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Courtesy: Hailey Kilgo

## Wandering to the Fold of God

by Giovanna Lastra

Three months ago, Hailey Kilgo sat in an old, Scottish hostel playing Go Fish with two travelers as they told her stories of the extraordinary journeys they lived. Both men were immigrants: one from Greece, and the other from Armenia. The young Armenian man traveled by foot all the way to Greece looking for work to financially support his family back in Armenia. The Greek man was forced to leave his country because the refugee crisis had crushed his ability to find a job in his own country. He traveled to find whatever work he could and sent the money he made to his family. Their stories of courage and hard work inspired Hailey, reawakened

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## PHC Captures World Moot Court Title

*Bock and Hirsch Defeat Law Schools from Around the Globe*

by Rebekah Jorgensen

PHC debaters William Bock and Helaina Hirsch stunned the World Human Rights Moot Court Championship by taking first place against 25 teams from law schools around the world.

“Getting to know all these people from all the different parts of the world [was incredible],” Bock said. “Everyone was so humbled to be there, and they all were sharing the same experiences we were.”

“This whole experience motivated me to rely on God more,” Hirsch added. “Every

step of the way was something I couldn’t do, so I had to trust in God.”

The World Human Rights Championship, hosted mid-summer in Geneva, Switzerland, featured competitors chosen by the Center for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria. For PHC to even be invited to the tournament, let alone win the title, was an unexpected honor.

Yet Bock and Hirsch did not initially set out to beat the top law schools in the world. In fact, when they submitted their brief, they expected it to merely be an extra credit boost to their

international law class.

“Being diligent in our work was so important,” Bock said. “The first two weeks after finals was when we stayed up to four a.m. writing our brief, and that allowed us to get in the competition.”

Once Yale Law and PHC were selected to represent their region, Bock and Hirsch began meeting with Dr. Michael Farris several times each week in order to prepare questions for oral arguments.

Upon arriving in Geneva, the competitors entered the Human Rights Council cham-

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## studentgovernment

Three exciting developments are already happening with student government: 1. Executive appointments. Some of the best and hardest-working student leaders have been placed in cabinet positions. Each one was chosen solely because of how well they will perform their duties. For instance, not many people realize how important the faculty senate representative is to our professors.

These appointments will be announced at the first senate meeting. 2. Community involvement commission. The chair of this commission is committed to giving students volunteer experience in the community. Its first event of the semester will likely occur even before student senate elections. 3.

Campus events. So many students inside and outside of student government have worked

hard to pull off some very successful fun times on campus already. Clayton and I hope that this trend continues, and will continue to brainstorm and back some community-building get-togethers.

Peace out, Kelly

# PHC Gains International Recognition

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bers to begin the tournament. The large, circular room with its ornate décor reinforced the imposing nature of the event.

After debating Argentina, Nepal, and Australia, Bock and Hirsch knew that their score was 88 out of 100, so they assumed that it was not enough to place them in the top two. Thus, when PHC's name was called for the final round, Bock and Hirsch sat for a moment in disbelief. "When we heard we were in shock," Bock said. "Dr. Farris said, 'I'm going to cry!' The best thing for me was seeing his face."

The final panel of judges, including a

Judge of the International Criminal Court and the Senior Legal Advisor of the Office of UN Human Rights, had already studied both teams' briefs; thus, their questions were tailored to the specific research contained within the briefs.

Opposing PHC in the final round was a Kenyan law school. "We are only here by God's grace," one member of the team said.

Upon the final round's conclusion, Bock and Hirsch were sure they had done their best.

"Dr. Farris already had a 'We won!' Facebook post typed up before the final

was over," Bock laughed. "He was very confident. For me, I just wanted to make sure that we gave glory to God." As they return to PHC to begin their junior year, Bock and Hirsch are excited to continue their moot court careers.

"If you really work hard on something, it doesn't matter what school you go to," Bock said. "This has definitely increased my interest in human rights and moot court. It can take you places - literally!"

