Knapp envisions community of growth

New president urges students to seize opportunities for spiritual, physical and intellectual elevation

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On July 1, 2013, Dr. John C. Knapp became the 12th president of Hope College. Hailing most recently from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., Knapp is poised and ready to move the college forward into a new era. People are quickly realizing that Knapp has more to bring to Hope College than a gentle southern accent and adept knowledge of social media (he recently tweeted a picture of a Hope College chapel service); but in fact the president’s diverse background, genuine concern for Hope students and spiritual enthusiasm all qualify him as an excellent leader for Hope.

In a recent interview with The Anchor, Knapp gave insight into his passion for Hope and his goals for his time in the presidency. Knapp is quickly being recognized for his passion for spiritual growth among Hope students. In his convocation address, Knapp urged incoming freshmen to “set a new standard for unity” amongst themselves as a way of living out Jesus’ command to “love one another.” Conversely, Knapp also encouraged freshmen to find solitude at Hope as a means to personal growth. Though American culture mandates that keeping busy is a sign of hard work, Knapp argues that spending time alone with God is not only helpful to an active and dynamic spiritual life, but that it is crucial.

“Your quality of life—individually and collectively—will be enriched to the extent each student cultivates the spiritual disciplines of contemplation, prayer and individual communion with God.”

In his interview with The Anchor, Knapp stated his appreciation for Hope Campus Ministries in ministering to the spiritual needs of students. However, the president was adamant on his view that events such as chapel services or The Gathering, Hope’s Sunday night worship service, do not appeal to all students, nor are they enough to maintain the spiritual health of Hope students.

Although chapel services are a valuable facet of how individuals live out the Christian vision, Knapp desires that every Hope student will find themselves nourished equally well in whichever way they choose to grow.

The president believes the entire Hope faculty shares a duty to provide resources, role modeling and mentoring to all Hope students. One way in which he hopes to do this is through the use of his home on campus. The president’s house, which is located in the Pine Grove, has been recently renovated in preparation for the Knapp family, with the most striking renovation being the addition of a large back patio open to Hope students.

The president, who welcomes visitors to join him and his wife, Kelly, on the patio often, wants students to see his home as a place of hospitality, “a home for everyone” on campus. Knapp also commented on his goals for the college. Hope has been firmly propelled forward by James E. Bultman’s 14-year legacy as Hope president, and Knapp hopes to continue to...


LEADING BY EXAMPLE—President John Knapp offers a helping hand during move-in day on Friday, Aug. 23.

What was the most awkward thing you had to do at Playfair?

Sit on strangers’ laps...
—SHELBY BUikema (’17)

My partner tried to make me lick the floor of the gym.
—JANE ELLIENS (’17)

Talk to people.
—JANE HELDER (’17)

Students gather for the classic newcomer group shot.

Giddy OAs spread the love on move-in day on Friday, Aug. 23.

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A whole new world

Phelps Dining Hall receives exciting new renovations

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Campus News Editor

The renovation of Phelps Dining Hall has been responsible for the freshmen-like confusion of many upperclassmen this week. That sort of experience that so many upperclassmen enjoy has been suddenly smashed against the checkered brick floors at the sight of a vast new dining space.

Not only does the new cafeteria design look more appealing, but it is a huge upgrade in the fight to efficiently serve hungry Hope students. The food distribution area is more spacious and free-flowing, spreading a variety of foods across a larger area with more room to travel.

The entire center room, which formerly housed the dish room, has been removed and the dish washing machines relocated to the Northeast corner of the cafeteria. This specific change has been a much needed upgrade. The new dish accumulator has four times the capacity of the previous belt-style dish return while being less labor intensive on the staff, who, thanks to the renovations, now enjoy air conditioning in their work space.

Additionally, the new dish washing machinery is much more efficient in its use of water, steam, and electricity, and is projected to save Hope $15,000 per year on utility costs.

But wait, there’s more!

These changes and additions are only phase one of a two-phase operation. Plans for next summer are to completely shut down the dining hall and hit the renovations hard for a couple of months. Students arriving for the fall semester of 2014 will once again be enchanted by the thrill of a newly designed cafeteria. All of the current serving equipment is scheduled to be reconfigured and replaced, and all of the tables and chairs will be replaced and arranged in a variety of new seating styles.

These are only a few of the features that plan to be served up next year. The full details of the upcoming changes were withheld from The Anchor’s inquiry, hinting at another surprise for students planning to return for tasty meals in Phelps next year.

It has been an exciting first couple of days not only for returning students, but also for the dining staff in Phelps. Bob Van Heukelom, Director of Dining Services, says that it is a great joy to witness the excitement on students’ faces as they soak in the changes that have already taken place. Rosemary and the entire greening staff meet students with a smile and remain kindhearted as they direct dumbled-headed upperclassmen as to where to place their bags.

“We all want to provide the best food and service available in college and university dining today,” Van Heukelom said. “We just need the facility to do it.”

The physical structure may

*See Phelps, page 10*

TAKING A SECOND LOOK—Dramatic renovations in Phelps Dining Hall have amazed returning Hope students this fall.
Constraints and chemicals upon Syria

The Syrian Civil War is about to take a dramatic new turn. On Aug. 21, reports indicated that a chemical weapons attack was conducted in the Ghouta region, an eastern suburb of Damascus, Ghouta is a primarily Sunni area which has been under siege by soldiers from the Lebanese Shi’ite militia, Hezbollah, and the Syrian army for months. The attack came almost exactly one year after President Barack Obama declared a “red line” forbidding the Syrian army’s use of chemical weapons under any circumstances.

