Celebrating Constitution Day
Hope College political science professors square off in gay marriage debate

LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE BRAVE—The symbol of American pride fluttered over Hope’s campus as a constitutional debate between professors took place on Sept. 17.

Strap in for a heart-pounding good time
Great campus games use fear and adrenaline to break up the daily schedule

Alek Molenaar
Guest Writer

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The Hope College Political Science Department celebrated Constitution Day last Tuesday in the spirit of that document’s formation, as two of its faculty debated the constitutionality of one of today’s hot-button issues.

Joel Toppen, professor of political science, presented his arguments on the question, “Is gay marriage a constitutional right?” Jeff Polet, professor of political science, was on hand to provide a rebuttal.

The panel, held in Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall, attracted a sizable crowd of over 100 Hope students and members of the Holland community.

The agreement this year was higher than both of the professors could remember.

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Polet responded by asking why, if the shifting tide is inevitable, the court did not let the voters decide on the issue. Despite the emotional nature of the discussion topic, the professors treated each other with civility and respect, which resonated with the students in attendance.

“I thought they were both very well-informed, and I thought it was a very polite debate,” Evan Chalmers (’14) said.

The Constitution Day panels such as these are the product of Public Law 108-447, a federal mandate that requires institutions that receive federal funding to teach students about the United States Constitution every Sept. 17, the anniversary of the document’s 1787 signing.

“I definitely think it’s important because students at Hope College are kind of living in a bubble and don’t try very hard to figure out what’s going on,” Irene Mendosa (’14) said. “Knowledge is power.”

While he doesn’t see the need for the federal government to require it, Polet thinks there are benefits to holding these annual panels.

“If it helps people understand the complexity of constitutional government, that’s always a good thing,” Polet said.

This week at Hope

Wednesday  Sept. 25
First Annual Presidential Colloquium Lecture Series
Winants Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Thursday  Sept. 26
VWS Presents: Todd Davis and David L. James
Fried-Hermansay Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Saturday  Sept. 28
The Pull
Black River, 3 p.m.

In Brief

Hope students semi-finalists

Two Hope College students were named semi-finalists in the Norman Mailer High School and College Writing Awards competition this week. Hope students Alex Mouw (’14) and Lindsay Timmerman (’15) were selected from hundreds of applicants across the country as two of 15 semifinalists in this year’s competition. Mouw is a senior English-writing emphasis dual major, and Timmerman is a Communication, English, and History triple major.

The only school with more semi-finalists awarded in the category was Yale University.

A place at the table

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, Hope College and The Knickerbocker Theatre are hosting “A Place At The Table,” a 90-minute documentary film highlighting hunger disparity in the United States. The film explores hunger in America in a unique way—through the eyes of those experiencing it. The showing, which is being supported by the Ottawa County Food Policy Council, Bread for the World, Feeding America and the Holland Area Hunger Coalition (CROP), will be presented Sept. 25-26 at 7:30 p.m. in The Knick.

G.R.O.W. movement set to launch

This year, Hope College is sponsoring the G.R.O.W. movement, expanded as Growing Relationships through diverse Opportunities, to strengthen involvement in an ever-changing world. In collaboration with the Office of Multicultural Education, Campus Ministries, Student Development and academic departments, the G.R.O.W. movement hopes to foster diverse relationships between students, faculty, staff and administrators in order to develop the greater community of Hope. The movement kicked off on Tuesday, Sept. 24 in Maas Center auditorium.

"What the majority has done is the opposite of what marriage is," Polet said, "and it has said that those who hold any contrary conception…are mean-spirited bigots."

Toppen noted how public opinion on the issue of gay marriage has shifted rapidly since the passage of DOMA in 1996, citing the victory of four separate state ballot measures in last November’s election that either approved same-sex marriage or did not ban it. Before those successes in Maine, Maryland, Minnesota and Washington State, 34 ballot measures had passed previously with the opposite effect, including Proposition 8.

Hope students pray for Syrian crisis

Hope College students gathered Sunday, Sept. 25 in prayer for the country of Syria.

About 50 students (and a few members of Hope faculty) participated in a prayer walk, which was hosted by Hope United for Justice, beginning outside of Graves Hall and ending outside Martha Miller Center.

The students carried electric candles on their silent vigil around campus. The students focused on prayer for the Syrian government, Syrian refugees, U.S. involvement in the crisis in Syria and peace in Syria during the prayer walk Sunday.

Syria has been in the midst of a Civil War since March 15, 2011. Factions between the Syrian government and Syrian citizens developed in 2011 over the citizen protestation of a lack of civil rights. Recently, U.S. attention has been focused on Syria after an alleged chemical weapons attack on Aug. 21, 2013 that left over 1,000 citizens—many of them children—dead.