"This gives PHC a new level of recognition and opens many doors of opportunity," Farris concluded. "It is a great thing for students, alumni, and all of us at PHC." ♦

# SI Students Travel Abroad to Israel

*A Hands-on Experience in the Places Jesus Walked*

by Leah Greenwood

Hailey Roberts stood atop the Golan Heights looking down at a vast expanse of desert. A dead yellow hue engulfed everything, save for the stark white of the United Nations facility building. As she turned north towards Syria, Roberts could hear the distinct sound of artillery fire. Entranced by the horror of what was happening in the distance, Roberts did not notice that the people in her group had stopped what they were doing to pray. "All I wanted to do was run down onto the battlegrounds and save just one innocent person if I could," said Roberts.

Roberts, a Strategic Intelligence major, traveled to Israel for four weeks this past summer to participate in Patrick Henry College's first study abroad trip. Chase German, an International Politics and Policy major, and Director of the Strategic Intelligence Program Gordon Middleton also went on the trip. "[The trip] will change the way you see the world," said German.

Their visit was in conjunction with the University of the Holy Land, where Rob-

erts and German earned three credits by taking a rigorous, three-week course on the history and geography of the land. They then experienced Israeli culture firsthand while traveling to Jerusalem, the Mediterranean Coast, Negev, the Dead Sea, and Galilee.

Roberts and German were also assigned a research paper. They each did some initial research on their topics, but while they were in Israel, Roberts gathered information on the religious and cultural differences between Judaism and Islam, and German learned about current and future security threats facing Israel.

The fourth week was spent meeting with scholars, economists, and various people involved in national security, helping some refugees from Iraq and Syria, relaxing, and exploring some of the sights on their own. The trio also had the chance to meet with Canon Andrew White, also known as "The Vicar of Baghdad." White is a pastor of one of the largest churches in Iraq, he helps refugees, and he plays a large role in working towards bringing peace to the Middle East.

Throughout their trip, Roberts, German, and Middleton encountered por-

tions of the unrest in the Middle East. Besides their experience on Golan Heights, the group was also in Israel when a terrorist attack occurred in Tel Aviv. Though it was not near where they were, they experienced how the Jewish culture responded to the assault. "Some of the people that we were with during that last week made a point to take us to one of the branches of the restaurant that was attacked, because they said that was one of the things that the Israelis were doing - they were just flooding the restaurant with business, essentially saying, 'We're with you,'" Middleton said.

Roberts left Israel with a changed perspective and a longing to go back one day. "[The trip] impacted my relationship with God in that I could read the Bible and walk where Jesus walked...I was on a boat on the Sea of Galilee [and] you could look out over the waters and just picture Jesus calling out to Peter."

A second study abroad trip to Israel is being planned. More detailed information will be available by the end of this semester. ♦



# Semester Starts with Retreat and Olympics

*Tim Henderson Leads Fall Retreat to Welcome Back Students*

by Harvest Prude

Students had unpacked their bags, settled in, and finished welcoming back their friends. For the freshmen, orientation was over. Before classes started, a number of students, faculty, and staff gathered in the gymnasium of the Barbara Hodel Center to participate in PHC's Fall Retreat on Friday, August 19th.

Taylor Hart, worship director at Purcellville Baptist Church, led the students in corporate worship, and Dean of Student Life Sandy Corbitt introduced keynote speaker Tim Henderson.

In the Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday evening sessions, Henderson focused on the Christian's call to love. His series, *Wingspan: How He Loves Us*, focused on Jesus' integration of meeting humans' eternal and spiritual needs, as well as their immediate physical needs. His three talks, "The Hooker in the House," "Blind on Purpose," and "Love in Consummation" unpacked the way Jesus radically loved others, with a focus on meeting the two types of needs. His last talk covered practical application for how to love others holistically.

"The only way you will love is if you see yourself as the one who has the greater debt forgiven," Henderson said.

