Even Year claims victory in 116th Pull
Triumphant sophomore class of ’16 gives Even Year a reason to celebrate after the battle over Black River

Hope traditions roll on: Nykerk waiting to take the stage
Excitement stirs as freshmen and sophomores gear up for Hope’s 79th annual Nykerk Cup Competition

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It’s here. Freshmen can finally nurse their aching curiosity. Sophomores are permitted to soothe their itching need for reunion. The calendar has struck October, and it is high time to revive one of the most unique opportunities at Hope College: The Nykerk Cup Competition. It’s kind of a big deal. You have heard of the Tri-Wizard Competition? Well that tournament actually contains four events. “Heresy!” you say? No. You see, traditionally the first event in the Tri-Wizard Competition is an origami duel, but every year it falls on the same date as the Nykerk Cup Competition. Nobody attends the paper-folding. Everyone is packed shoulder-to-shoulder in the Civic Center, draped in their best muggle gear, cheering on their respective classes.

It all starts tonight—exactly one month from competition night. The rally will be taking place in Maas Auditorium at 8 p.m. If you’re a freshman or sophomore lady, come on out and have a good time getting an up-close look at the craziness that is Nykerk. Bring enthusiasm, spunk, yourself and your friends, because this kick-off party is a smashing good time.

What exactly is it though? Well, like many loved and time-tested traditions here at Hope—The Pull, The Push and various Durfee-isms come to mind—Nykerk is difficult to explain in brief. First, it’s old. The Nykerk Cup Competition started in 1935 under the supervision of John Nykerk—Hope professor, dean, musician and the founder of the music department at Hope. The event initially flared up in a belief that women were not given an equal opportunity in the realm of competition and deserved their own class-on-class competition.

The student-organized plan was to set up a women’s tug-of-war similar to The Pull, but Nykerk introduced a silver cup as the trophy and suggested that the competition take its own format: with each class performing one oratorical number, one musical selection and the enactment of a one-act play. On March 16, 1935, the freshman class of 1936 won the first Nykerk Cup Competition and had the name of their class engraved on the cup.

Men first appeared on the Nykerk scene in 1939, serving in roles as stage and property managers. The morale aspect of Nykerk that we are familiar with today was not officially introduced until the 1970s. In the modern-day format of Nykerk, female participants in the Tri-Wizard Competition are allowed to compete. Since 1973, Nykerk has grown into a brand new category: women’s pull.

The Anchor's photographers went up-close and personal with The Pull, snagging those profile pic shots.

“I firmly believe that any man’s finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle—victorious.”
—Vince Lombardi, legendary coach

EVEN YEAR, THIS YEAR— On Saturday evening, after three hard-fought hours between two superb Pull teams, the rope was measured and found that the north side of the river, where Even Year pullers, moralers, coaches and enthusiastic spectators were located, had hauled in an additional 15 feet of rope over the Odd Year team. Pictured above is the Even Year team celebrating, as well as their abandoned pits (on right), where it all took place.

FACES FROM THE PAST— Bottom left, Even Year Playgirls (’00) at the conclusion of their performance. Top right, the Odd Year Song Girls (’91) toss confetti as they hit the final note of their song “Rock Around the Fifties.” Bottom right, an Orator articulates her point during the Nykerk Cup Competition of 1973.

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IN BRIEF

PRESIDENTIAL COLLOQUIUM IS A HIT

Dr. Richard Cawardine delivered his keynote presentation “Abraham Lincoln and the Lesson of Leadership” to a packed house last Wednesday, Sept. 25 in Winants Auditorium. The President of Corpus Christi College of the University of Oxford and an internationally-known expert on the historical figure of Abraham Lincoln, Cawardine presented his remarks to students, faculty, community members and administration alike on Wednesday as part of Hope College’s first semi-annual Presidential Colloquium. The Colloquium’s aim is to bring global thinkers to Hope to discuss the academy, leadership and global civic engagement with the greater Hope community.

INAUGURATION WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Embracing the technology of the era, the inauguration of President John C. Knapp on Friday, Oct. 4 will be live-streamed. This advancement in technology allows for more people than ever to witness this historical event. Not only will anyone outside of Hope College be able to view the inauguration with an Internet connection, but overflow seating will be available in Wichers Auditorium because of the live-streaming feature.

Knapp will begin delivering his inaugural address, “The Promise of Hope,” at 2 p.m. Additional inaugural festivities include a chapel service led by Hope’s ninth president, Gordon VanWylen, on Friday, Oct. 4, a post-inaugural reception held in the Haworth Center on Friday at 5 p.m. and a barbeque held in the Pine Grove and hosted by the Knapp family on Saturday, Oct. 5.

VWS returns

The Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series features poignantly humorous poetry

Claire Johnson
Crossword Co-Editor

The works of two fantastic poets, Todd Davis and David James, were featured Thursday, Sept. 26 as Jack Ridl’s Visiting Writers Series returned for the Fall 2013 semester. The series opened up for the season with the eighth annual Tom Andrews Memorial Reading held in Fried-Hemenway Auditorium. The poets arrived to find a packed house as students, faculty and community members alike flocked to hear the artists’ readings.