The attack was carried out by a division of the Syrian Army. Widely recognized as the most elite division of the regular Syrian army, commanded by President Bashar al-Assad’s brother Maher Al-Assad. The division is mostly composed of members of the Assad family’s own Alawite religious sect and is believed to be specially trained for the suppression of internal dissent.

Although the UN observer mission in Damascus has not yet been able to determine the specific chemical agent used in the attacks, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry stated that sarin gas was used. Sarin gas is a highly lethal neurotoxin that can be delivered from projectile shells. Syria has been known to produce sarin gas using precursors purchased from chemical companies in Europe and Russia.

The Syrian foreign minister, Faisal Maqdad, placed blame for the attack on the Syrian Rebels, claiming that they had discovered evidence of an insurgent chemical weapons lab in another part of the city.

There seems to be at least some discord within the Syrian government, and it is possible that many government officials are genuinely unsure of the perpetrators of the attack. According to an intercepted phone call, the Syrian defense minister, Fahd Jassem al-Freij, made a panicked phone call to the head of the Syrian chemical weapons unit demanding an explanation for the attack.

On Aug. 31, Obama indicated that he would let Congress decide whether retaliatory action against the Assad regime was necessary. Syria is not a signatory of the U.N. Chemical Weapons Convention outlawing the production and stockpiling of chemical weapons. The U.N. Security Council is itself divided over how to respond to the issue. U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron has decided to refrain from acting after Parliament ruled that greater consensus was necessary. Unlike the U.K., France seems willing to support a U.N. endorsed strike.

If a decision is made for a NATO attack on Syria, it is likely that the attack will be limited in nature and focus to direct strikes against Syrian military units and possibly the chemical weapons stores themselves.

Any decision that is made must also take into account Assad’s own response and the response of his allies. If attacked, Syria’s ally, Hezbollah might retaliate by firing rockets at Israel or engaging in asymmetric warfare against NATO in Europe.

The situation is further complicated by Syria’s alliance with Iran and Russia at a time when Iran’s new president, Hassan Rouhani, is attempting a new round of negotiations over Iran’s nuclear program.

Representative Gary Peters visits Holland

It seems statewide election campaigns, like Christmas shopping, can never be started too early.

Last Thursday, U.S. Representative Gary Peters attended a meet-and-greet event at Butch’s, a Restaurant, hosted by the Hope Democrats and Ottawa County Democrats.

Peters, who currently represents Michigan’s 14th Congressional District, which includes parts of metro Detroit, recently announced that he will be running to fill the Senate seat of fellow Democrat Senator Carl Levin. Levin, Michigan’s longest serving Senator, is retiring in 2014 after serving six terms.

The event, which was held in the well-appointed confines of Butch’s patio, provided those in attendance an opportunity to have their questions answered by Peters in an informal and intimate setting.

During his opening remarks, Peters stressed his commitment to the Michigan economy and the protection of manufacturing jobs such as those provided by the Big Three automakers.

“If you don’t actually make something you can’t be a great country,” Peters said.

To illustrate this commitment to manufacturing, Peters emphasized how he and other Michigan leaders were able to convince the Obama Administration to bail out both Chrysler and General Motors as the automakers navigated bankruptcy court in the dark days of 2009. Despite the national unpopular- ity of such a bailout, Peters said the decision has obviously proven to be the right one.

When I met with Bob Nardelli, the CEO of Chrysler in 2009, he told me that if Chrysler did not receive outside financing immediately, the company was five weeks away from having to padlock the doors and liquidate,” Peters said. “Today, because of the successful restructuring, their massive headquarters complex is so filled that they are looking for more office space to house new hires.”

Peters took questions from those in attendance about a wide range of policy issues, from environmental issues to border protection.

Overall, the Representative struck a moderately liberal tone. For instance, he declared his support of universal background checks for gun owners while also mentioning that he is a gun owner and an avid sportman.

Peters’ overall voting record is definitely left of center. Since being elected to congress in 2009, he has voted for major Demo- cratic initiatives such as the Recovery Act (Stimulus Package), the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and the DREAM Act (Il- legal Immigrant Legalization).

Addressing the issue of college affordability that is inevitably near and dear to many Hope students’ hearts, Peters pledged support for continued low interest rates on federally subsidized Stafford loans.

In addition, he expressed support for the creation of new standards and benchmarks that would allow students to compare the relative values of different colleges.

“Students need more statistics [in] order to make informed decisions about which colleges offer the best value, sometimes a cheaper school actually has a better program,” Peters said.

Any national standards, however, should not restrict what schools can teach.

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AFTERNOON AT BUTCH’S— U.S. Representative Gary Peters (far-left) with Josh Cooper, (’15) President of Hope Democrats (far-right).
Texting your friend might just cost you more than you think

Is a single text message worth a million dollars?

Alex Bolicia

World Co-Editor

Last month, a New Jersey’s Superior Court issued a ruling that should give pause to anyone trying to text their friends who are in the car.

The panel of judges recently issued a ruling on a civil lawsuit over a 2009 crash where a texting 18-year-old driver drifted across the centerline, badly injuring the plaintiffs riding a motorcycle. What made this case different than your usual personal injury lawsuit, however, was that the plaintiffs also sued the man’s 17-year-old girlfriend who texted him shortly before the crash.

Although the court did not hold the girlfriend liable in this particular instance, because there was no evidence that she knew her boyfriend was driving, the language of their ruling is raising hackles around the country.

The court concluded that, “a person sending text messages has a duty not to text someone who is driving if the texter knows, or has special reason to know, the recipient will view the text while driving.”