Currently, there are 4 million displaced Syrian citizens and 2 million Syrian refugees fleeing the conflict in the Middle East.
Iran’s Rouhani: facilitator of peace talks

Changes are expected from the new president with the U.N. General Assembly at the sideline.

Timothy Cook
Guest Writer

“The relation between Iran and the United States is a complicated and difficult question. There is a chronic wound which is difficult to heal.” These are the words of Hassan Rouhani shortly before becoming the 7th president of Iran. Rouhani’s path to becoming president of the Islamic Republic has been an unexpected one. In the 2013 Iranian presidential election, conservatives dominated the field of candidates and many foreign observers predicted a low turnout.

After gaining the support of Iran’s reformist movement, Rouhani captured slightly over half the vote and won a clear victory. As a Shia cleric bearing the title of “Diplomat Sheikh” while leading negotiations over Iran’s nuclear program, Rouhani was nicknamed the “Diplomat Sheikh” after U.S. approval of a Russian-backed agreement to destroy Iran’s chemical weapons stock. Rouhani has also claimed partial credit for the deal and has offered to facilitate peace talks between Assad and members of the Syrian opposition. Rouhani has already claimed the implicit backing of Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and some analysts predict Rouhani will have a freer hand in foreign policy than his predecessor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In the west, the fact that the role of nuclear negotiator has been taken from the head of the Iranian Security Council and given to Rouhani’s western educated foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, is seen as a positive sign. Despite the Iranian negotiating team’s change of guard, their goals will be the same: lift the sanctions by persuading the international community that Iran’s nuclear program is for peaceful purposes. Complicating the prospects of a deal with the United States is Iran’s ongoing support for embattled Syrian president Bashar Al-Assad. The Iranian leadership is bitterly divided over Assad’s use of chemical weapons. Ayatollah Rafsanjani, Iran’s former president and a key power broker for Rouhani, has openly condemned Assad’s attacks against the Syrian people. Conversely, General Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the Revolutionary Guard’s elite Quds force, has said that Iran will fight to the bitter end in Syria. Iran’s Revolutionary answers directly to Supreme Leader Khamenei and is a powerful political player in its own right.

The chances of reaching settlements for both Syria and Iran’s nuclear program have received an unexpected boost after U.S. approval of a Russian-brokered Russian plot to end internet censorship and combat Iran’s debilitating inflation problem. Internationally, Rouhani’s foreign policy centers around two key issues: eliminating sanctions on Iran by reaching a deal over Iran’s nuclear program and determining Iran’s role in the conflict in Syria. Rouhani has already gained the implicit backing of Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and some analysts predict Rouhani will have a freer hand in foreign policy than his predecessor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

WHAT IS HIS PLAN?—Iranian President Hasan Rouhani speaks during an interview with the state in Tehran. Iran is in talks with the United States and the European Union before the U.N. General Assembly in order to resolve their nuclear program issues.

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News from around the world

Attack in Kenya

Kenyan officials say that the terrorist attack in Nairobi is under control after days of conflict in a shopping mall. The death toll has reached 62 and more than 172 people have been injured.

Shooting at Washington Navy Yard

A gunman, who was identified as being a former Navy serviceman, shot 12 people in Washington DC. Aaron Alexis, 34, died shortly after in a shootout with the police. It has been speculated that he was suffering from mental health issues.

Muslim Brotherhood banned

The Egyptian court has banned all “activities” of the Muslim Brotherhood after deeming the group to be a non-governmental organization.

Merkel wins another term

Angela Merkel has been voted in as the German chancellor for the third term. The question of who the party will form a coalition with is still uncertain.

Source: BBC.com
Republicans kick off statewide campaign

Alex Belica
World Co-editor

Last weekend, on Sept. 19, the 2014 Michigan campaign season unofficially kicked off with the bi-annual Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference. The three-day event held at the historic Grand Hotel on picturesque Mackinac Island saw the kickoff of two major statewide campaigns: one for the re-election of incumbent Governor Rick Snyder, and the other for Hope College graduate Terri Lynn Land’s ('81) U.S. Senate bid.

The conference, a gathering of conservatives from around the state, saw both candidates preparing their talking points and slogans for next year’s campaign. Snyder, who currently leads his relatively unknown Democratic challenger Mark Schauer in the polls by 8 percentage points, delivered an upbeat speech highlighting Michigan’s progress over the last four years.

The theme of Snyder’s speech was simple: “We said it. We did it.” Snyder highlighted his administration’s notable ability to follow through on its campaign promises, including the repeal of the much-maligned Michigan Business Tax, the elimination of the state’s $1.5 billion dollar deficit and the creation of a statewide buy local initiative.

“If you go back to 2009, people asked me what I’d like my legacy to be,” Snyder said. “And I said there were two things. One, did I do what I said I was going to do. And two, did I build a lasting foundation for success. We said it. We did it and we’re going to do it again.”

