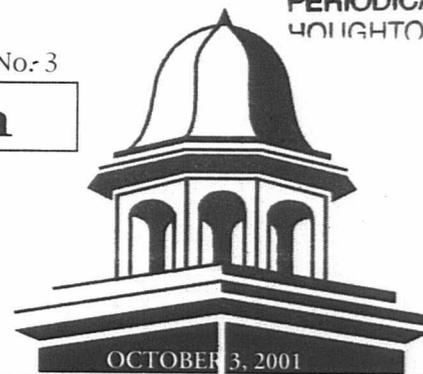


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SGA hosts forum on terrorism

Richard Sterling Mehring III

The SGA's forum on terrorism and its effects this Thursday offered students the chance to hear three speakers address different dimensions of a problem that faces America on many fronts today. On the lineup were Dr. B. David Benedict, Dr. Robert Black and guest speaker Abe Hussein, an Egyptian born American citizen living in Buffalo.

The talks began with an address by Dr. Benedict on the nature, aim and origins of terrorism. After a brief introduction on the elements of terror, which range from blackmail and extortion to bombings and hijackings, the speaker offered some reasons why people resort to terror. Because the leaders of radical fringe groups tend to affect impressionable minds, especially those of the young, many commit themselves to fanaticism out of sheer ardor. Leaders of these groups may also appeal to persons in poverty, offering them the chance to die a martyr's death and thus enter paradise to great reward. Also, self-impression is a cause. Having developed victim mentalities due to oppressive circumstances, people begin to feel themselves unbound by laws and social mores and therefore able to perform unthinkable acts

when given a reason to do so. Often, a political state will finance terrorist operations to topple opposing governments, frequently paying the guerrillas in narcotics. What sets State Terrorism apart from legitimate covert operations (particularly those of the West) is that it considers civilians viable military targets.

Dr. Black took the floor next and presented a layout of economic changes both in the near and somewhat distant future that America can expect to see. With the interest rate growing at the near-recession rate of 0.1%, the economy was too weak to absorb the drop off in spending immediately following September 11th's attacks. The country can, therefore, expect to see a recession over the next three-quarters of the fiscal year, followed by a recovery in the fourth. The long-term effects are subtle, but troubling. Because American civilians have now been made targets of attack, changes may take place in the area of social security.

In the final address of the evening, Abe Hussein wrapped a red turban around his head as a symbolic gesture and assumed the

persona of an Arab named "Abraham" living in the Middle East. He began by saying that Abraham hates the U.S. for many reasons, the foremost being its involvement with Israel. Because America offers assistance, Israel is able to act militarily against Palestine in ways it would never have been able to do otherwise. America's support of dictatorial regimes in the Middle East to keep its oil supply flowing causes great resentment among Arabs who suffer under those dictators. Arabs also see the U.S. involvement in Kuwait during the Gulf War as a facade for interests in foreign oil. Citizens in the Middle East take issue with American culture as well. Observing the moral depravity portrayed in film and television, the wastefulness of capitalism, and the ubiquity of American commerce and style, Arabs see the America as an enemy to their way of life. The fact that groups such as the Taliban propagate false information about their enemy only serves to reinforce peoples' hearts and minds against "the Great Satan."

Removing his turban, Hussein began

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Students "Called" to Boston

Bethany Schwartz

Forty-six Houghton students joined a "solemn assembly" of Christians in Boston, Massachusetts on Saturday, September 22. The event, known as "The Call New England," is the second in a series of gatherings referred to as "The Call." Washington, DC, hosted the first event, drawing over 400,000 Christians last summer. This fall's event began at 6 am on Saturday morning and continued until 6 pm that day. Participants took part in fasting, worship, and prayer for the New England area and the United States.

Despite the threat of terrorism in Boston, many Houghton students chose to attend this gathering. Before the group departed, the student leaders Laura Tolley, Richard Liantonio, Chris Smith, and Jennifer Neroni, made certain that all who planned on going were prepared to face the possible threat of death. The event would be held in Government Center in downtown Boston, directly behind the City Hall and other governmental buildings. In the case of a terrorist attack, the chance that this area would have been targeted was likely. "We feel like God is calling us anyway," Neroni told



the group. "But we want you to spend time asking God seriously if this is something you should be doing." Although several students felt that God was directing them to remain at Houghton, forty-six students did feel called to attend.

The Call is a response to Joel 2:15-18, an urgent summons in a time of crisis. The passage says to "declare a holy fast...call a sacred assembly...bring together the elders, gather the children." Leaders of this gathering

declare that it is a time of fasting and prayer to bring reconciliation and spiritual awakening to a nation in desperate need of God. The main emphasis of the event was on worship, intercessory prayer for the New England area, and reconciliation. People of Spanish, Portuguese, Arabian, and Israeli ethnicity participated in speaking and attending, bringing an awareness of the inclusiveness of the body of

Christ.