The series opened up with a reading by James, a poet who teaches at Oakland Community College. His latest book, “She Dances Like Mussolini,” won the 2010 Next Generation Indie book award for poetry. Throughout James’ reading, the crowd continuously erupted in laughter—not only at his poems (No, his wife does not appreciate being compared to a carp. Yes, he did find the comparison quite humorous)—but also at his commentary throughout the reading. James’ witty writing style, as exhibited in poems like “Dear Hairline,” (“You seem to take pleasure in undressing my forehead, / tossing precious hair down the drain”) kept the audience engaged.

Following James’ delightful reading was an exhibition by Davis, a creative writing, American Literature and environmental studies professor at Penn State University’s Altoona College. Davis’ work highlights his passion and compassion for living things through the use of vivid natural imagery. Davis is not afraid to explore what might be considered the more grotesque images, either. In his poem “Some Say the Soul Makes the Living Weep,” he describes stumbling across the bones of a bear: “I use a rib to swirl beneath the burst / covering of decay, find four claws and a couple / of canine teeth.”

Ultimately, both poets entertained the audience through the brilliance of their poetry and their enjoyable wit. VWS is a student-run organization that features fine literary experiences three times a semester.

Nov. 2: Nykerk owns the night

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freshman class of 1936 won the first Nykerk Cup Competition and had the name of their class engraved on the cup.

Men first appeared on the Nykerk scene in 1939, serving in roles as stage and property managers. The morale aspect of Nykerk that Hope students are familiar with today was not officially introduced until the 1970s. In the modern-day format of Nykerk, female participants in every category of competition can expect to be showered with encouragement and support from hilarious and adoring men.

Come out to the rally tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. in Maas Auditorium and treat yourself to participating in a time-honored Hope tradition filled with love, friendship and healthy competition.

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At least 30 people have been killed in the largest protests seen in Sudan in over two decades. The protests began as a result of austerity cuts that caused the price of gasoline to double in the last few days.

Unlike the rest of the Arab World, Sudan has not, as of yet, been able to avoid an Arab Spring, style uprising due to the fragmented multi-party opposition. The protests have been escalating for over a week as the demonstrators believe the protestors have caused funerals which are accompanied by successful uprisings.

Omar Al-Bashir has been president of Sudan since he came to power in a bloodless coup in 1989. At the time, Sudan was embroiled in a decade-long Civil War with the non-Arab, African southern part of the country that was opposed to the implementation of Sharia law. Al-Bashir and the military issued an ultimatum that either the government or the southern rebels would seize power. When the government under Prime Minister Sadiq Al-Mahdi refused to comply, Al-Bashir seized power with the help of the National Islamic Front led by Hassan Turabi.

Once in power, Al-Bashir and Turabi proceeded to implement a harsher form of Sharia law, involving new punishments. The government eventually reached an agreement with the rebels in 2005 under which the South Sudanese president would be the vice president of Sudan. By this point, Al-Bashir needed the vice president of Sudan. By 2011, when the Sudanese government agreed to make Darfur autonomous, the situation with South Sudan erupted again as the South Sudanese voted in a referendum for independence; Sudan's former vice president, Salva Kiir, is now president of an independent South Sudan. The government in the south contested Al-Bashir's control of the oil-rich Abeyi region, causing several clashes on the border. The government has not yet been able to reach an agreement over control of the region.

After controversial oil subsidy cuts and subsequent protests, Al-Bashir has even received criticism from the ruling Sudanese National Congress Party, demanding that the subsidies be restored. Drained of resources and facing attacks from all sides, it is unknown what fate will befall Sudan's interminable political survivor.

Exquisite pieces of artwork have long been held by museums throughout the world to serve the public interest. In Detroit, the question of whether such public art is sacrosanct or just another asset to be sold will soon be debated in federal bankruptcy court.

In July, the City of Detroit, unable to make payments to its creditors, filed for municipal bankruptcy—protection, becoming the largest such filing in the nation's history. The filing requires the city to evaluate all of its assets that could potentially be sold in order to repay its creditors. In Detroit's case, these creditors include everyone from the grandmother receiving a modest pension to some of the world's largest banks. Estimates put the total fiscal obligations at about $118 billion.

The value of one city “asset” that is currently being evaluated has caused major controversy both within Michigan and internationally. That asset is an art museum. The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), the second largest municipally owned art museum in the U.S., is respected worldwide for both the size and prominence of its collection. The collection contains key pieces from renowned artists, including Vincent van Gogh, William-Adolphe Bouguereau, Pablo Picasso and Diego Rivera.

This summer Detroit's Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr hired New York-based Christie’s to appraise the value of the DIA’s collection, which could be worth billions. Todd Levin, an art adviser and director of the Levin Art Group in New York, told the Detroit Free Press that the value of the museum’s entire 60,000-piece collection would have to be “at least in the low to mid-11 figures,” meaning a total value in the $10 billion range.