The race for Michigan’s open senate seat will likely be a close one. Next year represents a major opportunity for Republicans because the five-term Senator Democratic Carl Levin is retiring at the end of the current year.

Polls show that the race is a dead heat between presumed Republican nominee Land and Democrat Gary Peters. Although Land did not have a specific speaking engagement at the conference, she hosted a reception at the Grand Hotel on Friday afternoon and spent the rest of the weekend interfacing with potential supporters.

“It’s going great,” Land said. “A lot of folks are really excited about having one candidate to begin focusing on. This race is so critical in Michigan because of the opportunity we have with an open seat.”

Land, who was Michigan’s Secretary of State from 2001 to 2011, seemed to be gaining support from within her party. Michigan GOP Chairman Bob Schostak told The Detroit News that he feels Land will be able to run a solid campaign.

“I think she’s got good energy her way,” Schostak said. “She’s got very good reception here.”

With little over a year until the actual election, there is plenty of time for the candidates on both sides to hone their messages, but as of this week, we’re officially off to the races.

Marikana Massacre: a scandal by SAPS

Brianna Cherry
Guest Writer

Over a year has passed since the “Mine Massacre” in Marikana, South Africa. The Marikana mine, owned by Lonmin, a London-based firm, is the world’s third largest platinum producer.

In August of 2012, local workers gathered on the sandy hills surrounding the mine and refused to work until they received higher wages. When what started as a protest for pennies ended in the deaths of 34 miners, nobody questioned the intentions of the South African Police Services (SAPS) at the time.

Claiming their actions as self-defense, the police noted that the protestors had weapons of their own and were not afraid to use them. This event became known as the “bloodiest labor dispute in South Africa since the peak of Apartheid.” Now, a year after the incident, officials are uncovering the truth behind the response given by SAPS and the days following the shooting.

This truth, as it turns out, is the discovery of a multitude of lies.

Police documents and computer hard drives that were deemed “non-existent” by SAPS were found by the Marikana Commission in August of 2013. The commission has just now released the information surrounding the case.

“Have we obtained documents which in our opinion demonstrate that the SAPS version of the events at Marikana, as described in the SAPS presentation to this commission and in the evidence of SAPS witnesses at this commission, is in material respects not the truth. We do not make this statement lightly,” said the Commission in response to their findings.

The Commission continues to look into what this news may mean in regards to their original intentions at the mine. Until answers are found, let us lean on the encouraging words by South African President, Jacob Zuma: “We believe there is enough space in our democratic order for any dispute to be resolved through dialogue without any breaches of the law or violence.”

Hopefully, the president is right and South Africa will not have to face such a tragedy again.
LEARNING ABOUT YOURSELF— "Amnesia: A Machine for Pigs" performed "Silt," which explored different relationships between people, along with ideas like self discovery.

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Organist Yun Kyong Kim performs at Hope

Alicia Ghastin Guest Writer

Last Tuesday, uniquely spectacular organ music filled Dimnent Chapel. Not only did Yun Kyong Kim, the visiting organist, perform a technically diverse program, she provoked a wide span of human emotions within the audience. Her music, played on Hope College’s Skinner Organ, made the audience both laugh, cry and feel everything in between. One thing was for sure—at the end of the night, no one left the performance without a smile on their face.

As she related at her lecture “The Performance Within You” at First Reformed Church the night before the concert, Kim moved from South Korea to Washington State when she was 16 and proceeded to study music at Washington State University. Beginning her studies in piano, she had never seen or heard an organ till she was 22, but she soon fell in love with the instrument. She is now devoted to promoting the organ as a concert instrument through her performances.

She also encourages all musicians to perform and share the joy of music, no matter the instrument.

“All of us... have a strong desire to perform music and share the music we love with other people,” Kim said.

Many times after her performances, people have told her how much her music has touched their hearts in special ways. For Kim, it does not matter how technically perfect the performance is, what really matters is the effect the music had on the audience, for you never know when you are going to be used as God’s instrument.

She devotes every part of the process of performing to inspiring the audience.

“A favorite of the night was a suite for organ entitled “Finale”, composed by Iain Farrington. One of the four movements from this suite Kim performed was “Conversations”, a playful piece that mimicked human talking. No longer was the audience silently watching an organist—they were listening to an invisible crowd of people talking on stage. From phrases of frantically sharing stories to laughing trills, everyone was engaged and pleasantly surprised to hear such a diverse piece played on an organ. At the end of the piece, one could even relate the ending phrase to a quick, “Goodbye!” This, Kim says, is one of the goals of organ performance: to promote little known repertoire and reveal the versatility of the organ.