The Houghton students stayed on Friday and Saturday night with friends of Laura Tolley, three generous families who opened their homes and went out of their way to make the group feel welcome. After the day of fasting and prayer, these families provided food for the Houghton students. Before breaking the fast, the students took communion and dedicated the day to the Lord. "There's a change taking place in how the body operates," said junior Chris Smith.

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Rosa Gerber

America's New War

On Sunday, Taliban officials announced that their security people knew the whereabouts of terrorist Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the September 11 attacks. They would not reveal his location or any details in an attempt to ensure bin Laden's safety, but they admitted he was still in Afghanistan. The Taliban also

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speaking as himself, an American citizen by choice. Although he embraces the prosperity and many freedoms found in America, he cautions against closed-mindedness to world outside the boundaries. Now that problems have seemingly come home to roost, citizens, especially the young who have never seen a war, will have to consider the cost of freedom as a personal issue. He gave passionate voice to his

stated that bin Laden was under the control of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the official name of the Taliban, and they were willing to negotiate with the United States, but only if the United States would produce evidence of bin Laden's involvement in the terrorist attacks. According to White House spokespeople, the United States government refused to negotiate with the Taliban or supply evidence of bin Laden's role in the attacks.

A retaliation led by the United States is still in the planning stages, yet the Taliban's leader Mullah Mohammed Omar stated last

feelings against those behind the attacks, calling them "bastards," but tempered such statements by cautioning against indiscreet media coverage of military action and the effects an attack might have domestically, including a possible flood of immigrants.

When Hussein closed, the floor was open to students. Questions came in about proper responses to terrorism, who stands to benefit from the WTC attack, and what may come of the "war on terrorism" the President proposed in his recent

week that he does not expect the United States to attack Afghanistan. The United States, however, met with the former Afghan king Mohammed Zahir Shah, now exiled, to discuss building a new government in Afghanistan and restoring King Shah if the Taliban were to be taken out of power. Officials from the Northern Alliance, the former government of Afghanistan and opposition to the Taliban, joined the meetings.

As clean up continues in New York City, the official total missing after the terrorist attacks

on the World Trade Center is 5,641 people. New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani said the number of confirmed deaths reached 309, with 248 bodies identified. Almost a thousand people have applied for death certificates without finding their loved ones' bodies. Officials also estimated that the total cost of the attacks would be near \$40 billion, including removal of debris, overtime pay, and rebuilding of subways and buildings. Clean up could take up to a year to complete.

speech. Responses were balanced and well informed, but the most satisfactory answers were the most cryptic. America's age of isolation seems to be over, one speaker suggested. The problems Americans used to think of as foreign have been brought into their own cities and back yards. "If we had a forum on Bin Laden last month, how many of you would have come?" asked Hussein. No one can know whether the war on terror will yield results or follow the war on

drugs as an interminable, wasteful exercise. Some response seems imperative, but what? As America confronts a form of warfare it has never dealt with on a large scale, it stands to face trying years that it can endure only by making changes and knowing its vulnerability. The problems have come home.

A sort of homecoming (with apologies to Bono)

Joshua Ziefle

Well, it's that time of the year again. Leaves are falling, the air is chilling, and the assignments we've all been putting off are beginning to make us wonder why we ever thought that taking an extra class was "a really good idea." Eventually, of course, my thoughts turn to the following: orange and brown. Yep, you got it-the pride of Cleveland football and the bane of the 1970s, good old orange and brown. You see, in-and of themselves they are largely both disgusting and forgettable, but they were my high school colors. And hey, let's



make no mistake-they're really quite hideous. But after four years of going to pep rallies and sporting events and seeing them throughout the building every day, a strange thing began to happen: I started to like them. Looking back, those colors remain

connected to that tumultuous and exciting time in my life. And while they may not be the most exciting or the most beautiful, I know that they're mine.

As many of you are aware, this is Homecoming Week, chock full of more school spirit than you can shake a stick at. Things to do abound, and from a certain point of view, much of the week may seem rather silly or pointless. All things considered, I understand how one might see it all as rather comical. (Seriously, how weird do those professors look in that Founders' Day get-up anyway?)

However, looking at things in this light never made much difference in the world, just a bunch of pessimistic people. So rather than being detractors of the myriad events of the next few days, let's make a point to look up and enjoy what's going on for all its worth. There's plenty to marvel in, to laugh with, and to laugh at-and in the end, that's what this time is for. Who knows? Maybe all of this is simply supreme cheesiness, but at least this time it's our cheesiness. See you around....