Before each session, Henderson invited students to text questions to his cell number. At the end of each talk, he answered students' questions concerning clarifications of the message, questions about other aspects of the passage, or advice on practical application of the topic.

"[We're] surrounded by so much pain. People in their brokenness—it's everywhere...We're responding to the grief around us. If we're going to be successful, it's going to be because we experience... Jesus. That is the thing that resources us to love others in a holistic way," said Henderson.

Dean Corbitt organized the retreat and considered it a success. "I wanted a speaker

who would hit it out of the park," Corbitt said. "The students that went have been nothing but grateful. I've gone to retreats all my life—I wanted to give students that same kind of experience. Tim Henderson said he would love to come back."

Henderson is currently the director of the Blue Ridge Fellows, a post-graduate program aimed at teaching Christians how to practice their faith after leaving college. He worked on staff for Campus Crusade for Christ for over 20 years, and more recently served as the Vice President of Christian Union.

"I liked the idea behind [the retreat]—with uniting the campus together," said sophomore Kara Brown. "I think a lot of the themes he talked about [are] really prevalent in PHC culture...about how to love people...how Jesus did that and how we could do that that."

Resident Director Emily Carde estimated that 60-70 percent of students attended the retreat.

Students also participated in the first ever "Summer Is Almost Over" Olympics event on Saturday, August 20th. Students competed by brother-sister wing groups. The events were the Relationship Relay (a relay race around the Farris wheel), the Hot-dog Eating Competition (a speed-eating competition), the Dorm Draw-athon (a chalk art competition in front of the dorms), and a Rap Battle with the topic



Credit: Bex Jorgensen

"Best Way to Gain the Freshman 15."

First place winners were David Poythress's and Meridian Paulton's wings. Their wings will be allowed to wear jeans on Friday, September 2 as the prize. In second place were Jordan Hughes's and Julianne Owens's wings, which won \$5 PHC gift cards to the bookstore or coffee shop. Third place were Phillip Bunn's and Sarah Geesaman's wings, taking home chocolate. ♦



Credit: Bex Jorgensen

# PHC Sophomore's Horrifying Summer Project

by Evie Fordham

Sophomore Mary Katherine Collins felt like a zombie at her summer job. Her skin was rotting, her clothes shabby, and her motions slow and staggering.

Her job was to scare guests playing a live escape game called "Trapped in a Room with a Zombie." Collins worked as a scare actor at her family's escape room center Can You Escape? (CYE) in Tampa, Fla., during summer break. In these escape games, players are locked in a room filled with clues and puzzles and must use critical thinking and teamwork to beat the clock and get out. Collins and her coworkers lunged and snarled at players in CYE's new zombie game, and the highlight of her summer was helping design a scaled-down version of the game for the Tampa Bay Comic Con.

The convention attracted over 30,000 cosplayers, gamers, and geeks from August 5-7, according to the *Tampa Bay Times*. Over 600 played CYE's escape game.

"It gave us great exposure to people we hope will come play our permanent games," Collins said. "A producer of *Good Morning America* played one night and gave me his card. He said he wanted to promote CYE on the show if our company grew and was ecstatic about how fun it was."

On the convention's budget, Collins and seven of her zombie coworkers designed and worked an escape room based on the full-sized zombie game they had acted in since July 4 at CYE.

While a zombie chained to the wall lunged at them, players had twenty minutes in a blacklight-illuminated room to figure out the code for a lockbox that held the cure for the zombie infection.

"The cure was actually just glow sticks," Collins said.

To create a dystopian zombie lab from an empty room in the convention center, the crew hung thick black curtains from the walls and splattered them and the props with glow paint to make them stand out in the dark. Collins and her coworkers created jars of fake body parts suspended in fluorescent goo, bright yellow barrels of toxic waste, and a glowing green toilet covered in fake cockroaches.

"I'd estimate that we each invested 100 hours in the project," Collins said. "It was rushed, and we were finishing things the day before, but that's how projects like this are. This definitely brought our team together because you learn a lot about someone when you create something with them."