One moving piece called “In Memoriam: Titanic” was composed by Joseph Bonnet, a French composer, shortly after the sinking of the Titanic. Within the song is the tune “Nearer My God, to Thee,” a Welsh hymn said to have been played that tragic night on the boat when it sank. Kim’s expert playing painted a tragic picture for the audience. Opening with solemn, somber chords, the piece reflected the impending tragedy and contrasted it with the proud hymn being enjoyed by the passengers at the time. At the climax, the boat strikes the glacier and the Welsh tune dissipates. The song was both dramatic and calming.

To leave the audience on a high note, Kim threw in an encore variation on “Alley Cat,” a popular song from the 1960s. In her lecture, Kim encouraged all performers to add in a surprising little piece that the audience can relate to—a popular song or a comical song—because it keeps the audience engaged and having fun. She says that everyone should take a break from classical music and enjoy any type of music, from jazz, country, rock and blue grass, whatever you enjoy. Learning to enjoy music and listen without analyzing the music academically helps a performer know how his or her audience will receive his or her music.

For more information on upcoming visiting music performers, visit www.hope.edu.

Valve introduces possible game-changer SteamOS

Jimmy Champaine Arts Co-Editor

Microsoft’s Windows operating system may have another tough competitor on its hands with the recent announcement of SteamOS from Valve Software. For those who might not be aware, Steam is an online store in which consumers can purchase PC games and keep them backed up in their accounts so that they can be downloaded and played on any computer. It also incorporates many of the same features as Microsoft’s Xbox Live and Sony’s PlayStation Network, such as chatting with friends, challenged based achievements and community forums. The service is also known for its seasonal sales in which many of the biggest games receive price drops as much as 85 percent.

In a statement on their website, Valve gives an overview of what is to come in the Future for their ever-growing platform. “SteamOS combines the rock-solid architecture of Linux with a gaming experience built for the big screen,” the post said. “It will be available soon as a free stand-alone operating system for living room machines.”

The operating system isn’t just built for games, though. It is also expected to include in-home game streaming from more powerful PCs to other devices using the same Wi-Fi network.

“Many of the media services you know and love, soon [Valve] will begin bringing them online, allowing you to access your favorite music and video with Steam and SteamOS,” the post said.

Valve’s managing director and co-creator, Gabe Newell, has been a vocal critic of Microsoft’s newest iteration of its widely used operating system. In 2012, at a Casual Connect event, Newell offered his opinion.

“We are looking at the platform and saying, [Valve and Steam] have been a free rider, and we’ve been able to benefit from everything that went into PCs and the Internet, and we have to continue to figure out how there will be open platforms,” Newell said. SteamOS is essentially a heavily modified version of Linux, a move that has been long expected since the Steam platform launched for another Linux-based operating system, Ubuntu, late last year. It makes sense that Valve would choose Linux over another operating system like Mac OS X because Linux is open-source. This means that anyone can use it freely without restrictive licensing. As of now, many of Valve’s own games are available on the Linux Steam client, along with other well-known third-party titles like “Amnesia: A Machine for Pigs” and “Euro Truck Simulator 2.”

It seems that Valve is acutely aware that Microsoft is trying to refine Windows into a more streamlined operating system, closing it off to doppleganger platforms like Steam in the process. If Valve can figure out a way to convince other developers to port their games to the new operating system, Windows could see a major shift in its position as the go-to platform for PC gaming.
September 18th - October 6th
Grand Rapids, MI

About ArtPrize:
- ArtPrize describes itself as a “radically open, independently organized international art competition with an unprecedented $200,000 top prize decided entirely by public vote.”
- Every year, ArtPrize distributes $560,000 in cash prizes, making it the world’s largest art competition.
- Anyone over the age of 18 can be an artist and any space within the ArtPrize district can be a venue.
- ArtPrize is independently organized by venues and artists who connect through artprize.org
- This year, ArtPrize is hosting over 1,500 entries across nearly 170 venues.
- After you’ve registered (in person or at artprize.org), text the entry number of your favorite work of art via web browser or the ArtPrize App (available to Android and iPhone).

Visit artprize.org for more info.

I liked the emphasis on large outdoor pieces this year. It felt like there was more sculpture.
— Jimmy Champane ’15

What I liked about ArtPrize this year was that, overall, the exhibits were very interactive.
— Paige Campagner, Class of ’15 at the University of Michigan
Ask and you May be advised
A case of homesickness

Lauren May
Columnist

As we enter our fifth week here on campus and the weather begins to cool off, it seems many students have been finding themselves a little sick. While they aren’t coming down with the usual cold, or showing symptoms of the flu, many seem to be catching that terrible case of homesickness.

Homesickness is a very common illness that affects almost everyone at least once after move in day. The first treatment Hope offers is something I call “The CAPS Cure.” This treatment is an effective way of dealing with homesickness and simply involves a visit the Counseling and Psychological Services center.