Detroiter and art-buffs worldwide fear that the value of the collection would mean that works of art would need to be sold to repay the city’s creditors. Within art museum circles, the sale of art for purposes other than the purchase of other artwork is virtually unheard of, if not considered downright nefarious. For the DIA, such a sale of art could have devastating repercussions. The museum receives a significant amount of its operating revenue through a property tax millage in three Metro Detroit counties. The millage includes terms that would automatically defund the museum if any art was sold to pay Detroit's debts.

"Selling any art would be tantamount to closing the museum, hardly an outcome in keeping with the EM's mission of putting Detroit back on the road to prosperity," DIA Director Graham Beal said.

Additionally, some fear that such a sale would mean the loss of access to important cultural items since a public auction would likely mean that some of the artwork would end up in the hands of foreign collectors in countries like Russia or China. The sale of the artwork is by no means a sure thing. Many of the items in the DIA's collections were donated by wealthy benefactors, and some wisely included restrictions on what could be done with their donations, meaning at least some of the DIA’s most prominent pieces are safe from liquidation. Michigan's Attorney General Bill Schuette also recently issued an official opinion stating that DIA's collections is not a city asset, but instead held in a public trust.

In his accompanying statement, Schuette said that “[The official legal opinion] confirms our position that the DIA’s art collection is not subject to sale because it is protected by a public trust and, as recognized by the attorney general, a charitable trust that dates back to 1865.”

Despite the attorney general’s stance, however, there continue to be questions about whether his legal opinion will hold up in federal bankruptcy court. Whatever the outcome, the court’s ruling is sure to set new precedents that will affect several other museums for years to come.

### Museum could be forced to sell art

City’s bankruptcy could cause Detroit Institute of Arts to close

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‘Modern day slavery’ exists in Qatar

Shubham Sapkota
World Co-Editor

The FIFA World Cup 2022 is set to take place in Qatar, but is it worthwhile if thousands are treated like slaves in order to build the venues? Nepali migrant workers who go to Qatar and other countries in the Middle East to find employment have been suffering from cruel working conditions that have resulted in continuous deaths.

They are compelled to endure hardships as they are overburdened with high interest loans back home. — GANESH GURUNG

Nepali migrant workers who come to Qatar out of poverty back home have been dying at the rate of almost one a day between June 4 and Aug. 8 this year. Through reports from UK’s The Guardian and the Nepali newspaper, The Kathmandu Post, more than 44 deaths have been attributed to harsh working conditions in Qatar. Living in cramped and neglected conditions, young Nepali migrant workers are exploited and abused to fulfill Qatar’s dream of hosting the 2022 World Cup. At this rate, it is expected that more than 6,000 migrant workers will die by the time 2022 comes around.

The reality of this situation is that it can only get worse. There are currently 60,000 Nepali migrant workers in Qatar (Nepalese embassy in Qatar), and most of them are unaware, uneducated and unskilled workers who easily fall prey to dreams of getting a good job and end up in harsh working conditions.

“They are compelled to endure hardships as they are overburdened with high interest loans back home,” Ganesh Gurung, an expert in foreign employment in Nepal, said. Gurung also mentioned that more than 7,500 Nepali workers have died in the Middle East due to harsh working conditions since 2000.

Not only in Qatar, but the plight of Nepali workers is also spreading across the Gulf. While the government in the host countries are not in position to say what is causing all these deaths, post-mortem reports also do not specify the cause of the deaths,” Gurung said.

Since the reports of the inhume conditions in Qatar have been exposed to the media, World Cup organizers are skeptical about their decision to host the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. They were already concerned about how the extreme summer weather in the region was going to affect the games. Now that this issue has come up, World Cup organizers have a difficult situation facing them.

The organizers have stressed that the health and safety of the workers is to be taken into consideration and held as the utmost importance when sustainable improvements are made in the host country. In their defense, the Qatari officials have stated that they too believe in safety and dignity of their workers, and they will make it their top priority to deliver what they promised when they made their bid for hosting the World Cup.

MISTREATMENT OF WORKERS BEYOND WORLD CUP— More than 7,500 migrant workers from Nepal have died due to working conditions in the Middle East, and this is the first time it has come to media attention.

Merkel chancellor for yet another term

In a show of overwhelming confidence, Germans re-elect conservative prime minister for the third time

Megan Stevens
Guest Writer

The BBC reported on Sept. 23 that Germany has once again elected Angela Merkel as chancellor. This will be Chancellor Merkel’s third term in the role, a feat only three others in history have been able to accomplish.

“We can celebrate tonight because we have done something fantastic,” Merkel told her supporters at the headquarters of the Christian Democrats (CDU). Ms. Merkel’s conservative party, the (CDU), took 42 percent of the overall vote, close to being an absolute majority. The Social Democratic Party (SDP), which has worked in a grand coalition with the CDU in the past (2005-2009), took 26 percent of the total vote. BBC correspondent Chris Morris says Merkel is likely to approach them for a grand coalition again.

Given that such a coalition would be between opposing parties and was not considered to be a success for the SDP, the Social Democrats are expected to be cautious. They may, the BBC reports, “insist on taking the post of finance minister or adopting a nationwide minimum wage or higher taxes for the rich.”

The SDP had apparently been hoping for a coalition with Germany’s Green Party, which brought in only 8.4 percent of the vote.