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Out with the old, in with the new in the Ortlip gallery

Bethany Schwartz

During a reception last Friday in the honor of his gallery closing, Paul Ortlip presented an oil painting to the college via Dr. Daniel Chamberlain. At Ortlip's suggestion, the painting, entitled "Jerusalem," will probably hang in the religion and philosophy department in the Academic Building. The original sketching of this painting was done during a time of relative peace when Ortlip visited Jerusalem several years ago; the painting was completed in 1981. He has given it to the college to join the other Ortlip paintings by his family members that hang on the walls of the Luckey building, the Center for the Arts, and the Academic Building.

Before presenting the painting to Dr. Chamberlain, Ortlip had a chance to speak to the crowd that had gathered. He addressed young artists, telling them to get a degree to teach art in schools and meanwhile, "paint away your life." He told the crowd that he believed the painting would be quite fitting for the religion and philosophy department, but he wasn't "going to tell you where to hang it."



Paul Ortlip presents the painting to Dr. Chamberlain

...the new

Susanna Rosenbaum

Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m., former Houghton student Ben Frank Moss III will introduce this month's art exhibition "Abstraction: The Power of Memory" in the Ortlip Gallery. The show features works of various media from artists around the country, including two and three-dimensional pieces.

Artist Ben Frank Moss

became interested in art while studying at Houghton College in the 1950's. At the time, Houghton did not have an art major, so Moss eventually transferred to Whitworth College to pursue his undergraduate degree. But he credits his Houghton professors, the Ortlips, for sparking what has become for him a life-long passion.

Moss, currently a professor at Dartmouth College,

served as juror of selection for this highly competitive exhibit, which is sponsored by Christians in the Visual Arts. A painting by Houghton faculty member Ted Murphy is included in the exhibit.

All are encouraged to attend the Moss' discussion of the collection at 6:30, the light reception following, and the slide lecture presented by Moss at 8:00 in the Arts Recital Hall. Come one, come all!!

First Artist Series concert approaching

Alice Ball

"Purists beware! Your prejudice against unorthodox instrumentation could be shattered." So says Time Magazine of the Amherst Saxophone Quartet, expected to be gracing the stage of the Wesley Chapel in the first of this year's Artist Series on Friday, October 5th at 8:00 pm. This world-

renowned saxophone quartet, formed in January of 1978 and now in their 24th full season of concert performances, has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, National Public Radios "All Things Considered" and even NBC'S TV's Tonight Show. Members include Susan Fancher, Russ Carere, Stephen Rosenthal,

and Harry Fackelman, all residents of Buffalo, NY between touring and recording dates. With five CDs already recorded, the ASQ eagerly looks forward to the release of their newest album Renaissance Sax, to be released in Nov. 2001.

If you still are not convinced that attending this concert would be an excellent use of your time, not to

mention a great way to start off Homecoming Weekend, take a trip to the AMS website and listen to some of their sample music. My personal favorite: All Right Blues, written by quartet member Russ Carere. Check it out!

<http://amherstsaxophonequartet.buffalo.edu>

Rep. Amory Houghton speaks to community

Christopher Stanley

The Houghton community was fortunate to have Congressman Amo Houghton speak on Friday at an assembly about the terrorist attacks. At the beginning of my personal interview with him, I asked him what the House was doing to alleviate the situation in New York City and Washington D.C. "We've been brushing everything else aside," he replied. The previous agenda concerning the Patient's Bill of Rights, Social Security, and Medicare has been put on hold for the time being. He explained that the House has been focusing on the emergency situation concerning the airlines. Houghton described it as "...an industry that is completely paralyzed...", and added that the House has been busy trying to bail out the companies before more airline workers are laid off by the thousands. The second objective

of the house is to "...support the President..." and provide the funds that he needs to get the country stabilized once again. In response to further questions about pending legislation, the congressman did say that any rumors about a draft were completely false. There has been no talk on the floor of the House about any sort of a draft taking place.

Knowing his strong Christian background, I went on to ask him what he felt our response should be as Christians. "I've wrestled with that for a long time," he replied, "...I think that the non-violent approach is the best approach." He used a reference from his past experience with the civil rights movement in Alabama about how the African-Americans in the South responded to the violence of the racist southerners, but the congressman went on to say that he didn't think

God expected us to sit back and do nothing to protect ourselves. "Although I think we ought to hold out the olive branch...I get upset at people that say we shouldn't use any military force whatsoever." Congressman Houghton also used the term "just war" to explain that any war that we get into should only be in defense but he warned against further action. "We must not get into a religious war...if we have the Islamic nations against us, the west, I think it would be the end of any civilization as we know." He also commented that such a war would send us right back into the dark ages. "It would be horrible." When asked about military action, he said that he can see a time when half the military isn't in uniform at all. "It'll be using the old camouflage techniques which these other people used. We don't know

where the enemy is, and so we've got to be very, very careful." He concluded this portion of the interview with the statement that "...when we're attacked like this as we were back in 1941, we've got to react. That's a part of our natural evolution."