The ruling suggests that anyone who knowingly texts a person who is driving could be held civilly liable for any deaths or injuries that occur. Awards in such civil suits can easily reach into the millions, enough to send even the most well-heeled college student to the poor house.

For now it seems liability would be limited to civil lawsuits under current law it would be for individuals to be charged criminally for sending the texts.

Should someone sending texts to a friend they know is driving be held responsible if something happens?

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Today in history

476 Romulus Augustulus is deposed thus ending the Western Roman Empire.

1781 Los Angeles, Calif., is founded as El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora La Reina de los Ángeles de Porciúncula (The Village of Our Lady, the Queen of the Angels of Porziuncula) by 44 Spanish settlers.

1884 The United Kingdom ends its policy of penal transportation to New South Wales in Australia.

1917 Henry Ford II, American businessman, is born.

1941 World War II: A German submarine makes the first attack against a United States ship, the USS Greer.

1981 Beyoncé is born.

1998 Google is founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, two students at Stanford University.

2005 Evacuees are airlifted out of the New Orleans Superdome six days after Hurricane Katrina.


Surveillance states: Is safety worth risking your privacy?

Shubham Sapkota

World Co-Editor

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the name Edward Snowden? Traitor? Patriot? Maybe a hero? Regardless of what you and I think of Snowden, we should all remember that Big Brother is watching you.

Let us think about this for a second. There is no arguing that most people know the government has been watching us. However, the intensity of this surveillance became vivid when Snowden leaked National Security Agency (NSA) secrets this May.

Now that I am certain that all my online and phone activities are saved and possibly read or listened to, I often get paranoid wondering whether anyone might be eavesdropping. It may be too extreme for me to make this comparison, but living in the current surveillance state could be very similar to life in East Germany.

The Ministry for State Security, also known as the Stasi, kept tabs on almost everyone living in East Germany and possibly on enemies too; the NSA is doing the same thing right now. However, we should all remember one huge difference between the Stasi and the NSA: We all are in a technological era overwhelmingly advanced compared to the Cold War period.

While there used to be a team of people opening every single envelope and reading through it to make sure there were no conspiracies or threats in East Germany, the NSA does the same thing but faster and probably with more efficiency as all of our lives are highly dependent on the Internet and telecommunication.

Anyone who was infuriated by how much the government has control over us should consider how it actually is keeping us safe. Don’t get me wrong here, I am not approving the violation of privacy at all, but we should remember that all of this is for our own safety—or at least that’s what we have been told. Governmental administrators have told us that they have prevented a lot of threats due to this surveillance program, and since we have not been harmed directly in a while, I unwillingly have to admit to myself “touché United States, touché”.

Now back to the one man who triggered this sense of insecurity in everyone living in the United States: Edward Snowden. All Snowden did was tell the people of this country what the government was doing wrong, and for that he had to flee his own country and seek asylum. Was it inappropriate of him to do so? Perhaps. Yes, as he basically against his employer. However, we should all remember that anyone who does not report wrongdoings they are aware of in average daily life is an accomplice, too.

So Snowden basically followed the ethics that he grew up with and decided to report something he felt was improper. After all, U.S. citizens are supposed to be the government’s highest supervisor. For that he is being charged by his own country with espionage, an overblown, albeit predictable, reaction to an intentional leak of NSA information.

With everything in mind, we can either consider the government to be acting just like a prudent parent who does not want their kids to know the cruelties of the world, or we can consider them as the biggest invaders of our personal lives.

Regardless of what side you are on, make sure you weigh the pros and cons and consider what is important: protection or privacy?
Brady Van Malsen
ARTS Co-Editor

The cape and cowl have officially been passed on to actor/director Ben Affleck. After extensive talks with “Man of Steel” director Zack Snyder and writer David S. Goyer, Affleck agreed to the role, signing on not only for the upcoming sequel in which Superman and Batman go toe-to-toe, but for multiple films going forward. Comic-lovers are hoping and praying that the Leaegendary film will eventually happen and we will be treated to a new series of Batman films.

But one does not simply become Batman. The Dark Knight is a cultural icon held in high regard by nerds and scholars alike as a rich character guided by a complex moral code. Filling those rubber boots has opened Affleck up every kind of Internet scrutiny imaginable. Disappointment and rage are running rampant for fair or inappropriate his lackluster performance as Daredevil in 2003 against the World's Greatest Detective. In fact, a Change.org petition for Warner Bros. to remove Affleck as Batman/Bruce Wayne holds over 87,000 signatures and counting. Reception has not been entirely negative, though. Whenever someone steps up to such a big role, shock is expected (let’s not forget how angry people were when Heath Ledger was announced as the Joker). Now that the shock has mostly set in, potential viewers are beginning to calmly consider what Affleck brings to the table (besides a perfect Batman jawline).

From a business standpoint, it makes perfect sense. Since Christopher Nolan and Legendary Pictures have bowed out of the superhero scene, Warner Bros. has turned to Affleck as both an actor and creative talent. The new Bat has a few Oscars under his utility belt, and he’s sure to use them. Support for Affleck has come in from some lovable celebrities like Patton Oswalt, Affleck’s BFF Matt Damon and “The Avengers” writer/director Joss Whedon. Brilliant minds are behind Affleck, all excited to see what he will bring to the role of a dark, battle-scarred hero to stand opposite the uncompromising Superman.