Two crewmembers alternated playing the zombie during their shift, while another explained the rules to the guests. This crewmember stayed in the game room to ensure that the zombie was never in any danger from players.

"The key thing in playing a zombie was letting loose," Collins said. "I had to move in very weird, lurching, slow motions and call out to the guests. It was interesting to engage with guests and push their buttons. There were parents who only played



Courtesy: Mary Katherine Collins

because their kids wanted to, and they were totally apathetic, so I'd surprise them with a sudden movement, and boom, they were hooked into the game."

Sometimes players waited over four and a half hours to get in, so the crew worked double shifts to serve as many players as possible.

CYE will run another mini-escape game at next year's convention. Collins is excited but hopes to have a little more free time at Comic Con 2017.

"I didn't get to see any of Comic Con," she said. "Fifteen minutes in the main convention hall - that was it." ♦

## New Minors Added

by Meg McEwen

New Literature and Biblical Studies minors are here.

"[The Bible classes at PHC] remove the false secular-sacred distinction in the church and culture. We learn how to be salt and light in our vocations," Dr. Darrel

Cox said. He will head up the program in conjunction with Dr. Matthew Roberts.

Upper-division Bible classes are taught in a seminary format with peer-reviewed research and exegetical work. The minor prepares students for ministry or seminary. Classes like *The Messiah in the Old and New Testaments* give students a fuller understanding of Christianity.

The Literature minor focuses on historical epochs, genres, and authors of the European and American literary canons. This degree offers students a chance to hone their writing skills through creative responses to text, gain a deeper understanding of the Western tradition, and apply a Biblical worldview to the principles of literature. ♦



# Backpacking Before PHC

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her passion for meeting unique individuals and telling their stories, and compelled her to pursue the one thing they desired most: education.

Nearly four years ago, Hailey was packing her bags to attend Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts. “I chose Emerson because I wanted to get out of Texas, a school that did not require any math, and a place unlike what I was familiar with,” Hailey said. She had high expectations for her college experience. She expected to make new friends and get a good education, but her experience was not what she had hoped. Emerson was very different than the conservative environment in which Hailey was raised. After a few months of attending the college, Hailey realized Emerson was not the place for her, as she was unable to form deep connections and friendships with people at the school. “I thought I wanted something totally different than my upbringing, but I actually did not,” Hailey said.

Her decision to leave Boston was solidified after experiencing the Boston Marathon bombing.

Hailey was headed to the end of the race to catch a glimpse of her RA crossing the finish line. Suddenly, she heard a boom. The sound was distant and faint, and Hailey was unsure of what the noise was. She, along with the people around her, silently listened for something that would clarify where the noise came from and what it was. The reality of the situation began to set in when Hailey heard the second noise, as sounds of sirens and the sight of smoke filled the streets. “I got back home and turned on the news to find out what happened. I received calls and messages of concern about my well-being. I was completely shocked and terrified by the situation,” Hailey said. She was further scarred by the experience when she went to the scene of the bombing and found bloodstained streets. “I was devastated by the dehumanization and evil of people. It was hard for me to accept. For a while I even quit running,” Hailey said.

After the experience, she wanted a sense of normality and comfort. Hailey transferred to Texas A&M to live with a lifelong friend and be closer to her family. The excitement of being near home and amongst friends quickly faded as Hailey

and her friend grew distant. “I found out that she was making choices that I really could not support,” Hailey said. When Hailey discovered that her friend was pregnant after having an affair with a married man, she was heartbroken. Hailey deeply cared for her friend, and the end of their friendship marked another tough year of college. “My life was out of my control and I hated it,” Hailey said.

Hailey needed to escape from her life. Her chance to get away came in the form of an au pair job in Australia. “Australia was like a reset for me. I wanted so much out of my college experience and had intricately planned the way my life was supposed to go but I was sorely disappointed,” Hailey said.