His concluding statements included praise to the excellent job being performed by Secretary Powell, Vice-President Cheney, and President Bush. "We've got to protect ourselves...and yet we've also got to make sure we've got our allies intact. Osama has a lot of money...he's at the focal point right now. You can use whatever term you want, but everything he says and does is provocative towards war. There are people out there who are trying to destroy the very foundations of this country which stands for liberty...somehow we've got to protect ourselves."

have you seen these nominees?

cowboys



cowgirls



underclass nominees

Juniors

Christopher Smith
Scott Wilkins
Eric Martens

Heather Hodson
Alice Ball
Amy Hale

Sophomores

Chris Austin
Chris Buell
Rob Jones

Angela Consolo
Karen Jennings
Joy Newcomb

Freshmen

Kevin Bonesteel
Parker Omerod
Tim Stanley

Rebecca Williams
Kristen Stevens
Laura Dorman

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Homecoming Banquet today! SPOT tryouts are Wednesday night in Presser Hall...SPOT will be held in the Wesley Chapel after the banquet. Come on out!!

In Question:

Who would you prefer to provide the musical entertainment for this year's Homecoming banquet, Willie Nelson or Will Smith?



"Will Smith because he's a hometown boy, and he's a lot hotter than Willie Nelson."

Beth Carvill (Junior)



"Willie Nelson because my mom has a tape of him doing some gospel songs and I enjoy them."

John Johnson (Junior)

a Wild West Roundup at Homecoming



Homecoming schedule of events

Wednesday- October 3

All weekend long	Ortlip Art Gallery guest exhibitor: Ben Frank Moss	Ortlip Art Gallery
All weekend long	Celebrating 25 Years of Dr. Chamberlain's Presidency	AB Atrium Display
11:00 am	Heritage Chapel- William Greenway	Wesley Chapel

Thursday- October 4

6:30 pm	Guest artist- Ben Frank Moss	CFA
8:00 pm	Guest artist lecture- Ben Frank Moss "Abstraction"	CFA- Recital Hall
8:00 pm	Ready for Monday Concert	Wesley Chapel

Friday- October 5

9:10 am	Department Receptions	
10:00 am	Founders' Day Convocation-Dr. Daniel Chamberlain	Wesley Chapel
Noon	Lunch	Campus Center
5:00 pm	Dinner	Campus Center
6:00 pm	Campus Store Fashion Show	Campus Center
6:00 pm	Women's VB vs. Shawnee State University	Nielsen Center
7:00 pm	Women's Soccer vs. Seton Hill College	Burke Field
8:00 pm	Artist Series: Amherst Saxophone Quartet	Wesley Chapel
10:00 pm	Coronation (Bonfire)	Alumni Complex

Saturday- October 6

7:45 am	Highlander breakfast reception	Nielsen Center
8:30 am	Men's Basketball Intra-squad Game	Nielsen Center
9:00 am	Equestrian dressage competition	Equestrian Center
9:30 am	Alumni Soccer Reception	Burke Field
10:00 am	Alumni Soccer game	Burke Field
11:00 am	Parade	
11:00 am	Women's VB vs. Point Park College	Nielsen Center
11:00 am	Women's Cross Country Invitational	Alumni Complex
12:00 pm	Men's Cross Country Invitational	Alumni Complex
12:00 pm	Field Hockey vs. Mansfield University	Alumni Complex
12:00 pm	Equestrian cross-country competition	Equestrian Center
12:00 pm	Picnic	Alumni Complex
1:00 pm	JV Women's Soccer vs. Niagara Univ.	Wilt's Field
1:30 pm	Women's VB vs. Malone College	Nielsen Center
2:00 pm	Women's Soccer vs. Geneva College	Burke Field
3:00 pm	Equestrian stadium jumping competition	Equestrian Center
4:00 pm	Men's Soccer vs. Geneva College	Burke Field
5:00 pm	Dinner	Campus Center
6:00 pm	Alumni Field Hockey Game	Alumni Complex
6:30 pm	Alumni Pizza & Wings Party	Big Al's Snack Shop
6:45 pm	Formal Students' Banquet	Campus Center
7:30 pm	Field Hockey reception	Alumni Complex
9:00 pm	Student Spot	Wesley Chapel



"I know who Will Smith is, but I don't know who the other guy is."