But why so serious? After all, in the past two decades we have seen four different actors portray the Caped Crusader, one of which wore a suit with accented napples. We are likely to see several more Batmen in our lifetime, so this hardly matters, right? Wrong! Affleck has the challenge of following up the acclaimed Dark Knight Trilogy and launching DC Comics into silver screen popularity with the hopeful success of the Justice League movie. The stakes are high, and right now everything is still up in the air. But what we know for sure is that the world will be watching, intently.

‘Velocity 2X’: Warping onto PS4 and PSVita in 2014

Jimmy Champagne
ARTS Co-Editor

Of all the games announced at Sony’s Gamescom 2013 press conference this year, “Velocity 2X” was definitely one of the most exciting. I asked FuturLab’s developer Dave Gabriel some questions about the game, and he was kind enough to respond. If one thing is for sure, the game is shaping up to be a pretty amazing title.

One of the best parts of “Velocity Ultra” was its soundtrack, so naturally I wanted to know if Joris de Man and James Marzden would be the composers for “Velocity 2X.”

“Yes, James and Joris will be taking on the new soundtrack,” Gabriel said. “As with ‘Velocity,’ the music for [‘Velocity 2X’] helps set the tone and is integral to the design; we’re very happy to have Joris back so early in the production cycle. ‘Velocity 2X’ will have a full soundtrack, including carefully reworked themes from the first game, and brand new emotive tracks with higher production values overall.”

Normally I’d be slightly disappointed that tracks from Ultra were rehashed, including the iconic “Velocity 2X,” but since they’re just so damned good, I’ll let it slide this time. I’d definitely label some of the original’s songs as emotive, so it’s great that FuturLab is sticking with that theme in “Velocity 2X.”

The biggest surprise of the teaser was seeing the Quarp Jet, the ship from the original “Velocity” and “Ultra,” dock and then watching the perspective change to a 2D side-scrolling format. I wanted to know if these sections would play in the fashion of classic platforming games like “Mega Man,” or if they would be more akin to a game like “Guacamelee!”

Sadly, Gabriel wasn’t as revealing this time.

“We are staying tight lipped about the specifics of the platforming gameplay for now,” Gabriel said. “All we can say at this time is we are super excited about the genre blending, and more will be revealed soon.”

I’m extremely curious as to how these sections will play and how the main character’s movement will handle. I’m also interested in how in-depth combat will be in the side-scrolling portions. There are a ton of possibilities for these sections of the game, ranging from simple puzzle-solving to challenging combat rooms much like “Guacamelee!” These parts of the game will most likely live or die by how they control, but I don’t think we will have to worry too much, seeing as they’ve created one of the best controlling games on modern game systems already.

For a little more insight, I checked out a post about the game on “The PlayStation Blog.” Among things that I’ve already talked about, there is mention of “Dual-format boss battles,” as well as graphical enhancement specifics such as “Particle effects, 60 frames-per-second on both platforms, dynamic lighting, and post-processing VFX.” It seems as if FuturLab is coming into the next generation of gaming with their guns drawn.

The last thing I wanted to prod Gabriel on was the graphical upgrade from “Velocity Ultra” to “Velocity 2X.” There’s no question that “Velocity Ultra” was a pretty game, so I asked if it was tough for FuturLab to find a balance between necessary improvements and changing things just a little too much.

“There’s a delicate balance to be struck,” Gabriel said. “‘Velocity 2X’ will, and already does, have visuals in a different league to ‘Velocity Ultra.’ We have incredibly talented artists and visual effects coders that will make the screen pop with beautifully drawn terrain, lighting and particles. However, everything is being created with the twitch based gameplay in mind. Nothing will be added that hinders the fast paced, core mechanics, which make ‘Velocity’ so much fun to play.”

As long as the rock-solid gameplay from “Velocity Ultra” doesn’t change for the worse one bit from the graphical overhaul, I’m all over it. The pink, blues, yellows and even grays of “Ultra” created a beautiful and believable world. From the looks of the teaser trailer and the scant amount of screen shots that have been released, it doesn’t look like the beauty of the “Velocity” universe is going anywhere anytime soon, so there’s no reason updated effects should prove to be detrimental to the final product.

The original “Velocity” along with its shiny new high-definition remake are still some of the best games on the PlayStation Vita, so it’s exciting to see FuturLab evolve their unique formula into something even bigger and hopefully better. It’s exciting to see that “Velocity 2X” will be making its way to the PS4 and the PSVita, as well.

Photo Courtesy of “the PlayStation Blog”
Gaming club in development

Brady Van Malsen
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Brady Van Malsen ('14), Jimmy Champane ('15) and Forrest Vander Borgh ('15) returned to Hope College this fall to find that they shared a common goal: form a club that will acknowledge video games as a significant piece of Hope culture.

The immediate and foremost goal of the club is to unite students who love gaming.

The club wants students to continue to enjoy video games. Students come to college and find themselves pressured to quit video games or be subject to social isolation. The club looks to reverse that trend by providing a platform for Hope to more formally embrace the artistic medium.

The Hope experience encourages students to find their calling, follow what they love and to journey together. Exploring a visual, interactive frontier that is already ingrained in students' lives is vital to that purpose.

The Gaming Club offers a number of benefits to students and aids their ambitions for the future. Joining the club instantly connects students with fellow gamers. Members can share game tips to interact online, attend meetings to play together, share games, make friends and discover new perspectives.

Members can also expect to be updated on gaming culture, news and sales. Depending on funding and reception, the Gaming Club hopes to acquire innovative technology (like the Wii U, Oculus Rift and Virtux Omni) to experiment with, form teams, attend and host events and get the community involved in various ways.

Gaming Club is currently gauging interest and jumping on-screen. Last year's films, the watermarks that appear feeding through a camera and the nostalgic sound of film were made to be viewed this way.