Advertising pre-campaign notably featured Merkel’s “motherly” image. Her nickname, “Mutti,” means “mother,” or “Mummy,” according to the BBC.

During Merkel’s previous terms as chancellor, German unemployment stood at its lowest numbers in 20 years.

Ms. Merkel is the first woman to be elected into such a high position in the German government, having started her career as the minister for women. She was appointed to the job in 1991 by Helmut Kohl, then the chancellor.

The two were said to be close until the CDU Donations Scandal of 1999. Late in that year, the CDU was discovered to have been accepting unreported donations and hiding cash donations. As a powerful CDU figure, Kohl came into scrutiny. By December, Merkel was urging her party to part ways with Kohl.

While Merkel’s admirers say that she is practical and was the force leading the European Union through its many financial woes, some pundits remain skeptical. Alan Posener, a correspondent for Germany’s daily paper Die Welt, accuses her, saying, “The EU is a mess, and it is mostly of Ms. Merkel’s making.”

We can celebrate tonight because we have done something fantastic.— ANGELA MERKEL

Claims of corruption, racism and anti-Semitism in some of the eastern EU member countries drive his accusation.

Merkel, who has a doctorate in quantum chemistry, entered into politics a year before the reunification of Germany in 1990. She served briefly under Lothar von der Maiziere as deputy spokesman of the East German caretaker government.

Because she was raised in Communist East Germany, her entrance into the conservative CDU surprised many. However, she still believes the BBC says, in “social solidarity and working with trade unions; in a coalition-based political system, she is a mistress of consensus and, when it suits her, her delay.”

Merkel has been chancellor of Germany since 2005.
Professor Edye Hyde returns from leave

The two singers played off each other and harmonized during each other’s scat solos. The audience stood as one as they grooved. Each note rang out with such passion that the tears kept coming as Edye Hyde took the stage with her husband Mike Hyde. The audience almost felt ashamed to cry. The tears kept coming as Edye Hyde took the stage with her husband Mike Hyde. The couple could not keep the grins off their faces as they grooved. The Hydes, who have been married for 34 years, created tight, seamless music together. Each note rang out with such passion and jubilation that the crowd almost felt ashamed to listen.

Art is naturally intimate. It springs from the emotions of an individual and appeals to the humanity of the audience. Watching these two lovers create art together was powerful. The audience was embarrassed, elated, ashamed and proud at once. The evening ended with the ensemble once again taking to the stage to join Edye and Sunny in an anything-goes jam session. The two singers played off of each other and harmonized during each other’s scat solos. There was a lot of laughter and smiling as little mistakes threw hiccups into a few of the pieces, and it was absolutely wonderful.

Where the audience had cried from the emotional depth of Sunny and Edye’s singing, they now cried from laughter. Giggles abounded as the band charged exuberantly through the songs. The final song came to close with Edye Hyde singing the lyrics, “you see me standing here baby / don’t you know I’ve paid my dues?”

The audience stood as one in a standing ovation, as if to say, “Yes, Ms. Hyde, you have certainly paid your dues, and we’re glad to have you back.”

Looking for something to watch this fall? The Anchor has you covered

“Marvel’s Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.”

“Marvel’s Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” is a new show based off of the organization introduced in last year’s movie “Marvel’s The Avengers.” It follows fan favorite Agent Phil Coulson (Clark Gregg) who puts together a small team to handle emerging superpower-related emergencies. The show is written and directed by Joss Whedon (“Firefly,” “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” “Marvel’s The Avengers”), and ratings for the show’s pilot were nothing to laugh at.

When to watch: Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on FOX.

“New Girl”

The third season of this originally quirky comedy starring Zooey Deschanel began just a few weeks ago, on Sept. 17. The show’s premise—three men and one woman living together—plays on the juxtaposition of personalities and male/female dynamics. The third season picks up with Jess (Deschanel) and Nick (Jake Johnson) deciding to go “all in” on their relationship, resulting in a fantastical tragic trip to Mexico. Meanwhile, Schmidt (Max Greenfield) and Winston (Lamorne Morris) are forced to adapt to living with only one another—a surprisingly difficult task. Already, season three promises to be just as full of off-the-wall fun as the first two.

When to watch: Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on FOX.

“How I Met Your Mother”

“How I Met Your Mother” is back for its ninth and final season, and it looks like Ted (Josh Radnor) is really going to meet “the one” ( Cristin Milioti) this time. The producers have stated that the last 24 episodes of the series will take place during the wild weekend leading up to Robin (Cobie Smulders) and Barney’s (Neil Patrick Harris) wedding. The season is sure to include many flashbacks and flash-forwards as well as sidetracks into the story of new parents Marshall (Jason Segel) and Lily (Alyson Hannigan). In the end, loyal viewers will hopefully be able to get their fill of their favorite “livesome” before HIMYM is all coupled off and fades into sitcom history.

When to watch: Mondays at 8 p.m. on CBS.