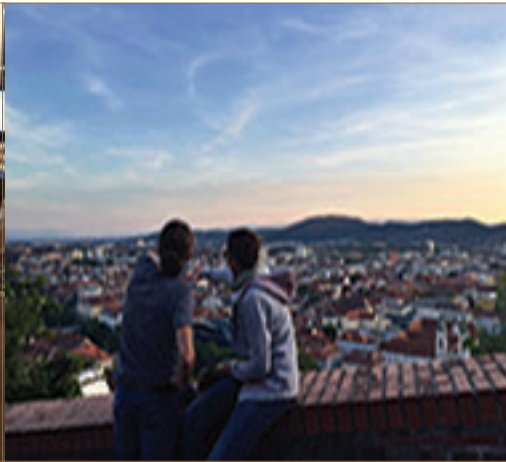
Hailey’s time in Australia taught her to recognize life’s simple joys again. She appreciated the small moments of laughter that came from playing with the children she lived with, meeting with women at a mommy support group she joined, and going to a book club she joined. “In Australia, I dealt with day-to-day, trivial tasks that made me simply enjoy life and the small moments,” Hailey said.

She also took a two-week trip to New Zealand, backpacking solo around the





Courtesy: Hailey Kilgo



Courtesy: Hailey Kilgo



Courtesy: Hailey Kilgo

southern part of the island. She climbed the New Zealand Southern Alps and met various people throughout her journey. During Hailey's trip, she reflected on her life and the experiences she had. "I was able to begin the healing process and understand the need to move on and let go," Hailey said. The trip also deepened Hailey's heart for telling stories.

After returning home and working at a publishing company, Hailey began considering going back to college. "I did not want to go back to college. I wanted to go back out into the world and tell stories," Hailey said.

Despite the desire to continue traveling, Hailey applied to PHC. Her decision was due partially to PHC's reputation for its good education and partially to her friendship with President Jack Hays. "Jack

has played a pivotal role in my life, he has been a great friend to me and helped me make tough decisions. I respect and trust him so much that I knew PHC had to be a good place," Hailey said.

However, even after she was accepted and visited the school, she was still unsure about returning to college. Amidst the fear and chaos of making a decision, she decided to set out on another journey. Hailey backpacked Europe for three months over the summer, traveling to twelve different countries with one backpack filled with two pairs of pants, four shirts, a pair of shorts, and food. She once again lived in various hostels, meeting people with amazing stories. "I was in Iceland eating dinner in a hostel while sitting next to a girl from Hong Kong, an actor from LA, and a priest from the Congo. Living in a

hostel is like being in the United Nations but we all smell," Hailey said. Amidst her trip was a running theme that education was the key to the world.

"The two men I met in Scotland lived tragic, yet inspiring, lives and all they wanted was an education. I realized I had the opportunity to exactly what they wanted to do, so I decided I should take it," Hailey said. Hailey's journey over those four years revealed to her the beauty of redemption in stories. "When I left for Australia I was wandering and fighting God. I was angry that life was not going my way. But Christ sought me on my journey, He never left me," said Hailey. "If anything, that's what I want people to know about my story." ♦



Courtesy: Hailey Kilgo



# From PHC to London

by Beth Bergstrom

Junior Kent Hoshiko might be the first person ever to find himself at a summer internship in London while pining for Cleveland.

Hoshiko was assigned to the State Department's fraud investigation team at the U.S. embassy in London, where he conducted open source checks on visa applicants.

Hoshiko, a lifelong Clevelander, was flying over the North Atlantic in June when the Cleveland Cavaliers won game six of the NBA finals, bringing the series to game seven against the Golden State Warriors.

Game seven began at 2 o'clock in the morning in London the night before Hoshiko's first day of work. When Cleveland won, ending the city's 52 year losing streak in major sports championships, Hoshiko experienced the joy of the win, and the agony of being in London while it happened.

Working with a team at the consulate, Hoshiko assisted in the fraud prevention on visa applications. When aiding in the investigative part of the job, he would do open source checks, such as checking the applicant's social media. "There's only so much I could do," Hoshiko explained. "A lot of it comes with experience. It's like being a detective, and you aren't going to learn how to be a detective in a summer."