Contact any of the three co-founders to get involved. You can reach the co-founders at one of these three email addresses: james.champane@hope.edu, brady.vanmalsen@hope.edu or forrest.vanderborgh@hope.edu.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Two local theaters offer films and fun

The Knickerbocker Theater

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The Knickerbocker Theater was built way back in 1911 on East 8th Street, and since then it has hosted a menagerie of awesome acts ranging from rock concerts to a speech from the semi-well known U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Nowadays they show films, comedy-troupes, birthday parties and festivals. You can reach the co-founders at one of these three email addresses: james.champane@hope.edu, brady.vanmalsen@hope.edu or forrest.vanderborgh@hope.edu.

You are sure to see some friendly faces. Last year, the theater was home to some great bands because you'll be sure to see some friendly faces.

The Park Theatre

The Park Theatre was built in 1886. It started out as a store, transitioned to an orchestral theater and then was converted into a movie theater in 1936.

 Sadly, it succumbed to competition from multiple-screen theaters in 1984, and it was closed. It opened again in 2001 when it was purchased by the aptly named Park Theatre Foundation, and since then it has hosted events, concerts, comedy-troupes, birthday parties and festivals.

Hope students seem to flock to the theater whenever there are concerts, so if you see that something is going on don't worry about going alone because you'll be sure to see some friendly faces.

Last year, the theater was home to some great bands like the Hope student-formed Dooga Fruit, along with the entrancing The Soil and The Sun. Hope Student Discount: Cheaper tickets depending on event.

Upcoming concerts include Genetics (Sept. 14), COSBY SWEATER and The Main Squeeze (Sept. 27).
Want to get involved? Write for us! email anchor@hope.edu
Letters from Nana and Gramps

Tara Snyder
Columnist

What I did this summer and the value of liberal arts

It is a necessary ritual when returning to school in the fall to ask and answer the question: "What did you do this summer?" approximately 500 times. This year has been no different, save for the fact that I actually did something that was infinitely cooler than my typical, I just caught up on all the things I was catching up on while I was home over the summer. This summer I went abroad, specifically to London and Paris. Having never been overseas, I was super pumped to not only go on my voyage, but to come back with wicked cool stories to share with my jealous friends.

And so I went, I saw, and experienced, and on the eighth hour планке лёг на траву. I thought about all the things I could tell my family when I got home. Of course, this is an understatement. Having been on vacation across the pond, I had a realization. These details only skimmed the surface of the wealth and value my experiences provided me. The true worth of my trip abroad rests in the sea of experiences. That's when the light bulb went off. These works of art were a liberal arts education in practice. Although the masters who painted these were obviously trained in art, they all had to have a working knowledge of the role of research and application across all subjects of study. Sculptors needed to understand the anatomy of human bodies. And it serves as subjects for their studies. Invaluable masterpieces.

The value of interdisciplinary study is not exclusive to the visual arts. It spills over to all other lines of study. When our class went to Herman Miller's offices in Bath, we saw a company that doesn't just take pride in its business strategy, but also in its environmentally friendly products. These details added another layer of value to the experience.
"I think you will be married soon, certainly by the time you are 21. It was then that I laughed, unable to restrain myself any longer. The woman across the table, she had a thin, straight face, eyes peering solemnly out at me from underneath a thick line of glitter and at least four layers of mascara. I forced my face to assume a more serious expression and cleared my throat awkwardly. "Wow. Really?"

"Yes, most certainly," she said in her thick Romanian accent.

"Well. Good to know, I guess," I replied. I was getting chaukly, weakly attempting affability, something really difficult right now. I don't have plans to leave."

"She said it.

There was about two-thirds of the way through a private consultation with a psychic, the enjoyment of choice during a day spent with my cousin Kate.

"What else?"

"Nothing, really, but a day spent with my cousin Kate."

"None of them include tying the knot by the time I'm 24. "What else?"

"It's been a long time since I've had a day spent with my cousin Kate. I had never been before, and this was Kate's third or fourth time. Sanda, my personal psychic for the half hour, went on to tell me many things, like my younger brother is going through a big transition. (My brother is 24, and has been living at home for two years. He has no plans to leave.) She said that my sister is going through something really difficult right now (I have no sister), that I will get a well-paying job right out of college (I've been there, done that and finally that I should reinvent myself, "like Madonna!") This time, I was more of a downright offensive piece of life advice based on my obvious lack of makeup and the completely embarrassing outfit I'd chosen for the day.

However, as phony as she seemed, there was other stuff too, actually somewhat true, stuff that I hope will become reality. She told me that I'd be happy, that I'd feel good, that I'd close the door on the past. She told me that I would write a book, that if I take care not to push myself to the point of injury I will complete the Appalachian Trail next year. When she said these things, I sat a little farther forward in my chair and found myself listening to her words with interest, not skepticism. Some of the things were very specific, but others were so vague and general that because she says it will be so, you imagine a future in which it is. And that imagining is a critical step in going out and making it happen.

Sanda told me I would write a book. True, pretty much everything else she had said been terribly wrong. True, I only said it once and she didn't say I enjoyed writing. But she said it. And so I immediately imagined myself living the life of a writer, pouring myself into some future work, giving every ounce of energy I had."