“Arrow”

“Arrow” follows the escapades of the popular DC Comics superhero Green Arrow (Stephen Amell). Oliver Queen is a billionaire playboy who returns home after being held captive on a hostile island to fight crime. Much like the more popular DC superhero Batman, Queen struggles with upholding the stereotypical image of a billionaire by day and being a full-fledged superhero by night. The show’s first season was reviewed extremely well, and the second looks like it’s shaping up to be pretty great as well.

When to watch: Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. on The C.W.
God is great, God is good
Joy in the journey

Bethany Rogers
Columnist

I fear that all too often we, as humans, are prone to this idea of associating a journey with movement. I mean, that only makes sense. A real journey is about going places, taking steps, growing and changing. I mean, that only makes sense. You can’t go anywhere unless you move. So naturally, as I embarked on this new college “journey” of mine over this past month, I viewed it in such a light, and I suppose this isn’t necessarily a bad thing.

Be still and know that I am God.
—Psalm 46:10

Yes, journeys thrive on movement and growth and progression; to deny this fact would be preposterous. But here’s the food for thought today: Can one’s journey still be in progress even if he or she is being still? At the moment, this simply doesn’t do any harm anymore. I have been forced to deal with a multitude of newness, an inundation of unfamiliarity. And let me tell you, this is quite difficult at first. I felt hit by a wave and your worries multiply and you may think that moving forward is impossible to do. But here was my mistake: When I felt this way, when I felt as though I couldn’t keep up with the journey, I just tried to hurry, believing that if I moved a little faster or went a little crazier, then sooner or later, all of my problems and worries would go away.

However, in this process I had an awesome—and humbling—learning experience. You see, I discovered that a pivotal part of any successful journey comes from the “being still.” It gets to the point where you say, “God, I can’t do this on my own. I know You’re doing extraordinary things here, but right now, I’m just overwhelmed and kind of scared. Here’s my situation; it’s Yours. Here I am; I’m Yours.” Wow, there is something almost chilling that comes from this, being still and knowing that God is God. And you are not.

Believe it or not, God is bigger than college, and even when you’re drowning in newness and doubt and fear. He’s still at work. That’s the amazing part of the story here. In all of the chaos, you’ve got a different perspective. You don’t only put your faith in Him, you put your faith in Him not only with His immense love and peace, but also with a solid group of exquisitely people who He has placed in your life for specific reasons. And that’s really cool.

It is breathtaking to watch what happens when you let God take the reins, when you can simply surrender all, when you can cherish the good and relinquish all thoughts of the bad, when you can find joy in the situation in hand, when you can be still and rest easy in the arms of your Father. He’s so real that it’s unreal.

So, blessings on your journey, whatever that journey is. May the act of being still get you exactly where you need to be.

Bethany offers more words: “The weather may be growing colder, but hearts are forever growing warmer here on Hope’s campus.”

Desert Storm
The coming immigration debate
Andrew Gomez-Seoan

Most polls indicate that the majority of Americans do not want a blanket amnesty for the 11 to 12 million illegal immigrants here already, but at the same time would like to see a process of securing the border and providing a way of documenting all of those immigrants who are currently working in the United States. This process would be possible by increasing the border security and stopping the flow of illegal immigrants over the border. Once that is accomplished, we can begin to set strict laws against the hiring of illegal workers by companies looking for cheap labor and setting up a cooperative among state and federal agencies to manage these cases.

For some, the next step would be to create a national database that allows for identification and guest work passes for illegal immigrants in the U.S. Finally, those undocumented workers who have committed crimes or have pre-existing criminal backgrounds would be deported immediately to their country of origin or face severe punishment (even capital punishment) for crimes committed against Americans. This would allow for a secure environment and existing immigrant communities and would deter any criminals from crossing the border.

This series of solutions is one of many out there today, but it forms the basis from which we should mold our future immigration policy.

The U.S. has always been a beacon of hope to those who have strived for a better way of life. We are a nation born of many “tribes” and that will never change. But if we wish to represent the best of humanity on this earth, then with welcoming and caring arms we must embrace those who the world has cast away into the darkness, acting as a shining light to guide those who are willing to become part of the American government the world has ever seen.
Claire Johnson

Campus Co-Editor

Lately I find myself getting overwhelmed with the weight of the world. Constantly bombarded with tragedy, I freeze, feeling too small in today’s society to ever make an impact.

How do we, as young Christians, reconcile heartbreak such as the use of chemical weapons in Syria? How do we cope with the mall shootings in Kenya? How do we love those who persecute Christians not only in Egypt, but also across the globe and across the centuries?

Sometimes I foolishly begin to believe that, as a Christian, it is my job to fix the broken world. I become buried in duty to the Lord. If I were truly a devout Christian, wouldn’t I try harder to make an impact? Shouldn’t I be breaking my back to solve sin? I get the world thinking it’s time to move to Africa after I graduate, to single-handedly build a school and tutor hundreds of orphans in English, the Bible and political policy so that someday they can make an impact for the Lord that I can understand.

My issue is with the sense of duty I have associated with them, as if I cannot be a true Christian if I’m a book publisher or an inventor or my franchiser. Aren’t baristas Christians, too?

Sometimes my sense of obligation makes me feel like I’m choking on the blood of Jesus’ sacrifice. Is this really what God wants from me? For me, this is the modern college-aged Christian dilemma.