Last fall, Hoshiko was applying for a variety of internships, including the one



View of the city



Hoshiko with other interns

offered by the State Department. By the end of the application process, he was getting increasingly frustrated. When it asked him for his placement preferences, he put London in his top five choices.

Hoshiko never received a confirmation informing him that the State Department received his application. He eventually forgot that he even applied, until one day he received an email informing him that he had 24 hours to express his interest in accepting a position at the London embassy for the summer. Hoshiko responded, accepting the offer, and then called his mom to tell her that he would be in London for the summer.

While in London, Hoshiko made sure to enjoy the city. "London is like DC, if DC was 100 years older and five times as big." While touring around the city, Hoshiko made sure to celebrate Independence Day, as he poured tea into the water in front of the Parliament building on the fourth of July.

To Hoshiko, the experience gave him a greater appreciation for America. "It's not like I think America is the greatest

thing in the history of the world," he said. "America is basically England's illegitimate child. It isn't that they were drastically different, but the cultures weren't as similar as I thought they'd be. No matter where I went I always kind of felt out of place." He also noted a familial atmosphere that surrounded the work at the embassy. "I met a lot of people just by asking mutual connections...or even literally just knocking on doors." ♦



Hoshiko on the 4th of July pouring tea into the Thames River

Courtesy: Kent Hoshiko

Courtesy: Kent Hoshiko



# Seeking His Kingdom in the Magic Kingdom

by Victoria Cook

Junior Katie Segesdy spent her summer trying to bring a little bit of the Kingdom of God to the Magic Kingdom.

She worked as a Disney cast member in Florida while a team member on a 10-week mission trip to Disney World with Campus Crusades for Christ (Cru).

Some people seem to think that Disney World is a lot like heaven, she noted, but it's not. "In a way, a lot of the magic has been lost, because I know what it's like to work there," Segesdy said.

Over the summer, placing the application process in God's hands was challenging for Segesdy. Before being accepted, she needed to pass two interviews: one with Cru, and one with Disney, as well raise \$3,000 to cover food and living expenses. One hundred support letters later, Segesdy headed to Orlando to begin a week of Cru training with 45 other workers.

Besides praying with people and sharing testimonies, Segesdy learned how to engage others with a booklet called "Knowing God Personally" and SOULARIUM cards, which helps people understand how God sees them and the

deep joy that comes from being saved.

Disney training involved learning how to clean up messes, deal with "rough and rowdy" guests, and create magic moments. Disney put emphasis on working with a smile and making even mean guests feel happy. To manage difficult guests, Segesdy would often simply pray, "Lord help."

When Katie started working as a waitress in the Columbia Harbor House she bussed, took orders, and ministered to the people around her. When people found out that she was a Christian, they either avoided her or asked questions. One woman with a Russian Orthodox background and a history of depression feared death because she knew she would never be good enough for heaven; however, Segesdy was able to talk with her about the gift of Christ's love.

"Christianity is stupid and silly," another woman told Segesdy. This woman had attended VBS, and the "silly" songs and dumbed down Gospel confused her as to why she needed Christ.

Working at Disney World was not everything Katie expected. She witnessed the facade some workers put on, smiling on the outside but broken inside. "Every-



Katie Segesdy

thing there is steeped in sensory experiences, whereas Christianity is a spiritual experience and is entirely a relationship between you and God," she said.

Showing God's love to people was difficult, but Segesdy knew that God loved those who persecuted Him and that she, in a less perfect way, could imitate Him. A fellow Cru member said that there is no growth in the comfort zone and there is no comfort in the growth zone, words that helped Katie to be bold with her faith. ♦

## Classroom Tectonics

*Prof. Lee Heads Back to Graduate School for More Study in Biology*

by Meg McEwen

The PHC administration temporarily replaced Biology and Biology Lab with Earth Science and Earth Science Lab while Prof. David Lee addresses questions from PHC's state accreditors.