Here, students meet with a counselor and talk about how they are feeling. The center is super helpful and provides those with homesickness someone to talk to, so they don’t feel as alone. I think it’s the perfect place to go if you want some guidance, or are feeling down and just want to let it all out.

Another great relief to homesickness that can be found at Hope is what I’ve named “The Activity Antibiotics.” These “antibiotics” for homesickness are all of the wonderful activities and clubs Hope offers for students to get involved in. These activities are very useful in curing homesickness, because they provide students the opportunity to become part of something they love. I strongly recommend this treatment for anyone who is homesick, because it makes it very easy to take your mind off of all the things you miss, and provides a great way to get out and meet new people.

The last homesickness treatment Hope offers is my absolute favorite! It’s what I’ve named “The Student Body Stimulant.” This extremely effective cure simply involves going out and meeting the amazing students on campus.

Desert storm
What you need to know about Obamacare

Andrew Gomez-Seoane
Columnist

America’s health system and its problems seem to be the topic of discussion these days and the president’s new Affordable Healthcare Act is considered the ultimate solution. Many Americans currently do not approve of such an intrusive law and see it as a major leap toward socialized medicine. Despite a heavy advertising campaign to promote the new law, polls taken five years ago after its passage show a disapproval of roughly 60 percent. However, when Americans asked about other programs they were less likely to be so critical.

We must remember that healthcare reform has been on the agenda of every president since the Roosevelt administration introduced the concept of Social Security in 1935 as a national retirement program for Americans. Almost 30 years later, in response to its lack of health benefits, president Lyndon B. Johnson would be the first to push for government involvement into the healthcare sector, with the passage of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965. This marked the gradual descent into a nationalized healthcare system that would threaten to further bankrupt the nation and centralize healthcare policy. Most Americans do not realize that we have a nationalized insurance that directly competes with the private sector, healthcare sector places an importance on insuring as many individuals as possible.

The key feature behind the president’s signature piece of legislation is a requirement for individuals to purchase insurance or be fined every year at an increasing rate until they do so. Small business owners (the engine of the American economy) are faced with the prospect of laying off employees as they try to comply with the employer mandate. As a result of this push to have 100 percent coverage, the rates of private insurance have risen dramatically as they are not allowed to turn away those who would like to purchase insurance regardless of any pre-existing conditions. This has added to the general costs of insuring millions more Americans.

The problem, of course, is that the funds collected to establish this new system are assumed to come from the fines and other taxes in the law such as a 2.3 percent tax on medical equipment manufacturers. The law also does not address the issue of tort reform and placing a cap on frivolous medical lawsuits that drive up costs; with doctors covering all of their “bases” through the use of unnecessary tests. At the same time, the ACA actually reduces the amount of spending on Medicare and Medicaid by hundreds of billions of dollars to transfer the funds to the new programs that it creates. Of course this leaves those patients with little chance of seeing the physician they want due to low reimbursement rates that most independent doctors cannot afford. With the law over 10,000 pages in length, there are many aspects that are not even known yet and more “hidden” taxes are buried in those pages.

Quality affordable healthcare is achievable. Ultimately, medicine is a way of life, but healthcare is a business. In this respect, we want a more competitive free market driven healthcare system by allowing competition among our insurance companies across state borders and letting a reform to medical lawsuits. These structural changes, along with work requirements for those on welfare will allow for a robust society that has the best quality of health care at an affordable price that leaves both doctors and patients in good standing.

And I think its super helpful and provides those students who will make them happy. It will also lead to many students to who will become like a second family.

After reading this, I hope you realize that you shouldn’t worry about bring ill with homesickness. As you can see, it is an easily treated case and Hope College is the best place to be while dealing with it. If you follow the treatments above, I have no doubt that your symptoms will soon disappear and you will be back to feeling better in no time!

Lauren May is doing an advice column within the next few weeks.

Do you have something that’s been bugging you? Let me know! I’m sure you can’t find the answer to? All questions can be submitted to:

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Editor’s choice
Quotes of Illumination

“ I like flaws, I think they make things interesting. ”
—SARAH DESSEN

“ I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. ”
—ROBERT FROST

“ Life is too deep for words, so don’t try to describe it, just live it. ”
—C.S. LEWIS

“ You can’t start a fire without a spark. This comes for higher, even if we’re just dancing in the dark. ”
—BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

The scariest thing about distance is that you don’t know where you’ll miss you or forget you. ”
—NICHOLAS SPARKS

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Anchors Away
One big happy family

Emma Fondell
Voices Editor

When I was a senior in high school I was positive I was going to be a music major in college. However, little did I know that the theatre department at Hope College would steal my soul. I know it’s not the easiest life choice, but it’s a passionate one.