Janelle Arendt (Sophomore)



"Willie Nelson!"

Barry King (Junior)

arthouse

A look at the intersection of faith and art



P.O.D.

Satellite

by Pete Hutchinson

I must say as a P.O.D. and all around music fan, P.O.D.'s new CD "Satellite" is purely amazing and totally rocks!! "Satellite," the follow-up to 1999's smash "Fundamental Elements of Southtown," combines driven rock/hardcore with hard-hitting, meaningful lyrics. I've been excited about this new project ever since I experienced four of the new cuts at their concert this summer at the Inside Out Soul Festival. This included the hit single "Alive," a message driven song about not getting caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life and not taking things for granted. The guys on my floor can tell you that the chorus is quite catchy as it can be heard being belted from my

room and in turn gets stuck in their heads.

This CD hit me on many levels. It blew my mind musically. It ranges from in-your-face driving guitar riffs in "Boom" to the mellow thought provoking "Thinking About Forever." The lyrical content of this project is also amazing. It is so real and deals with so many issues. One person compared P.O.D. lyrically to "that of Bebo Norman only with harder music behind it and guys with tattoos." I thought that was an interesting comparison, but in so many ways this effort is so lyrically powerful. The disc definitely makes you think and yet is very worshipful and always reaching toward heaven. The songs "Thinking About Forever" and the

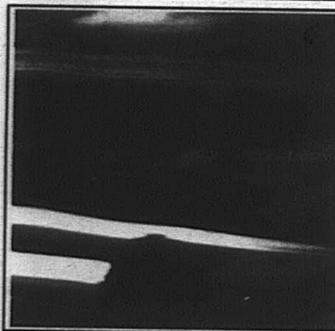
title track were both inspired by the death of Sonny's mother. Another issue addressed is in the song "Youth of the Nation," which is the bands response to the recent barrage of school violence. "Without Jah, Nothin'" is a song that is openly evangelistic and the message is cut and dry. Without God in your life you are nothing.

P.O.D. has the ultimate honor to spread the word of God to places other Christians cannot. Their method of sharing is one that is acceptable to a universal range of people. I've experienced the band in both settings for concerts, that of a "Christian setting" (Inside Out Soul Festival) and also a "secular or worldly setting" (Water St. Music Hall, Rochester). The message does not change. Their inspiration is not daunted by the venue that they play or the other bands they play with. They go out every night to spread the word about what is real in their lives. In fact in some ways the concert in Rochester encouraged me more than the other venue. It doesn't matter what venue they play at or who they play with, the message is clear. God is the answer and

He is the one motivating their lives and their journeys. This is exemplified in and excerpt from the final offering on the CD, "Portrait:"

"I surrender, giving up all that is me / Yielding to you (CHRIST-Witness; CHRIST-Living one; CHRIST-First and the last) Shape me in my brokenness/ Empower me forever (CHRIST-Word life; CHRIST-Resurrect; CHRIST-Everlasting Jah) chorus: Some people call you father / Maybe you could set me free / These people hate each other / But you've always been there for me / outro: I know you will complete this work started in me / I need you more than ever now that I know who you are / I know you will complete this work started in me / I need you more than ever now that I've come so far"

God is their focus. The world is their venue. "Satellite" is their latest tool. P.O.D. continues to amaze and thrill me in their musical journey. This latest CD is no exception.



Jason Upton

Faith

by Becky Williams

Filled with uncensored worship, Jason Upton's new CD "Faith" is definitely worth listening to. His songs challenge

the listener to "let faith arise"-to have your heart changed by a relationship with God that only faith can build.

The CD's feature song, "Faith," from which the CD gets its name, was spontaneously sung on the prompting of the Holy Spirit at a time of worship. The entire collection of songs, only one of which was not written by Jason, was performed live at different times of worship and praise at New Life Christian Fellowship in Chesapeake, VA and Cool Springs Church in Brentwood, TN.

With the harmonizing of background vocals and the upbeat tempo of the band, Upton's CD challenges the Christian's heart to

be filled with faith and commitment. The chorus of his song "Just Like You" is a reflection of the faith-filled heart. It says, "I desire to be like you. Like any son or daughter, I want to be like my Father. I desire to be like you. You promised to never forsake me, so I'll risk it all if you'll make me like you."