This summer, I interned at Siloam Family Health Center, a Christian clinic for the uninsured and refugee population of Nashville, Tenn. My time encountering patients at Suloam was the single most valuable experience of my entire life. I have been so blessed to experience the cultures, the stories and the love held within those four walls.

There was pain there, too. Women who had been gang raped would come to Siloam. I can only imagine that persecution would make their way through those double doors. Families missing a father, sister or child because they had been brutally killed in their homelands or because they were caught in a refugee camp somewhere—those broken hearts found themselves in Nashville. Their stories found their way into my heart. What could I do as a student? With no real skills, no tangible way to make an impact on their lives, I found myself floundering until one day I realized—God’s will is bigger than mine.

In Isaiah 55:9, God speaks through the prophet to remind us that “My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts are higher than your thoughts” (NLT). I am constantly reminding myself that God knows what He’s doing.

For young Christians today, I think the most difficult decision we are faced with is whether or not we’re going to wake up each morning and trust the Lord. It’s difficult to agree to tie our hands behind our backs and simply pray, isn’t it? To me, it feels weak. But I think sometimes that’s exactly what God asks us to do.

I guess I think that God is an emotional God. He created each one of us for His beautiful purpose, and I am continually trying to learn how to live into that. What that means for me today is expecting God to come through with His promises.

In her book 1000 Gifts, Ann Voskamp writes, “If there are wolves in the woods—expect to see wolves; and if there is God in this place—expect to see God.”

I am learning that the actions God wants most from me is prayer. If I ask and my desires are according to His glory and will, what can stop the fulfillment of prayer?

Today, I urge you to embrace discomfort and simply pray for the issues that turn your heart. Rest in His love and His promises, and trust that He is ultimately good. After all, “He who did not withhold or spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for all us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all [other] things?” (Romans 8:32, AMP).

This is Claire’s first Voices column this year. Among all colors she could choose, her favorite is grey.

Letters from NaNay and Grain

On coffee and turning into my mother

Claire Call

Co-Editor-in-Chief

As those who work in the Anchor office with me on Monday nights know, I might have a slight coffee addiction. I have the loveliest friends who voluntarily deliver hot coffee to me every week, an astounding thing that boils down to the fact that they’re just really, really nice.

I drink my coffee as hot as I can, feeling too small in the modern college world. Constantly being bombarded with tragedy, I freeze, feeling too small in today’s society to ever make an impact.

It may sound like I’m just drinking my coffee as hot as I can, feeling too small in the modern college world. Constantly being bombarded with tragedy, I freeze, feeling too small in today’s society to ever make an impact.

But unlike most of those sitcom characters, I actually welcomed it.

My mom is smart and beautiful, she’s so silly and so much fun, she’s so incredibly talented in all her artistic pursuits—why wouldn’t I want to be like her?

Yes, there’s a little bit of my dad in me too—like my appreciation for logic and my incredible stubbornness. He also drinks his coffee black and hot enough to burn your mouth.

A quick side note: if you ask for cream in your coffee in the green house, you will be greeted by a momentary blank stare, followed by an awkward silence. Followed by “...we have some milk if you’d like that.”

So, yes, while I am basically a mini version of my mother, I’ve learned to be like her. Yes, my mom. I think her silly jokes are hilarious now. And I really do like black coffee. Like, a lot.

If you ever visit the Calls, be prepared to adhere to the BYOC policy—bring your own coffee. Because they don’t have any.
Students can pick up the discount card at the Student Union Desk in the Dewitt Center.

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FRIDAY

Inauguration Ceremony
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
The Inauguration of Hope’s 12th president, Dr. John C. Knapp, will take place during this formal ceremony. Tickets required.

Inauguration Ceremony Viewing Site
Graves Hall, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
A live feed of the ceremony will be available in Graves Hall.

Presidents' Room Tours
Graves Hall, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Learn about past leadership and history or Hope College by viewing the presidential portrait collection in the Graves Hall Presidents’ Room.

Post-Inauguration Reception
Haworth Inn and Conference Center, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome to celebrate the occasion of the Inauguration of Hope’s 12th president at this special reception.

SATURDAY

Hope 50K Bike Ride
Ray and Sue Smith Stadium, 8 a.m.
The 50K (31 miles) Bike Ride will be led by VeloCity Cycles. Each group is led by “Velo-Citizens” so no one gets lost or left behind. The ride is open to everyone as long as they are wearing a helmet, have working brakes on their bike and subscribe to always riding safe and legal, watching out for each other and sharing the road. This is a recreational ride, not a race, but the average speed for each of the two rides is 16-18 mph and 20+ mph. There will be a packet pickup event on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at New Holland Brewery.

A Taste of the South—
A celebration of Southern cuisine hosted by John and Kelly Knapp
Pine Grove, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Explore a variety of southern-inspired cuisine with President John and Kelly Knapp at this new fall tradition. The event will be a great time for alumni, students and families of all ages to connect and celebrate Hope. Enjoy live music, giveaways and lots of activities for families. Student organizations, including Greek Life, will be on site to welcome alumni home.

