicit triumph in this context? Neither. I rejoice with my mother, knowing that Kuldeep’s death was indeed filled with grace. Then I praise God, knowing that He touched her, knowing He loves her, knowing that conversion is not a conquest and faith is a journey.★

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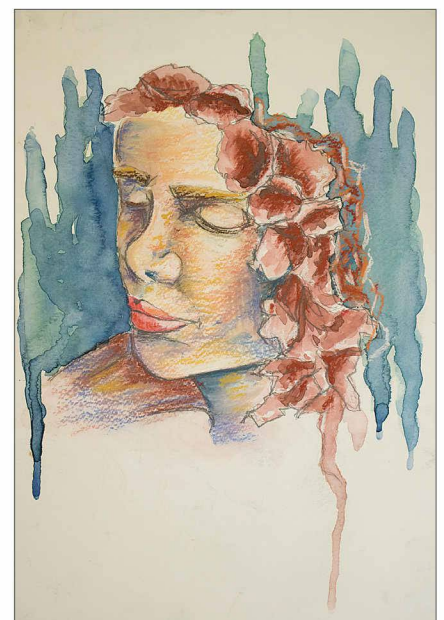
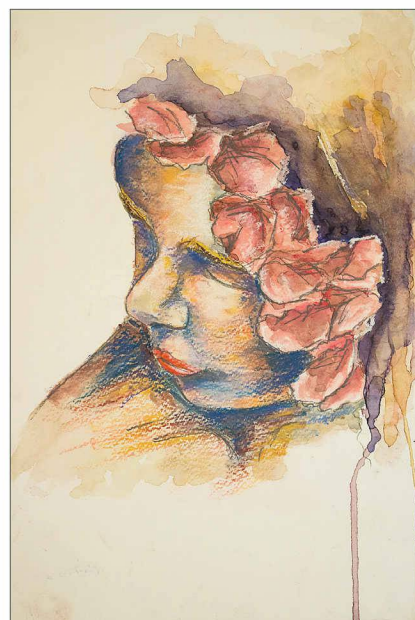
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“If you control your pencil,
you can control the world.”

- Sam Mylin