Representatives from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) audited PHC in early April. They randomly selected four faculty members to review, one of whom was Lee, the Biology and Origins class professor. The representatives raised some concerns about Lee's qualifications to teach Biology because his field of interest focused on paleontology.

"Paleontology is the study of the fossil record, so that is essentially where geology and biology meet," Lee said. "There's a great deal of crossover between the two when you get into paleontology. In my education I tried to straddle the line, while in my research I leaned more on the geological side within confines of my thesis project."

SCHEV requires that professors complete 18 credit hours in their field of expertise. The emphasis of Lee's graduate degree included some courses that did not focus on biology. His credentials include a master's degree in paleontology, a bachelor degree in geology, and a minor in biology.

"We are following up with these concerns in two ways. First, I'm taking graduate biology classes in order to supplement my transcript... [Second] by removing me from the biology courses for the time being," Lee said. This semester, he will be taking two three-credit courses through Clemson University Online, his undergraduate alma mater. He is working to clarify his educational history with SCHEV to meet any concerns they have.

While Lee builds up his transcript, he will teach Earth Science and Earth Science lab instead of Biology and Biology lab.

The administration intends to have Biology back on track by Fall of 2017. ♦

# The Strength of a Man

by Bruce Truax

At Show of Strength, a strongman competition held in Dallas last June, sophomore Sutton Hays lifted a 135 pound steel log seven times, pulled a 20-yard semi-truck 42 feet, threw four kegs weighing 20-30 pounds over a 14-foot high bar, lifted 405 pounds of tires and steel, and carried three sand bags weighing 175-225 pounds in a short race.

He was good enough to win his age group; however, the only other competitor was his younger brother. All the major competitors in the area were waiting for a much bigger strongman competition that was held in the following week in Oklahoma City.

“At the end of the competition I found myself wishing there were more people there to beat,” Hays said.

Therefore, though victory was nearly assured, Hays set new goals for himself. He planned on breaking every personal record he had.

“You come to a point where, once you realize you’re capable of better, you stop tolerating mediocrity,” Hays said.

At the PHC gym he spends his time doing squats, bench presses, and dead lifts with his training partners. He also reads books and articles about strength training in order to get maximum results. “I actually made the most strength and size gains when I was here at PHC,” Hays said.

Hays has always taken a rigid mental approach towards strongman competitions. “I try to get myself into a fight or flight mentality,” he said. He had to use certain rituals in order to lift better during the competition. Whenever Hays competes, he makes sure that he has never lifted that exact weight. Only then does he feel strong enough to lift it.

Hays even managed to get fellow students Calvin Pawley and Alan Iiyama into weightlifting. Both students agreed that Hays’s training gave them definite improvement. “[Hays] was really someone to show me the ropes and keep me accountable,” said Pawley.



Sutton Hays (second from R) with brothers

Although Hays started lifting at the age of 13, after he watched his older brother start competing in strongman with great success, he is still not content with his strength. Even though he liked how he performed, he dislikes where he is compared to other strongman competitors.

“I don’t think I am nearly strong enough to compete on a national level for teens,” Hays said. Nevertheless, he is determined to push himself beyond his limits; thus, he is still considering competing on the national stage.

“I want to win everything I walk into,” Hays concluded. ♦

# Wendell Kimbrough and the New Psalms

by Harvest Prude

Community members, faculty, and students gathered in the BHC lobby to hear Wendell Kimbrough sing songs from his new album, “New Psalms & Hymns.” Kimbrough is a singer-songwriter. He performed at Patrick Henry College on Friday, August 24 as part of his East Coast Tour “Psalms We Sing Together.”

For the concert, there were songbooks containing Kimbrough’s music for at the audience to sing along with at times. Kimbrough’s sound is folksy, with occasional interjections of jazz and soul. Kimbrough writes new songs for worship, primarily influenced by the Psalms, although he also draws on other books of the Bible, like Isaiah or 2 Corinthians.