Cook Residential Village Open House and Tour
Cook Residential Village, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

SUNDAY

Homecoming Worship Service
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 10 a.m.
Everyone in the Hope community is invited to a service led by Hope’s Campus Ministries team with music provided by the Chapel Choir.

The Gathering
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

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GET YOUR DUTCH ON— Show your school spirit during this coming Homecoming weekend.

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Hope College Theatre presents:

Oh, the Humanity and other good intentions
by Will Eno

October 4, 5, 9-12, 2013
8pm, DeWitt Studio Theatre
Columbia at 12th Street

“Ah! Your faces. So fragile, so certain. The majesty.”

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Men’s soccer tops Trine at home

Nicole Metzler
Guest Writer

Hope’s men’s soccer team handed Trine a defeat on Saturday at Van Andel Soccer Stadium. The Dutchmen ranked 24th nationally came off a 3-1 win over Albion last Wednesday to convincingly beat the Thunder 4-1.

No time was wasted as both teams were aggressive from the start. The 11th minute saw the first and only goal from Trine. The Thunder were given a penalty kick, and the initial shot had been blocked by Hope goalie Ethan Beswick (’16), they managed to slot the ball past him and into the goal.

Not long after, Hope leveled terms with a goal by Cameron Dice (’15) in the 14th minute of play with an assist by Gavin Midlam (’15). It was Dice’s second goal and Midlam’s second assist of the season.

The Dutchmen found another opportunity in the first half to raise their lead. Logan Sikkenga (’15) assisted Grant Neil (’14) with a goal in the 38th minute. It was the senior’s second goal of the season.

Trine struggled to get past Hope’s defensive line for the entirety of the game. With only 10 shots to their name, the Thunder could not compete with the Dutchmen on any level of players.

Twenty-four shots were made throughout the game from 11 different men. Muller, at five shots, produced the most. Beswick made three in-goal saves on Saturday, adding to his total of 20 for the season.

“The Dutchmen improved their overall record this season to 6-2-1 and their conference record to 2-1. "I think that we have a really talented team and fortune that we are all coming together to play so well,” Sikkenga said. “I think our division is one of the toughest leagues out there and any team can pose a challenge. I just think we have an edge over most teams because of our will, effort and concentration that we put on the field compared to most teams.”

Hope’s next home game will be on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at Van Andel Soccer Stadium against Olivet. The Dutchmen will look to average their earlier loss this season to Calvin when they play each other again on Oct. 15 at Van Andel at 7 p.m.

Cross country teams take second

Caitlin Rivera
Sports Editor

This past Saturday, the men’s and women’s cross-country teams took second place at the MIAA Jamboree hosted by Adrian College at Lenawee Country Club in the first of two MIAA conference meets.

The MIAA Jamboree counts for one-third of the total MIAA Championship for cross country. The Flying Dutch scored 40 points at the meet, falling short to Calvin College’s score of 19 points.

Placing first for Hope and second overall was co-captain Sheri McCormack (’14), with a time of 22 minutes and 50 seconds.

Other top finishers for the Flying Dutch were Casey Campbell (’16) coming in eighth at 23 minutes and 23 seconds and Camille Borst (’14) placing ninth in 23 minutes and 32 seconds.

Katie Carlson (’14) and Michelle Kerr (’16) took 10th and 11th, respectively. Carlson had a time of 23 minutes, 38 seconds and Kerr finished one second behind Carlson.

Head coach Mark Zank’s Flying Dutch currently sit second in the MIAA after falling to the Knights by 21 points on Saturday.

Alma College finished in third place with a score of 64 points, followed by Saint Mary’s College, Albion College, Adrian College, Trine University, Kalamazoo College and Olivet College.

On Friday, Oct. 4, several Flying Dutch will participate in the Lansing Community College Invitational at 2 p.m. at Grand Woods Park. On Oct. 5, others will compete at the University of Indianapolis Invitational at “Tom” Sawyer State Park at 10:30 a.m.

The men’s cross-country team also sits second in the MIAA standings behind Calvin after the Knights scored 38 points to Hope’s 55 on Saturday. Albion finished in third and Adrian was fourth.

The top runner for the Flying Dutchmen was James Rogers (’14) placing third overall with a time of 26 minutes, 30 seconds.

“I thought that we ran extremely well as a team,” Ben Zank (’15) said. “The gap between Calvin and ourselves has been considerably narrowed. Like a pack of hungry wolves, we are getting closer and closer to our prey.”

Zank and Sam Pederson (’14) took seventh and eighth place, respectively, with times of 26 minutes, 46 seconds and 26 minutes, 48 seconds.

Other top runners for Hope included 18th-place finisher Joseph “Bee” Beers (’16) at 27 minutes, 44 seconds and Tim Simon (’15) placing 19th and finishing in 27 minutes, 32 seconds.

“In the middle of a race, it’s always important to remember that there are 24 other guys out there with you,” Zank said. “With these men, you’ve put in hundreds of miles of training. For them, you can’t let all of this hard work go to waste.”