Excuse me as I ramble on

Houses of the holy
Ryan Backman Columnist

Many things this year reminded me that church was a part of my life. The thundering tornadoes, the earthquake, the heavy snows of winter, the late spring, the rare blue moon, the heat blisters that summer, the early snow of fall, the hurricane, the ice storm, the continuing drought, the oil embargo, the rise in the price of gas, the continued increase in oil prices, the oil price spike, the gasoline crisis, the credit crisis, the housing crisis, the America's housing crisis, the Iran-Iraq war, the Berlin Wall, the.appropriate Carter's presidential decision, the cold winter, the hot summer, the cold winter, the cold summer, the hot winter, the dry rain, the heavy snow, the snow hurricane, the heat wave, the drought, the flooding, the famine, the epidemics, the tornadoes, the hurricanes, the typhoons, the earthquakes, the tsunamis, the volcanoes, the wildfires, the floods, the droughts, the mudslides, the avalanches, the landslides, the landslide, the loss of lives, the loss of homes, the loss of jobs, the loss of income, the loss of freedom, the loss of hope, the loss of faith, the loss of trust, the loss of respect, the loss of dignity, the loss of meaning. And what do they do? They make me think: I don't think the world is going to end. And that was that. The sky didn't fall. And the men with the guns didn't come for me. And the woman didn't come. And I was left alone, searching for direction and meaning. And what do they do? They make me think: the world is not going to end.

This new task made me nervous, to say the least. By now, my life was filled with more things than I could possibly handle, more power, more responsibility. I was afraid of something more, that I didn't have in it to me to be a total jerk. Could I truly go blow for blow with the Cook residents who had derided me back when, I was a lowly freshman? Lying awake in my bed that first night, I tossed and turned furiously. Wanting to steady myself out, I struck a chord. Maybe they'll strike a chord. Maybe they'll strike a chord. Maybe they'll strike a chord."

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Renovations ease record-high student enrollment

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highlight for now, but Van Heukelom insists that the core of what makes Phelps Dining so wonderfully unique is the people within the operation.

“Our people make the difference,” Van Heukelom said. “I have visited many many colleges and universities while planning for this renovation. I have yet to find a group of people more capable or enthused about taking care of our students than the ones you see here on a daily basis.”

It’s the constant smile of Rosemary and the entire staff that keeps Phelps a warm, welcoming place to eat, converse and experience life with fellow Hope students, but wider aisles and less face-to-face awkward shuffles in the cafeteria certainly don’t hurt the situation.

The Anchor is always looking for interested students to get involved in writing, taking photographs, drawing cartoons, sending in letters to the editor... Whatever way you want to get involved, we would love to have you! We meet Sundays at 6 p.m. in our office in Martha Miller. We brainstorm story ideas for the upcoming issue, and students are always welcome to join! Come check out the opportunities to get your name in print as a writer.

**One Hope student’s trip into the future**

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have to do that one thing, that thing I could make to look and sound like me. Once I imagined that, I believed that I could write a book in a way I hadn’t before. What if I fail? Then I’ll see myself as a failure. Other people will see me as a failure. What if I change my mind? Then, I will have to re-imagine my whole life. Other people will call me fickle. Putting hopes into words is risky business, so for much of my life, I’ve been scared into silence.

One of my favorite books is Wendell Berry’s Hannah Coulter. But there is one line with which I now take issue, in which Hannah advises her readers to refrain from putting their hopes into words, lest they become expectations. I have to disagree. While Hannah’s words are surely wise in some situations, “I hope we get married and have six babies and twirl each other into the sunset one day!” is probably best kept under wraps until at least a third date. I think refraining from giving voice to our deepest wishes is an exercise in cowardice. Don’t wait for someone else to voice your hopes for you, as I did. Give your deepest wishes the power of your own voice. Sure, perhaps your hopes will change, either by will or by necessity. Life has a way of reworking our carefully wrought plans for its own purposes. Because saying what we want keeps us accountable to our dreams, it is the opposite of being passive. Voicing our hopes for our lives means we can no longer ignore them.

It’s the start of a new school year, and we’re all getting busy with classes and work and internships. But beginnings are a hopeful time, a time when brave things can happen. We’ve all got some stuff buried deep in that spot in our gut. Whatever time to let it see the light of day, to voice our hopes for what’s to come? Lauren is a senior at Hope. She is more beautiful than Cinderella, smells like pine needles, and has a face like sunshine.

**KNAPP, from page 1**

harness Hope’s strengths to move the college into its next chapter. Knapp hopes to continue to build on Hope’s strengths, such as academics, but he also intends to build the reputation of Hope College nationally, which he believes will not only strengthen the pedigree of Hope graduates but also “provide greater geographic diversity at Hope.”

The president stated he believes it’s “[our] obligation to offer this experience to students across the country.”

Although he admits the steep learning curve of the presidency has been a challenge, Knapp commended that the outsourcing of support from colleagues and the “warm embrace” he felt from the Holland community made the southerner feel at home in Michigan.

A strong proponent of the Christian liberal-arts education as necessary for dynamic leaders, Knapp asserted he could not be more excited for his experience in a place as unique as Hope.

“I would have come to Hope College if it’d been in the middle of a desert,” Knapp said.

In closing, Knapp offered some advice for Hope students at the start of another busy school year.

“Gain perspective. Step away and remember who you are in relationship to the One who created you.”

The president expressed his view that a Hope student’s quality of life and happiness during their four years at Hope depends upon how well they love their peers and how well they take advantage of the opportunities Hope willingly offers them.

“The invitation to a great Hope experience is yours, but in the end, you must decide to accept it.”
Men's soccer finishes tournament 0-1-1

Nicole Metzler
Guest Writer

Hope College’s men’s soccer team hosted the 13th annual Bengsma Memorial Tournament at Van Andel Soccer Stadium this weekend. Joining the Dutchmen with teams from Oberlin, Allegheny and Concordia, Hope is now 0-1-1 after Saturday’s action.

