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What's Cookin'  
With Centennial Park Apartments gone, Cook packs in more students while relieving the mealtime rush.

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campusbeat editor

After nearly a year of construction, the Cook Residence Hall opens its doors.

"The school's getting larger; so we must match some of that need," said Derek Emerson, Director of Housing.

"There was one type of housing that most schools do—suite," Emerson said. "Now we're offering that option—students requesting apartments and cottages," Awad said.

"Too many students are unable to have private rooms," Awad said. "That's why second-year students are removed from their minds, and they have to reflect upon his memory.

He was looking around and I realized that I didn't know where to go from here," he said. "So I prayed and told God that we needed his help. Just then, we saw a woman on a bike coming toward us. She was from Minneapolis and she had just biked through Michigan and was heading home. We had just come. She gave us all her Michigan maps and sent us in the right direction. There were other moments like that too—times that let us know God is there and he's real. It's really powerful!"

Six days and over 400 miles after leaving Minneapolis, they reached their home on the front of the Admissions building, with orange and blue streamers for a finish line. Ben hugged his mom and the family posed in front of a welcome sign, to be photographed for posterity. They were surprised to be greeted by the local press.

"I just thought we'd get into the college and that would be it," Ben said.

Momo and 16-year-old brother Joel opted to make the trip by van so that Ben's belongings would meet him at college on Thursday, Aug. 21. Joel made an orange and blue Hope College sign for the back of his brother's bike. "I wasn't really worried about them," said mom, Carol Buckhout, about her husband and son, "but I did make them take a cellular phone.

Sporting an unexpected trip along his cheek from the bike helmet strap and scrapes from a fall off the bike, Ben seemed happy to finally be at Hope.

Tuesday, Ben starts his life as a freshman in Durfee. He is interested in studying electrical engineering or computer science in his time at Hope College.

So does this mean he will want to make the trip back home for fall break?

"Yeah, right," he said, with a smile.

BLOOD, SWEAT, AND GEARS: Ben Buckhout ('91) and his father, Don, arrive on campus after a 400-mile bicycle journey. He arrived on campus Thursday, Aug. 20.

Buckhout treks into freshman year

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Everyone needs to get to school somehow. Some of us arrive by car, others come by plane, but Ben Buckhout ('91) chose a route less traveled. He and his dad, Don, biked from St. Paul, Minnesota to Holland, Michigan.

The plan to bike to college began as an idea last spring. As the plans of the trip became more and more detailed, Ben became more excited about the trip.

"I was just talking about it and decided to do it. It sounded like a good idea," Ben said.

So father and son packed up their bikes with camping gear and headed east on Friday, Aug. 15, for the journey to Hope.

They biked through Wisconsin, took the ferry across Lake Michigan, and followed the coast to Holland. On the way, they slept at state parks, one hotel, and even in a county fairground. The bike ride gave them a chance to spend time together before Ben started college.

"We're pretty close already, but we did get to know each other better on the trip," Ben said. "It was an adventure."

There were a few pitfalls on the trek to Hope. Ben's bike got a flat tire, a ferry they were planning to take in Muskegon wasn't running, and they didn't always know exactly where they were going. But even these hardships proved to be highlights on their journey. Don recalled that they were in Ludington when he said, "I was looking around and I realized that I didn't know where to go from here," he said. "So I prayed and told...

Campus mourns loss of classmate

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While most Hope students were becoming acclimated to a summer of work and vacation, Peter Warburton ('98) took his own life. For many, Pete's death removed the name of a sophomore away too soon from the classroom and forced those who knew him to reflect upon his memory.

Three months later, emotions are rekindled as his friends return to find a void in their lives at Hope College. Visions of Pete smiling and laughing are removed from their mind only by the reality that his friends are unable to share their memories with him.

"The hard part about Pete is that we can't share new memories," said Chris Potter ('98). A close friend, this fact, however, only strengthens the memories of Pete and solidifies his importance within the lives of those he touched.

Peter Warburton

Pete, who always seemed to have a smile on his face, was an active member of the Hope community. Pete maintained that his life was all the way important an part of their lives. Pete has burned a permanent place in the hearts of countless students at Hope.

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Hope College President, John Jacobson, welcomed new and returning students, staff, and faculty during the State of the College Address last Thursday, August 21, 1997.

In his speech, Jacobson also pledged a vision statement, announcing his immediate future goals for the college. Hope's vision will strive for national recognition as an undergraduate liberal arts college, fostering Christian unity, while rooted in the Reformed tradition; commitment to learning; an attitude of caring: a shared respect and strong relationship with the immediate community; and a strong financial base.

"The 1996-97 year was a good one for the college financially," Jacobson said. "The endowment rose by $84.3 million, an increase of $12 million—and the college received $12.7 million in gifts, which does not include faculty-generated grants and contracts...

Jacobson has high hopes for new year

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UNTANGLING THE KNOT:
Orientation Assistants Tyler Jansen ('00) and David Flemming ('00) play "Human Knot" with their freshmen during Orientation Weekend. Other games the O.A.'s played with their freshmen were "Skin the snake," "Bump tag," and "T-Shirt."

IS THAT A FUN NOODLE BETWEEN YOUR LEGS OR...? A group of O.A.'s enjoy one of the many games played in the Pine Grove on Friday night. Some of the games played were a down to the wire hula-hop contest, and a limbo competition.