Having theatre in my life is no longer just a hobby, it is a necessity. To quote one of my very close friends, Bridget McCarthy, “If I have to, I will live in a box on the street in order to pursue what I love.”

Of course, she’s speaking an exaggeration and doesn’t actually want homelessness, but that is honestly the level of passion she has for theatre.

Theatre is a place for acceptance of weirdness.
—Emilie Bickle ’16

I love the way theatre brings people together and helps others be more accepting of stigmatic subjects like sexual orientation and human rights.
—Theo Zucker ’16

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Run-down students turn to campus games

- **GAMES**, from page 1

were going to come from.

Both games, if played with integrity and enthusiasm, have the power to inspire fear in innocent Hope students. Whether it is running away, jumping out of a window or slipping quietly into a crowd, these camp games keep Hope students on their toes and throw a new dynamic into the daily class commute. If you consider yourself a brave soul and willing to take on one of these campus games, ask yourself which kind of player you would like to be: the hunter, or the hunted?

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**Letter to the editor**

Hey Hope College! It seems like just yesterday I was in undergrad debating what to do after graduation. If you are reading this, you’ve already made one smart decision—earning your degree from Hope College. Seniors thinking about how to launch a career and make a difference in the world after graduation. Here’s a suggestion: Apply now to Peace Corps as a regional staff, Peace Corps accepts applications at any time, but seniors should encourage anyone to apply and see where the journey takes you.

Peace Corps profoundly changed my life both personally and professionally, and it will do the same for you. We return home as true global citizens, armed with cross-cultural, leadership, and language skills in demand in today’s global job market. You can even combine Peace Corps service with grad school to earn credit or receive financial assistance after you finish service. Serving in Peace Corps could also help you land a federal job; I now work for Peace Corps service with grad school to earn credit or receive financial assistance after you finish service. Serving in Peace Corps could also help you land a federal job; I now work for Peace Corps as a regional representative. I get paid to do what I love: encourage amazing people to dream big and do amazing things.

I think about my Peace Corps service every day, and I encourage anyone to apply and see where the journey takes you. Peace Corps accepts applications at any time, but seniors should apply by Sept. 30 for the best chance to be matched with assignments departing soon after graduation. To learn more, visit peacecorps.gov or attend an upcoming campus information session: September 25th at Western Michigan Friedmann Hall 3301.

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**Want to get your name in print?**

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.

We want to hear your voice. Get involved!
Football picks up third straight win

Kyle Bernaclik  
Assistant Sports Editor

On Saturday, Sept. 21, the Flying Dutchmen football team continued their undefeated season by getting a 37-7 home win against Wisconsin Lutheran College. This victory came after a late Hope rally that stunned the Warriors.

“I wouldn’t say our expectations were higher even though we were 2-0,” Matt Kroll (’16) said. “We always believe we will compete and win.”

A combination of the surefire Dutchmen offense, led by quarterback Michael Atwell (’14), and lockdown defense allowed Hope to control the ball and create comfort late in the game. The defense did not allow a touchdown. Wisconsin Lutheran’s only touchdown came as a result of a 65-yard interception return.

The first quarter started out sluggishly for both teams. In the first play of the game, Atwell connected with Brynaert for a pass to wide receiver Taylor Brynaert (’15) who then picked up 30 yards. The remainder of the quarter was characterized by incomplete passes and runs that did not exceed 10 yards.

On the positive side, Hope’s defense did not allow Wisconsin Lutheran to gain more than eight yards on a single play. This trend would continue as the second quarter got underway.

With 6:45 minutes remaining on the clock before halftime, Evan Finch (’14) made a field goal from 22 yards away to put the Dutchmen on top.

Just as Hope started to make a positive drive on the ensuing possession, one of Atwell’s passes was nabbed from the air by a Warrior and returned for a 65-yard touchdown. This score put Wisconsin Lutheran in the lead 7-3.

Hope started the second half knowing that the offense needed to step up its game because the defense was currently carrying the weight. After recording a safety and bringing the deficit to 7-5, the Dutchmen finally scored a touchdown at the 9:17 minute mark in the third quarter. Atwell connected with Brynaert for a four-yard score. Then, Atwell and Jake Helm (’16) successfully completed a two-point conversion to give Hope a 13-7 lead.

The Dutchmen struck two more times in the third quarter, the first a 33-yard pass from Atwell to Kroll at the 6:13 mark. The second touchdown occurred with just over one minute left in the quarter as Atwell connected with Helm.

Hope began to relax with a 29-7 lead. All the team needed to do was hold the lead and they would exit Ray and Sue Smith Stadium with a huge victory. Unfortunately, the Warriors scored the first half, but with some help from my receivers and line I was able to pick it up in the second half and make some solid throws,” Atwell said.

One more touchdown was added to the board as Shawn Jackson (’14) ran for a 25-yard score in the fourth quarter. The game ended with a 30-point Dutchmen victory and a final score of 37-7.