Hope suffered a 2-1 loss in their debut game of the 2013 season against Oberlin on Friday. Due to a lightning delay that lasted an hour and a half, the Hope-Oberlin game did not kick off until 8:30 p.m.

“Going into this weekend we felt very prepared. We’ve had a great start to our season through some very focused practices and the preparation for this weekend was spot on. As far as the lightning delay, we weren’t really thrown off at all,” goalie Ethan Beswick (’16) said. “This weekend we really stressed toughness, and part of that is having the mental toughness to stay focused in the locker room while waiting for the storm to pass.”

Oberlin scored the first goal in the 34th minute with a header past Hope goalie Will Morlock (’15).

Thankfully, it only took the Flying Dutchmen two minutes to tie the score when Grant Nel (’14) put a rebounded free kick from teammate Jason Muller (’14) around the Oberlin goalie to make it 1-1.

Time ticked away on the clock with no goals for either team, and it looked like it was headed into overtime. Unfortunately for Hope, Oberlin kept going.

With just under six minutes left in the game, the visiting team scored the final goal of the night. Although Hope had 15 shots compared to Oberlin’s 13, they were not able to come out with a win on Friday. Both teams ended with four shots on goal.

Saturday saw a more exciting game against Allegheny that included two periods of exciting overtime.

Hope’s second matchup of the weekend ended in a 1-1 tie. Midfielder Gavin Midlam (’15) scored the only goal for the Flying Dutchmen.

The first half of the game was scoreless. There was a close call after 10 minutes into the game which looked as if Hope had scored, but the goal was called offside, unfortunately to the Dutchmen attack.

At 46:58, Hope took the lead when Midlam netted the first goal with an assist by Corey Stelk (’15). His header was scored from 12 yards out.

The Flying Dutchmen took the initiative and pressed forward. Their shots were not successful, though, and Allegheny came back in the 64th minute to tie the score at 1-1.

“After we found the back of the net against Allegheny, there was certainly a momentum shift in our favor initially, but not too long after, I felt we became a bit too comfortable, which can oftentimes be dangerous,” Midlam said. “In this particular case it was, and complacency got the best of us as they went on to score the tying goal shortly after.”

The game went back and forth until regulation time was over. Ten minutes were added onto the clock for the first period of overtime.

A second period took place after the first had not produced any goals. This period included a golden opportunity—which ever scored the first goal would win the game.

There were no goals scored, however, and the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Beswick (’16) made five saves during his season debut against Allegheny.

Hope put the pressure on the opposition’s goal with 25 shots over the entire game, eight of those being on goal. Muller led the team with six shots on goal.

Last season the Dutchmen accumulated nine wins, so with an array of returners, they hope not only to finish on top in the MIAA, but make a run in the NCAA tournament. Hope’s last NCAA championship came in 2010, and 2011 was the last year they made the NCAA tournament, so several players are eager to get the title back.

Looking ahead, the ever popular Hope-Calvin rivalry game will take place on Sept. 17 at Calvin College at 4:30 p.m. Calvin lost their last game on Saturday. Hope will be eager to hand the Knights another loss.

The men’s soccer team will next face Madonna University tonight at 7 p.m. at Van Andel, looking forward to their first win of the season.

“I think the most important thing for us as a team is to continue to improve each and every time we take the field,” said Ethan Beswick (’16).

Men’s Soccer Upcoming Schedule

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In Brief

**MEN’S GOLF FINISHES THIRD**

On Saturday, Aug. 31, Ben Lewis (’15) propelled the men’s golf team to a third place finish in the Lou Gehrig Invitational hosted by Olivet College. The event was made up of 16 other teams.

In the final round, Lewis shot an impressive four-under 68. As a team in the final round, Hope shot a combined score of 283, bringing their weekend total to 591 strokes.

Other Hope golfers who contributed greatly in the final round were Evan Telzerow (’15) shooting a 70, Paul Bardenhagen (’16) with a 74 and Ben Lanting (’15) finishing with a 76.

The Flying Dutchmen will compete next on Sept. 5 in the MIAA Jamboree in Marshall.

**MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Women’s Cross Country
Sheri McCormack (’14)

Women’s Soccer
Nora Kirk (’15)
Forward

**VOLLEYBALL TAKES FOUR IN OHIO**

The Flying Dutch opened their season in stellar fashion by beating four consecutive opponents on the road at the Bluffton (Ohio) University Sommer Center Spiketacular. As a result of their victorious trip, the team earned themselves a No. 5 ranking in the national polls.

In the opening two contests against Bethany, W.V., and Bluffton, Hope cruised to a pair of wins, both coming in three sets. In these games, the team was led by Sarah Feldpausch (’17) and returning First Team NCAA Division III All-American Jenna Grasmeyer (’15).

The Flying Dutch also defeated their last two opponents, Marietta (Ohio) and Case Western Reserve (Ohio). Lauren Hazekamp (’16) contributed a match-high 33 assists in the win against Marietta. With the assistance of Hazekamp, Marietta Schoolmaster (’14) led the team with 11 kills against Marietta.
Fall sports update

Caitlin Rivera
Sports Editor

School has started and fall student-athletes are back at practices getting ready for their upcoming opponents.

Men’s Cross Country

Senior men’s team completed their first meet this past weekend at the Bill Vanderbilt Invitational. The Dutchmen took home first place in the second year in a row, beating Albion College and Muskegon Community College.

Senior Pieterson (14) was first for the Dutchmen, finishing in fourth place overall. A very promising freshman, Tyler Brinks (17), took eighth place for Hope. On Sept. 14, the Dutchmen will race at Calvin.