Let your own heart be challenged! Let faith arise in your life! Let the words of Jason Upton's CD "Faith" spur your heart on to "risk it all" for Christ alone.

movie review: *Don't Say a Word* *** (out of four)

Jonathon Winters

"Don't Say a Word" is a thriller worthy of the title. It misses earning that elusive fourth star because of its reliance on a largely unbelievable plot, a few unfortunate Hollywood cliches, and a slightly less than satisfying climax. In its favor, the acting in this film is more than adequate, with standout performances by Michael Douglas and Brittany Murphy. Additionally, director Gary Fleder endowed the film with a masterful sense of pacing, eliciting audible gasps from the audience throughout.

Michael Douglas stars in this psychological thriller as Dr. Nathan Conrad, a psychiatrist

who commands a special rapport with troubled teens. The tranquility of Dr. Conrad's idyllic life with his beautiful wife and precocious young daughter is suddenly shattered when he is thrust into the middle of a decade-long conspiratorial plot to acquire a valuable red diamond. The film's antagonist (played by Sean Bean) has masterminded a nefarious plan to recover the lost diamond, which he figures has been rightfully his since he stole it ten years ago. Here's the gist: kidnap Dr. Conrad's daughter to extort him into using his psychiatric prowess in wresting some mysterious six-digit number from a teenage girl's apparently psychotic mind. The

ensuing plot twists and cell-phone tag are reminiscent of "The Game," a similarly well-done Michael Douglas thriller. The plot of "Don't Say a Word" is complex enough to involve the audience in its guessing game at least through the first hour and a half. It is admittedly a bit hard to swallow at times. For instance, one might ask if this diamond is really worth all that trouble (to the movie's credit, the diamond seems to work more as a symbol of the antagonists greed than its actual object). Moreover, the last half-hour of the film somehow manages to stumble into the veritable abyss of cut-and-paste action flicks.

Perhaps most disappointing was the inclusion of Jennifer Esposito as a police detective. Strong female characters have become a Hollywood trend these days. While this trend is not at all undesirable, in this case Esposito is incapable of breathing life into a role that is contrived and largely unnecessary to the plot. Other trends that this film follows include the frumpy side-kick (played by Oliver Platt), the tired kidnap dialog (demanding: "I want to speak to my daughter!" sinister English accent: "You're a brave man, Dr. Conrad." reassuring: "Don't worry honey, everything's going to be ok!" resignedly: "How

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VOX voice

expressions of a community of faith.



by Bethany Schwartz

"Call the Plumber"

I always thought it would be better to live in a townhouse than in the dorms. And it is. But somehow it doesn't quite live up to the same standards...basically because of our toilets. Somehow I managed to end up in a house where the toilets like to get clogged - both of them. At the same time.

The first week of school when both of the toilets were plugged for the first time, my roommate and I tromped up to East Hall to borrow the plunger from 2nd new, the floor we lived on last year. Turns out that the plunger was too small. (I thought they were all supposed to be the same size. Aren't toilets the same size?) So we went down to Randall 2 to use their bathroom...and borrow their plunger. It was big enough, but we only succeeded in splashing water everywhere. Call #1 to Maintenance.

The second week of school, they were both plugged again. We told Maintenance that we didn't do anything to clog them; the pipes were just messed up. I'm not sure if they believed us or not. But at least they fixed it.

Last Friday we noticed that the upstairs toilet was flushing slower than usual, so instead of calling Maintenance again, we just decided to use the bathroom downstairs. I was sitting in my room on Saturday evening when I heard a commotion downstairs: the toilet had overflowed. My distraught housemates were shrieking and running around with paper towel trying to clean up the water. One ambitious friend brought the plunger upstairs and attempted to clear the upstairs pipes...but came out of the bathroom spluttering. "That was so gross! I almost threw up." In despair she announced, "That's it! We're calling security. They have to do something." I was dubious, but security showed up on our doorstep promptly, looked at our toilets, and called a plumber. "You've got

something major wrong," he said and disappeared. I hope it wasn't too gross for him.

The plumber showed up a little while later with a huge snakelike tool, which I presume he was intending to stick down the toilet and clean out whatever was causing the blockage. I didn't stay around to watch...but in the morning the toilets were flushing just fine.

After attending the Call this past weekend, I feel something different in my life. Twelve hours of fasting and crying out to God in prayer will leave you weak, stripped, and empty. But it will leave you cleansed. I feel as if God pushed that snakelike tool down my soulpipes and got out all of that garbage. The stuff that keeps me from coming to Him, that keeps me from seeking Him, that keeps me from trusting Him. It's not supposed to be there, and all it does is keep me from growing in my walk with Christ. I get so caught up in some of those distractions at times. So God took it all away, just as He always does.