Atwell’s performance can be credited to more than just pure talent because he had consistent protection all day. "The offensive line played another great game giving Mike [Atwell] time to pass," Brynaert said.

The quarterback’s performance is especially praiseworthy because for the third straight week, Atwell threw for over 200 yards. On Saturday, he also finished with three passing touchdowns.

Jackson led Hope on the ground, carrying the ball for 120 yards on 24 attempts. Kroll caught three passes for 69 yards. Hope will travel to Illinois Wesleyan on Sept. 28 to take on an undefeated opponent. The Dutchmen, who fell to the Titans last season 23-13, look forward to bringing their undefeated momentum to Illinois.

“They [Illinois Wesleyan] have always played us tough,” Atwell said. “In order to win we will need to be able to put four quarters of mistake-free football together in all aspects of the game.”

Here is a look at the game in numbers:

- Total yards: 452 for Hope, 122 for Wisconsin Lutheran
- Passing yards: 200 for Hope, 0 for Wisconsin Lutheran
- Rushing yards: 120 for Hope, 22 for Wisconsin Lutheran
- Touchdowns: 4 for Hope, 1 for Wisconsin Lutheran
- Field goals: 1 for Hope, 0 for Wisconsin Lutheran
- Interceptions: 2 for Wisconsin Lutheran

Today in Sports History: September 25

- 1844  
  Canada defeats the USA by 23 runs in the first international cricket match.

- 1882  
  Providence and Worcester play baseball’s first double-header.

- 1904  
  Charles Follis becomes first African American to play pro football, signing with the Shelby Blues in Ohio.

- 1908  
  Chicago Cubs pitcher Ed Reulbach becomes the only player to throw a double-header shutout.

- 1926  
  The NHL grants franchises to the Chicago Blackhawks and the Detroit Red Wings.

- 1953  
  Detroit Tigers outfielder Al Kaline becomes youngest MLB batting champ (20).

- 1965  
  Scottie Pippen, legendary NBA forward, is born in Hamburg, Ark. He most notably played for the Chicago Bulls and won two Olympic gold medals.

- 1981  
  Against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Nolan Ryan throws his fifth career no-hitter.

- 1988  
  Florence Griffith Joyner runs for an Olympic record in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.54 seconds.

- 2011  
  Kenya’s Patrick Makau runs marathon world record in Berlin (2:03:38).

This Week in Sports

Wednesday, Sept. 25

- Volleyball
  vs. Kalamazoo at 7 p.m.

- Men’s Soccer
  vs. Albion at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- Men’s Soccer
  vs. Trine at 7 p.m.

In Brief

Women’s Soccer Ties with St. Mary’s

The Flying Dutch remained unbeaten thanks to a valiant effort on Saturday at St. Mary’s College (Ind.). The Dutch are leading the MIAA with a 4-0-1 record and 13 points.

With just 5:08 minutes into the match, Hope struck first with a goal from midfielder Amy Olson (’14). The goal was a strong header off of a corner kick from midfielder Erin Jipping (’15). The Dutch had the momentum at this point but realized that the Belles were not going to give up.

In the 57th minute, St. Mary’s finally answered with a goal of their own. The score would stay this way for the next two overtimes. The score stayed the same due to Hope’s lockdown defense. Goalie Kat Dickson (’15) fin- ished the night with four saves.

Hope’s next home match is on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. as the Dutch take on the Scots of Alma College. The Scots are right behind Hope in the MIAA standings with a 4-0 conference record.

MIAA Player of the Week

Volleyball

Jenna Grasmeyer (’15)  
Outside Hitter

Men’s Golf Tied for First in MIAA

With just three MIAA jamborees to go this season, the men’s golf team is tied for first place in the conference.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, the Flying Dutchmen traveled to Pine River Country Club where Alma College hosted the fourth jamboree of the season.

The Dutchmen tied for first place, giving them comfort atop the MIAA. Ben Lewis (’15) and Winton Munch (’17) each shot an even par 72. Hope finished the day with a team score of 300 strokes, matching Calvin College.

On Monday, Sept. 23, the Dutchmen played their sixth MIAA jamboree at Kalamazoo Country Club hosted by Kalamazoo College. Again, Lewis and Munch led the Dutchmen individually by each shooting a 76. Hope tied for fourth place out of eight teams but remained atop the MIAA.
After a definitive loss at the hands of cross-town rival Calvin College on Sept. 17, head coach Becky Schmidt and the Lady Dutch bounced back in convincing fashion with a 3-0 detailing of St. Mary’s College on Friday night at DeVos Fieldhouse.

The sweep marked the 13th win of the season for the Flying Dutch, while improving their MIAA record to 4-1. Hope surrendered just 45 points in the three-set sweep (25-9, 25-16, 25-20), looking nearly mistake-free all night.