Women’s Cross Country

The Flying Dutch took first place in the Vanderbilt Invitational this past weekend, considering it is the second year in a row, beating Albion College and Muskegon Community College. Sheri McCormack (14) came in first place for the second year in a row. Her time was 18 minutes, 32 seconds. Newcomer Jessica Gaines (’17) came in fifth for the Dutch and eighth overall. The women are aiming to win the Great Lakes Regional for the second year in a row.

Men’s Soccer

The Flying Dutch completed their home opener this past weekend in the 13th annual Bergsma Memorial Tournament. The Dutchmen fared with a 2-1 loss on Friday against Oberlin and a 1-1 tie against Allegheny after two overtimes. Gavin Midlam (’15) and Jason Muller (’14) looked promising, leading the team in shots. Hope will attempt to tally a win tonight at home against Madonna University at 7 p.m.

Women’s Soccer

The Flying Dutch blew past Denison on Friday with a 3-1 win and defeated Kenyon College 2-1 on Saturday. Hope was ranked third in the 2013 MIAA preseason coaches’ poll. They will be competing throughout the season to stride past Alma and the always competitive Calvin. On Sept. 6, the Flying Dutch will have another nonleague match at home against Elmhurst at 7 p.m.

Women’s Golf

The Flying Dutch placed fourth in the season-opening Furniture City Classic on Saturday. The team is looking forward to more success this season with fifth-year head coach Greg Stafford. Last fall the Dutch placed third in the MIAA and also placed third in the NCAA Division III qualifier. The new roster is composed of one senior, four juniors, two sophomores and four new freshmen. The Dutch are scheduled to play against Olivet on Friday, Sept. 6.

Men’s Golf

The Flying Dutch placed third this past weekend at the Olivet Tournament, coming up short to Owens (Ohio) Community College and Bethel (Ind.). This season the Dutchmen lost a strong group of seniors and will rely on two junior co-captains, Collin Breit (’15) and Evan Telzerow (’15) to take charge and help clinch the MIAA title. The Flying Dutchmen will host the MIAA Jamboree this year on Oct. 3 at Waukoshaw Players Club.

Volleyball

The Dutch completed their season-opening games this past Friday and Saturday, sweeping all four games against Bethany Lutheran, Bluffton, Marietta and Case Western Reserve. Hope was picked second in the preseason MIAA poll behind the Knights of Calvin. They are aiming high this season with returning head coach Becky Schmidt at the helm. Their next game will be on Friday at Olivet at 6:30 p.m.

Football

On Saturday, Sept. 7, the Dutchmen will have their season opener at North Park at 7 p.m. The team is optimistic about the season and working hard for a long awaited MIAA championship. In the preseason coaches’ poll, Hope placed second in a three-way tie with Trine and Albion. Adrian was ranked first.

Hope will host its home opener on Sept. 14 at the Ray and Sue Smith Stadium against Millikin University.

OFF TO A STRONG START— The Flying Dutch kick off Saturday’s race in numbers at their first meet of the 2013 season at Ridge Point Church in Holland Township. Hope’s men’s and women’s teams hosted the Bill Vanderbilt Invitational, and both teams claimed victories.

Men’s cross country – Hope

The men’s cross country team placed fifth in the Bill Vanderbilt Invitational, winning four consecutive titles and to finish fifth in the 48th annual Bill Vanderbilt Invitational. The Dutch will attempt to carry the momentum gained into practices and meets ahead.

Women’s cross country – Hope

Saturday, Aug. 31, the women’s cross country team began the season with a stellar first-place performance at the 48th annual Bill Vanderbilt Invitational. Once again, Sheri McCormack (’14) reigned as the women’s champion for the 5,000-meter race.

Since it was the first race of the season, emotions and expectations were running high as Hope wanted to begin with substantial momentum. The Flying Dutch have a phenomenal history at the Vanderbilt Invitational, winning four consecutive titles and 20 overall. That being said, Hope did not disappoint by any means.

McCormack’s first-place title (18 minutes, 32 seconds) also happened to be the fourth consecutive time a Hope runner has won the title (18 minutes, 32 seconds). McCormack received crucial points from an array of runners.

Casey Campbell (’16) placed fourth place in 19:01, Meredith Busman (’14) was fifth place at 19:24, Emily Wrozek (’15) was seventh at 19:28 and Jessica Gaines (’17) started off her Hope running career impressively in eighth at 19:32.

Michelle Kerr (’16) and Katie Carlson (’14) rounded out the top seven for the women, with both running a time of 19:35.

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Cross teams take first

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The men’s cross country team took the first-place plaque for the second year in a row at the Vanderbilt Invitational.

The Dutchmen scored 30 points, while Albion College and Muskegon Community College took 40 and 62 points, respectively.

Finishing first for Hope was co-captain Sam Pederson (’14) with a fourth-place finish and a time of 26 minutes, 56 seconds for the 8,000-meter course.

“This past Saturday at Vanderbilt, I was very proud of how well we ran as a whole, despite the challenging course and hot, humid weather,” Pederson said. “It was exciting to see the new freshmen run well and to see the products of everyone’s hard summer training well.”

Other point-scorers for the Dutchmen included Ben Zank (’15) taking fifth place, James Rogers (’14) in sixth place, Joseph Beemer (’16) finishing seventh and freshman Tyler Brinks taking eighth.

Zach Zandbergen (’15) and Rollin Cook (’14) competed. Hope’s men’s, women’s teams hosted the Bill Vanderbilt Invitational, and both teams claimed victories.

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