“The Psalter is a corrective for our churches. The Psalms are God’s songbook He gave us. [He says] ‘These are all the things I care about—you should sing about all of this.’ [Things] like the poor, God’s justice, rulers who are corrupt—lots of things churches don’t want to talk about,” Kimbrough said.

Kimbrough serves as a worship director at Church of the Apostles in Fairhope, Alabama. He is also the artist-in-residence at the church. His church started the artist-in-residency program because they strongly believe in the importance of the arts as a way to impact the culture.

“You can critique culture, but the only way to shape culture is to create new culture that’s better. So go out and make something beautiful,” Kimbrough said.

Kimbrough is about halfway through the Psalms. He’s written 80, and estimates that it will take him two years to get through all 150. Each week Kimbrough produces a new Psalm and leads his congregation in it.

“The Psalms are teaching me that God wants to know us in our emotions. They’re helping me be vulnerable in expressing emotions [in] worship in front of the church,” Kimbrough said. “We’re only able to experience intimacy when our whole selves are brought into their presence. [When] we hide, we miss out on intimacy.”

Senior Jordan Hughes bought both a songbook and a CD after the concert. “I loved it, honestly. I loved the idea of making songs that are Biblically rich in language [as well as] a melody that people enjoy singing. He does both very well.” ♦



# Opinion: The Mark of an Educated Mind

by Marquis Gough and Ellyse Elmer

As a classical liberal arts institution, the mission of Patrick Henry College is to develop a new generation of well-rounded and informed leaders who will shape the culture. For many students at PHC, that means being involved in the American political process, whether as politicians, businessmen, academics, or simply good citizens, carrying on the legacy of America's Founding Fathers.

However, as students of the classical liberal arts system, that also means we are blessed with the opportunity to partake in the Great Conversation, one that has been taking place for several thousand years. In Freedom's Foundations we discussed the great works of philosophic titans like Plato, Burke, Montesquieu, and Kirk. However, we also engaged with the writings of Rousseau and Freud, with which we didn't necessarily agree, but we considered worthy of our consideration. It was Aristotle who once said, "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

This is a crucial moment in PHC's history, a time when we are presented with the distinct opportunity not only to determine an identity for ourselves, but also to play a role in defining the conservative movement. The Republican presidential primary and the eventual nominee fractured the Republican Party in ways that

haven't been seen in decades, creating a vacuum.

This Saturday, PHC students have the privilege of hosting the potential next Vice President of the United States. Not only that, but Governor Mike Pence almost perfectly fits the PHC mold for President, over the years having championed many of the causes that are important to PHC students and faculty. His only crime, according to many students, is to affiliate himself with the Republican nominee, Donald Trump. As a result, many have spoken out against the idea of having Governor Pence speak on PHC's campus.

Essentially, there is a way to disagree without being disagreeable. Furthermore, we didn't come to college to be sheltered from ideas with which we don't agree. We came to college to expand our minds and to be challenged so that we could determine our individual identities and beliefs.

Ellyse Elmer put it succinctly when she said, "In our community, disagreeing views on politics, economics, and presidential demeanor are often treated tacitly as, 'How can you have a Christian conscience and not see things this way?' Obviously, none of us would dare use those words, or even acknowledge that they are behind our own thoughts. It is one thing to have a faith-based conviction that leads you to vote a certain way; it is another to be so convinced of your own views that they become a component of your faith (and your treatment of others when they



Gov. Mike Pence

disagree with you). I think this Saturday will be an exercise in combatting the latter here at PHC, and in facilitating discourse that is healthy, not hostile."

We have the rare opportunity to hear one of the most influential policymakers in the country and potentially the world – a man with whom many of us do not fundamentally disagree.

As such I would strongly encourage each of you to take advantage of this chance and attend the rally, whether or not you support Governor Pence's reasons for being here. ♦

The men's soccer team lost 4-2 to Central Penn College at their first game yesterday.



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