The campus had been quiet for four months, but last Friday marked the end of its slumber. Even the squirrels came out of their trees to witness the awakening.

Cars lined the streets of Hope as police officers directed traffic. People came out of their cars to find themselves surrounded by energetic college kids in matching T-shirts who demanded to know what time they were in before pulling their belongings out of the car and running. The freshmen were here, and Hope was hopping.

"We're mobbing them when they come out of their cars," said Orientation Assistant Tyler Jansen ('00). "They're like 'Whoa! Hold up! What are these people doing around this car?' But nobody's been terribly intimidated by us so far.

The annual freshmen move-in by volunteer O.A.'s was appreciated by students and parents.

"It was really weird," says Kyle Howell ('01) who is moving in Voorhees. "My car was empty in about ten minutes."

Professors also helped with the move-in this year. Faculty participants included Drs. M.
of 2001 Takes Next Step

Baer, Lois Tveberg, and new history professor Dr. James Kennedy.

After settling into the dorms, the new students were picked up by their OAs and introduced to college life with ice breaker games like "skin the snake" and "bump tag."

"They're nice, but I think they're kind of weird," said Joy Wilkins ('01), referring to her OA's Josh Brugger ('00) and Matt Mahaffey ('00).

This year's orientation theme was "Take the Next Step," and the campus was decorated with shoes and feet in accordance with the theme.

The usual informative and entertaining orientation activities like Orientation Extravaganza, picnic in the Pine Grove, and seminars were followed up by Saturday night's Playfair in the Dow.

Tuesday, classes started and the real work of college began. The light-hearted weekend of games was quickly replaced by roommates and studying.

The freshmen have been oriented, and they now join the rest of the Hope College student body in gaining their twenty-thousand-dollar-a-year education.

"I'm not really excited or worried, just a little nervous about Chemistry," said Katherine Rabe ('01).

By the Numbers

- Average High School GPA: 3.6
- Average Class Rank: 81st percentile
- National Merit Finalists: 22
- ACT range of middle 50%: 23-29 (up from 22-28)
- Record Number of applicants: 1901 (as opposed to 1770 and 1799 in last two years)
- Number accepted: 725
- Acceptance rate: 38%

Number of African American and Hispanic Students: 24 (up from 16 last year)

23 different states and many foreign countries
"Captain Enfuego" is dead. Not literally, of course. The artist formerly known as "Captain Enfuego," a.k.a. Glyn Williams, has simply moved to the top of the Anchor hierarchy as Editor-in-Chief. No longer will you hear his "witty" discussion on various hot sports issues. Instead this year's sports editing will be done by yours truly, Michael Zuidema. As a sophomore, I feel like the new-kid-on-the-block as far as editors are concerned, and I really don't know what I am doing yet. However, the computer will remain a mystery and this column writing thing takes some getting used to.

The thing that really kept me tossing at night was thinking of a title to rival the fabled "Captain Enfuego." Ideas ran through my head like rain into a paper cup. I thought of the intellectual, "In-depth discussion in the feats of athletes and the consequences thus taken." I tossed around the breaths, "The way things better get done," and the benign, "Z's comer." The witty "Colonel Zippy" didn't appeal to me either. I decided that rather than attempt something bright, I wouldn't really call it anything.

That way I can sleep at night.

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Grades-n-stuff

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This proves once again that the difference between the classroom and the athletic field is a small one. Schools like Texas Tech should take a look at this before they allow their star running back to have a 0.00 CPA.

Rivalry Continued

Coop

Coop managed to average 8.21 home basketball attendees, while Hope could only muster a 2,323 average. Mind you, the schools were the leading home game drawers in all of Division III land. And why is this the leading rivalry in small college basketball? Will the rivalry ever cease to grow?

Coop

At last spring's track and field championships the MIAA recognized Joe Cooper as an honorary referee for his service. Cooper has served the MIAA for over 40 years. Ok. Way to go, Coops, I guess.

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Due to last year's library flood, thousands of reference materials were damaged in the basement of the library, but according to David Jensen, at the VanWyllen Library, 10,000 census documents have been replaced electronically.

"The academic program of Hope College is indeed excellent," the president said.

This is the first year several general education courses will be offered and by 1998 Hope will have completely switched from the old core curriculum to the new general education curriculum.

The most closely watched figures, however, are those of enrollment. Between 1991 and 1995 there was a substantial increase in the number of full-time students. While higher enrollment indicates increased popularity of the school, some fear that blowing the size of Hope may take away from its small school charm. With this in mind, an enrollment cap of 3,000 was established last year.

"This fall I expect enrollment to mean two-thirds of the job has been completed and by next summer, the goal will have been reached one year ahead of schedule. Jacobson also mentioned incorporating some elements of mixed media into some classrooms as an additional learning resource. This idea is currently still in the research and deliberation stage. The president assured this does not mean television screens will replace professors.

"Entering its 136th year, Hope College is in excellent condition," President Jacobson said. He believes the college has a clear understanding of its mission and a vision for its future.

He closed his speech by saying, "Under God's providential care we can look forward to a rewarding year and challenges that will be worthy of the talent and education that we bring to our work."

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