On Friday, Oct. 4, the men’s team will also be competing at the Lansing Community College Invitational.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, Hope will be hosting the MIAA Championships at West Ottawa Golf Course at 11 a.m. for both men’s and women’s teams.

“I believe our team still has to work on our speed a bit, which is typical at this point of the season,” Zank said. “Once we get that work in, we’ll be ready for Calvin on Nov. 2.”

Football

This Week in Sports

Wednesday
Women’s Soccer vs. Kalamazoo at 7 p.m.

Thursday
Men’s Golf Hosts MIAA Jamboree at 1 p.m. at Wakoshewan Players Club

Saturday
Women’s Soccer vs. Kalamazoo at 7 p.m.
Football vs. Adrian at 2 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Olivet at 1 p.m.
Men’s Soccer vs. Olivet at 7 p.m.

In Brief

FOOTBALL SUFFERS FIRST LOSS

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the Flying Dutchmen fell for the first time this season as they visited Illinois Wesleyan. An interception late in the game stunted Hope’s rally as they fell 14-7.

Once again, the Dutchmen defense stepped up and held the Titans to a mere 14 points. On the other hand, the offense gave up five sacks and 10 penalties that added up to more than 90 yards. Also, Illinois Wesleyan racked up 12 tackles for loss.

Michael Atwell (’14) threw for 252 yards but only completed 21 of 46 passes. Saturday also allowed Atwell to eclipse the 5,000-yard mark for passing. He currently has 5,229 career passing yards, the third most in Hope history. The Dutchmen’s only score came with 5:17 remaining in the first quarter after a 24-yard rush from Shawn Jackson (’14).

This Saturday, Hope celebrates Homecoming as they take on the Bulldogs of Adrian College.

MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Football
Dean DeVries (’16)

Men’s Soccer
Logan Sikkenga (’15)
Backfield

FRESHMAN GOLFER WINS MIAA JAMBREE

Winton Munch (’17) shot a spectacular three-under 68 on Saturday to take home the MIAA medal at this week’s jamboree hosted by Trine University in Angola, Ind. Munch’s four birds, 13 pars and just one bogey allowed him to cruise to victory.

As a team, the Flying Dutchmen posted a final score of 294 to finish first overall on the day. Ben Smith (’15) was the next best golfer for Hope after shooting a 74 to end the day in a tie for 14th place. Hope sits in second in the MIAA standings.
The volleyball team completed a three-set sweep of Kalamazoo College on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at DeVos Fieldhouse, pushing their win streak to three matches.

Hope had a week of ups and downs going into the Kalamazoo match. On Sept. 17, the Dutch lost three heartbreaking games to Calvin. Fortunately, they rallied in their next two matches where they defeated St. Mary’s and Adrian.

To begin the first game against Kalamazoo, Hope went ahead on a 6-0 run with kills coming mostly from Mari Schoolmaster (’14) and Jenna Grasmeyer (’15).

Later in the game, the Dutch gained a 13-point lead after setter Lauren Hazekamp (’16) compiled a pair of kills. This brought Hope’s lead to 18-5, and they eventually went on to win the game 25-9 in dominating fashion.

In the second set, Kalamazoo put up an initial fight. Even though the Dutch mostly led, the Hornets were still in contention, being down 9-6. From this point forward, Hope pulled away, ending with a 25-13 win.

“Our defense was relentless,” Grasmeyer said. “We got a lot of tough digs which allowed us to counter-attack aggressively.”

Amy VanderStoep (’15) led the charge in this set, and many of her kills brought momentum to the Dutch.

The third game was much like the first two, even though the Hornets put 15 points on the board.

Hope’s dominant offense was just too much for Kalamazoo, and the game ended with a 25-15 Dutch victory. During the entire match, Hope trailed just once, early in the second game.

Schoolmaster led Hope with 11 kills on the day and a .647 attack percentage. Right behind her was Grasmeyer, who accumulated 10 kills.

Two other key contributors against Kalamazoo were VanderStoep and Courtney Earles (’14), who each had eight kills. Their success can be contributed to the help of Hazekamp, who recorded 34 assists.

“I feel great about how we played against Kalamazoo,” Schoolmaster said. “Our defense and our setter [Hazekamp] had a great day.”

After taking on Albion on Oct. 1, Hope will travel to Alma Oct. 4 and then come back to Holland to host Olivet College in a spotlight game on Saturday.

Hope will be celebrating Homecoming weekend on Saturday, thus a large crowd of students, alumni and Dutch fans is expected to watch the Dutch take on the Comets.

“If we continue to improve and get down to business, we will be very successful,” Schoolmaster said.

In the MIAA standings, Hope, with a 6-1 record, is second behind Calvin’s record of 7-0.

In order to finish on top of the conference, the Dutch need to continue to overcome adversity through a complete team attack. “Due to the high level of play and potential that this team has, our expectations will always remain high,” Grasmeyer said.
EVEN YEAR VICTORIOUS IN THE PULL

THE CONTEST ENDURED THE FULL THREE-HOUR TIME LIMIT. EVEN YEAR ('16) OBTAINED VICTORY OVER ODD YEAR ('17) BY A MARGIN OF 15 FEET.