I am finding, though, that it takes effort to live "cleaned out." Just as our toilets will get clogged again (I have no doubt about that), so will my life become cluttered with schoolwork, relationships, fears, doubts, and other things that Satan pushes my way to keep me away from God. A month or two down the road I'm sure I will feel as overwhelmed and overloaded as I did a week ago. But I trust that the Plumber will come again and clean out my spiritual pipes. I will keep asking Him to, and I know that He will come. He always does.

We're talking about keeping the Houghton plumbers on call in Randall 5. If it's only the first week of October and already both of our toilets have been plugged (at the same time) three times, I have a feeling that we might even be needing to put them on Speed Dial. I think I will put God on Speed Dial, too, because I need him even more than I need a functioning toilet. He is, you know, my all in all.

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"Oh no, it's not money that I want . . ."), the seemingly helpless wife who nevertheless manages to fight off her assailant, and the list could go on. The ending would also have been disappointingly cliched were it not for one final plot twist and the eerily effective setting (though I was asked "How did it get dark so quickly?").

All these negative aspects barely detract from the film's good qualities including its relentless pace, the careful weaving of seemingly disparate plot segments, and convincing

acting by Douglas and Brittany Murphy, who plays the troubled teen from whom Dr. Conrad must extract the vital number. Fans of Douglas will not be disappointed. The results of his descent from middle-class utopia into a brutal fight for survival do much more to satisfy one's sense of justice than CNN has of late. And the "I'll never tell" scene featured so prominently in the trailer is not nearly as kooky as it looks.

This film is rated R because of pervasive violence, strong language, and some sexual dialog.

Responding to the Call

Rebecca Mattoon

When I first heard about The Call, and the opportunity that I would have to be a part of the Houghton community that would be making the trip to Boston, I thought, "Twelve hours of prayer, worship and fasting? Nope." Although the opportunity to intercede on behalf of our nation and our generation along with thousands of other believers lit my passion, I quickly remembered that I have a rather short attention span, making it difficult for me focus in prayer for even five minutes. I had considerable doubts that I would be able to have focus for twelve long hours with my tummy grumbling and my over-worked college body longing for sleep. In the midst of this inner conflict, numerous passages in scripture reminded me that God is my strength and, by admitting complete dependence on Him, I would be blessed in my efforts to do His will. I decided to go.

Friday, September 21, after eight restless hours in a 12-passenger van, we arrived at our final destination: the suburbs of Boston. We slept for 2 1/2 hours before rising to meet the earliest subway into the city. At six o'clock am, we began our time of intercession and worship, and more remarkably, my personal time of focusing on God. We prayed for our nation, we

prayed for our universities, we prayed for New England, we prayed for reconciliation between Israelis, Arabs and Americans, we prayed for reconciliation between generations. I prayed for hours upon hours with very little distraction and a few one-to-two minute breaks.

The attitude of humility before God and desperation for the salvation of our nation was so prevalent among the 50,000 believers who gathered in Boston that day. Any remnants of droopy eyes or hungry bellies were lost in the intensity of the gathering. We were gathered despite threats of bombing and citywide chaos. I recorded in my journal that, "We have made a statement by coming here today. We refuse to be intimidated. We refuse to be afraid of our future. We are different. We are bold. Prayer changes nations and prayer has changed me."

The renewed focus and passion for our nation and our generation that God blessed me with at The Call continues to affect me as I return to the daily grind of classes and extra-curriculars. I have been awakened to the need of prayer for our nation; daily, fervent prayer that American will turn her heart back to the living God. This is not something to back down from, or to let fade away. It is a calling on our hearts. Let us rise to meet the challenge, with God's strength, and focus on the eternal.

QUIP OF THE WEEK

quip (kwip) n. 1. clever or witty remark or saying, usually made on the spur of the moment. 2. a quipped remark, possibly from Latin *quippe* forsooth, indeed (used sarcastically).

- Dr. Paul Young -

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September 24 - October 1

Prospects favorable for men's soccer

Noel Habashy

With the regular season more than half done, the men's soccer team is staring down the barrel of a potentially exceptional season. With a 6-0-1 season in the American Mideast Conference at the time of the writing of this article, the players of the Highlanders are staying firm in their enormously successful season, currently second in their division.

On September 22, the team faced Ohio Dominican College at home. After a prompt start to the game with a goal by Andy Walton in the 4th minute, Ohio Dominican tied up the game in the 21st minute. With 13

minutes left in the game, Brad Clodfelter turned a corner kick by Iain Velez into a goal with help from teammate Andy Walton. Final score: Houghton 2, Ohio Dominican 1.

