

“Home Team Huddle” for homes

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This past Sunday, Feb. 7, saw much of the country divided, rooting hard for either the Panthers or the Broncos in Super Bowl 50. But joining forces with the Student Activities Committee (SAC), Coe’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity sought to bring a deeper significance to Sunday’s festivities.

In the PUB, the two organizations hosted “Home Team Huddle,” providing an opportunity for Kohawks to get together and enjoy food and company while watching the big game, but simultaneously offering students a way to give back to the community.

While food and fellowship are a standard for any Super Bowl party, the Home Team Huddle offered not more than a series of sporty snacks, as Coe students had the opportunity to donate a small amount to Habitat for Humanity. A donation allowed a student to write their name and information on a card for a chance at a series of small door prizes, from stickers to foam footballs.

Even more was at stake here, as students’ dona-

tions also entered them into a drawing across the country for an NFL getaway for two. Habitat for Humanity will provide the winner of this drawing with airfare, accommodations, and tickets to an NFL game of his or her choice during the next football season.

While donations were in no way required for attendance at the event, the joint hosting of the event turned an all-American tradition into a way to reach beyond the confines of the Coe bubble and to extend a hand to the less fortunate.

With friendship, football and food, Habitat and SAC worked together to make “Home Team Huddle” a success.

Photos by Rachel Deyoe.



Door prizes for a few fortunate students.



Coe Habitat’s PR Chair Nathan Kibler (‘18) and Habitat chapter member Emma Bozenda (‘18) help Kohawks enter into the drawing.



The poems of Hanshan

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On Saturday, Feb. 6, the Cedar Rapids Zen Center hosted special guest Paul Rouzer, Professor of Asian Languages and Literatures at the University of Minnesota, who presented on the iconic Chinese Buddhist and Daoist poet, Hanshan. Rouzer has been studying Hanshan for the past nine years and recently released his new book “On Cold Mountain,” in which he discusses the poems of Hanshan and offers his own translations.

“Hanshan” means Cold Mountain, and references the place Hanshan would retreat to when searching for enlightenment. Han-

shan’s collection of Cold Mountain poems comes from the 11th century, but the only biographical account of him comes in the form of the preface to the poems, written supposedly by 7th century Chinese official Lüqiu Yin. It was common during that period for government officials to befriend Buddhist monks, but due to their reclusive nature, monks could best be understood through their personal writings.

Hanshan commonly wrote of the elusive concept of reality, but he wrote many satirical poems as well.

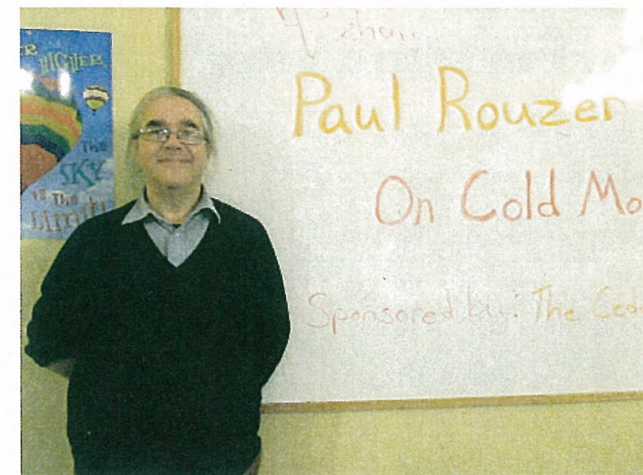
The Cold Mountain collection contains over three hundred poems, all written in the tra-

ditional rhyming couplets scheme. The first notable translation of Hanshan into English came in 1957 with environmental activist Gary Snyder when he translated approximately ten percent of the collection. A complete translation was done in 1990 by Robert G. Henricks, but Rouzer decided to write translations of his own.

“I think [Henricks] got the idea that scholarly meant wordy,” Rouzer joked, and stated he wanted to produce a translation that was as literal as possible. He explained Chinese can be difficult to translate since Chinese writings often leave out connecting words so it is up to the translator to fill in

the missing words while preserving the original intent. To safeguard himself from being influenced by previous writers, Rouzer would write his own attempt at the poems before looking at other translations.

Rouzer’s book is available for physical and digital purchase on Amazon. For those interested in learning more about the Buddhist concept of Zen, the Cedar Rapids Zen Center holds a beginner’s session to introduce people to the Center and zazen (sitting meditation) every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Any questions about the Center or the session can be sent to crzc@cedar-rapids-zen-center.org



Professor Paul Rouzer presents on a few of the Hanshan poems he covers in his new book.



Cedar Rapids Zen Center Resident Teacher, Zuiko Redding, introduces Professor Paul Rouzer.

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