When asked after the game how she thought the team improved from the loss against Calvin, libero Allie Mitchell (’16) thought there was a boost in mental strength. “Our hitters put the ball down well tonight [against St. Mary’s].”

“Mitchell recorded seven digs, but it was her energy and leadership that ultimately shined for the Flying Dutch.”

Coach Becky Schmidt and the Lady Dutch mounted a .260 kill percentage, committing 16 errors as well.

Alexis Thompson (’17) led the Dutch with 14 digs, and Lauren Hazekamp (’16) recorded a team-high 28 assists.

Jenna Grasmeyer (’15) put forth 17 kills in the win. Hope posted yet another dominating performance on Saturday, defeating Adrian College 3-0 (25-10, 25-14, 25-17) for its fifth conference victory. For Hope, it was the 14th sweep of the season and a reason to remain ranked among the nation’s best.

Against Adrian, Mitchell and Thompson each had 11 digs, and Hazekamp added 44 more assists on the season. Grasmeyer posted a game-high 20 kills.

The Dutch had a clear advantage in both the kills and assists departments, tallying 31 more kills and 28 more assists than the Bulldogs.

Grasmeyer currently has 199 kills on the season, and Hazekamp has 517 assists. All focus now swings to Kalamazoo, as the Dutch (14-1, 5-1 MIAA) take on the Hornets at DeVos tonight at 7 p.m.

The fall intramural sports this season includes singles tennis for men and women, coed doubles tennis for men and women, coed flag football in middle school. “This [Saint Mary’s] win is good for us. The Calvin game is in the rear-view mirror at this point, and we’re ready to move on,” Schoolmaster said.

The next intramural sports season includes singles tennis for men and women, coed basketball, coed doubles tennis and women’s badminton. There will be a captains’ meeting on Monday, Oct. 21 for anyone interested in the Quest For The Shirt.

**The chase for the Championship Shirt**

Caitlin Rivera
Sports Editor

Along with the fall sports team’s seasons underway, there is another very important part of Hope College athletics that doesn’t get much attention.

Hope College intramural sports has been increasing in participation over the years, and everyone is working towards their team receiving the ultimate prize: the Championship T-Shirt.

Any student can participate in any intramural sport as long as their athletic season isn’t in the same season as the intramural sport and it is not the same sport that they participate and compete in during the regular season.

The fall intramural sports this season are men’s flag football, men’s soccer, coed flag football and women’s three-on-three volleyball.

“I really like having the ability to have an outlet to relieve the daily stresses of school with intramurals,” Chris Stewart (’14) said. “Since I’m not involved in a Hope fall sport, flag football is a nice alternative to get involved in.”

Stewart plays on the Monstars as a receiver, led by captain Blake Jones (’14), and this year they are a top contender for the Shirt.

“I think if my team works on getting better on the defensive side of the ball, we will be the wrecking ball of the IM competition,” Stewart said. “I also think getting cool celebration dances will help us beat out our opponents in the Q4TS (Quest For The Shirt).”

So far this season, the biggest competition for the Monstars will be Corey and the Gang, led by Matt Parisi (’15). They play on opposite days but will definitely be there for the playoffs, starting Wednesday, Oct. 9.

This year, coed flag football has a total of 16 teams. Looking at the current standings, the teams to beat are Kristen Slotman’s (’14) Rocky Mountain Canaries, Brittnay Engher’s (’16) Wooden Shoe Like To Know, and Touchdown Jesus, led by Zach VanWyk (’15).

“If I really enjoy coedflag football as an IM sport at Hope because it is very competitive and I have always loved football but was never allowed to play,” Slotman said. “It was thought to be wrong for a girl to play football in middle school.”

With all intramural sports projects, the flag football has been a favorite between both genders and the competition is growing. The teams seem to have become more driven and more strategic.

“Our team is currently 3-0,” Slotman said. “We have a lot of fun while playing. It hasn’t gotten rough yet. As a team, we need to work together better on the defensive end to stop their drivers.”

Men’s soccer always has a big breakout each year. With 17 teams this season, there is tough competition. This season’s leaders are Chupalo led by Jake Bylsma (’14), Wolfpack led by Nick Delongh (’15), Jason Dewitt’s (’16) Jive Turkeys and Austin Jipping’s (’14) ROY G. BIV.

There is a new outlook in the three-on-three women’s volleyball this year. With 21 teams, the league has been split into competitive and less competitive to give underdogs a chance and the more serious players the competition they want.

The leaders so far of the season include Alyssa VanWerdens (’16) Victoria Secret, Kelly Dykema’s (’15) Spike It and Katie Draeger’s (’16) CAKE.

For all intramural sports, the playoffs start on Wednesday, Oct. 9 and continue through the month.

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