Another victory came to the Highlanders on September 25, after a brutal trouncing of Daemen College at home. Trevor Eby scored two goals (one of three players to do so) in the 4th and 30th minutes of the game. In the 60th minute of play, Tim Haffey scored his first of the season making it 3-1. Shortly after, Tyler Stevenson made his contribution, followed by a goal by Elvis Langa one minute later. But Daemen was not silenced, making their one and only addition to the scoreboard for

the night. Stevenson and Langa put in their second goals of the night in the 81st and 84th minutes respectively. Final score: Houghton 8, Daemen 1.

Growth in the wins column is not the only area where Houghton players have excelled. For two straight weeks, Highlanders have been recognized as American Mideast Conference men's soccer Defensive Player of the Week. For the week ending September 16, junior Rusty Knight was awarded the honor. Knight led the defense in two shutouts against Shawnee State and Cedarville. Sophomore Brad Clodfelter was presented the award for the week ending September 23. Clodfelter scored two goals (one of which

was the game-winner) and made an assist in two days in games against Mt. Vernon Nazarene and Ohio Dominican.

With several more games ahead of them, including one against archrivals Roberts Wesleyan, there is still much to develop. The outcome looks promising for the Highlanders as they head into the homestretch of the regular season. From there, the post-season will determine where they will go from here. No matter what, Houghton students can expect to see more great soccer as the men's soccer team proceeds with what is turning into an exceptional season.

Cross country teams give solid showing

Liz Hornor

"It was a solid meet and both teams ran well," Captain Chris Buell remarked concerning the cross-country team's performance at the September 29th SUNY Geneseo meet held in Letchworth State Park. Judging from the results, he was right. There was a total of eighteen personal records on the men's and women's team combined. The nine pr's for the women included Rose Baum (23:25), Joy Brautigam (21:49), Melody

Gifford (23:00), Liz Hornor (20:26), Jen Kinman (23:01), Beth Maples (23:18), Marzella Mayo (23:42), Rita Pazral (22:37), and Erica Smith (22:14). Additionally, Katy Sykes, Kim Sayre and Liz Hornor finished in the top 15 overall. Three-quarters of the men's team had personal records in the five-mile race including Ben Askins (32:00), Chris Austin (31:18), Chris Buell (27:45; 13th overall), Tim Cook (27:53; 16th overall), James Franklin (32:47),

DJ Merriam (30:45), Mark Mullert (33:14), Larry Petry (27:55; 17th overall), and Jason Grambley (33:07). Thick grass, mud puddles, and rain-soaked ground contributed to slow the course down, but the beautiful day, cool weather, and Houghton fans from as far away as Vermont helped the team combat the negative factors.

In the end the women's team finished 2nd out of 11 teams and the men finished 4th out of 9 teams. Coach Smalley was

impressed with the team effort displayed by everyone and the team's performance coming off the toughest practice week thus far. Larry Petry summed up the meet for the team, "It was a great day, a lot of people had their best races, and it was fun." They are looking forward to the Homecoming meet on October 6th where they hope to see a lot of fans come out again and support the team.



Women's soccer rolling

Jeremy VanHoff

The women's soccer team went 4-0-1 through 5 games within the last two weeks. On September 14th they defeated Shawnee State 6-0 and on the 15th they tied Cedarville University 1-1. On the 21st they beat Mt. Vernon Nazarene 4-0, and on the 22nd the girls defeated Ohio Dominican, also with a score of 4-0. Finally, they thoroughly beat Daemen

College by a score of 9-0. Leading goal scorers included JoAnna Beardsley (with a hat trick in the Daemen game), Diane Benedict, Casandra Mills, Andrea Stoos and Hannah Toth. Contributing to the four shutouts were goalies Christie Goodman and Rebecca Fuller. The Highlander's record is 8-0-1, and they play Walsh University on the 29th.

Highlander SportsWeek

Volleyball
Friday, 6:00 pm
Houghton College Cluster

Saturday, 11:00 am/1:30 pm
H.C. Cluster - Home

Men's Soccer
Saturday 4:00 pm Geneva
College - Home

Field Hockey
Wednesday, 6:00 pm Indiana
U of Penn - Away
Saturday, Noon Mansfield U
Saturday 6:00 pm
Alumni Game - Home
Monday 6:00 pm Juniata
College - Home
Tuesday, 7:00 pm University
of Scranton - Away

Women's Soccer

Friday, 7:00 pm
Seton Hill College - Home

Saturday, 2:00 pm Geneva
College - Home
State - Home

Cross Country

Saturday, 11:00 am/Noon
Homecoming Invitational

JV Soccer - Thursday, 4:00
pm
Jamestown CC - Away
Saturday, 1:00 pm
Niagara U. - Home
Monday, 4:00 pm Fredonia