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What's Cookin

LAURA MIHAIOFF

After nearly a year of construction, the Cook Resi-
dents and upperclassmen living off-campus have

BLOOD, SWEAT, AND GEAR:

Ben Buckhout '99 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

NOELLE WOOD

Everyone needs to get to school somehow. Some of us arrive by car, others come by plane, but Ben Buckhout '99 chose a route less traveled. He and his father, 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 realized it. It sounded like a great 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 the time they were lost in Ludington.

"I 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 the way we had come. She gave us all her Michigan maps and set us in the right direction. There were other moments like that too—times when it seemed as if God was with us and he was real. It's really powerful!"

Six days and over 400 miles after leaving Minnesota, they pedaled their bikes to Hope with orange and blue streamers for a finish line. Ben hugged his mom and the family posed in front of a welcoming 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.

Mom 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 unsanded strip along his cheek from the 400-mile journey, Ben starts his life as a freshman in Durfee.

Buckhout looks back at the adventure.

"I was happy to finally be at Hope."

"I have been blessed with the gift of being a scholar of people and personalities. "Pete knew people," said Andy Sill '88. He would always take time out to spend time with a friend or offer insightful advice to anyone who needed help.

"Pete had the great talent of being a listener," said fraternity brother Ryan Spangler '99. "He was a very genuine person."

The hearts and prayers of those affected by his loss go out to his family in the hope that they are in some way consolied by the knowledge that Pete was a positive influence in so many lives. Those who knew Pete were extremely fortunate to have been blessed by his talents and love and will always cherish their time spent together.

Friends are comforted by the pictures and memories of Pete which remain the things that will always be an important part of their lives. Pete has burned a permanent place in the hearts of countless students at Hope.

LAURA MIHAIOFF

JACOBSON has high hopes for new year

Hope College President, John Jacobson, welcomed new and returning students, staff, and faculty during the State of the College Address last Thursday, Aug. 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 to $84.3 million on June 30—an increase of $12 million—and the college received $12.7 million in gifts, which does not include faculty-generated grants and contracts and get and $1.9 million will go to the reduction of debt owed to the endowment.

To add to the growth, three major capital projects began during the 1996-97 school year; the Hawsworth Conference and Learning Center, the Cook Residence Hall, and the expansion and renovation of the DeVitt Theatre are now complete.

The Hawsworth Conference and Learning Center opened its doors last April and "will generate auxiliary revenue for the college, benefit the Holland community and further strengthen the ties between Hope and Holland," Jacobson said.

Cook Residence Hall will place the crumbling Centennial Park apartments and help Phelps feed the rush at meal-times.

The DeVitt Theatre expansion has improved the appearance and comfort of the auditorium. Also, the ease and safety of property construction has been improved with added back-stage space; finally, because construction will now take place
UNTying 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 BE-TWEEN 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-hoop contest, and a limbo competition.

NOELLE WOOD
spotlight editor

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. Hope 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 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 the car?' But nobody's been terribly intimidated by us so far.

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

"It was really weird," said 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 Dr. 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.

This year's Orientation culminated with Playfair, an event that OA's dutifully keep secret from the freshmen.

"All they said was to bring tennis shoes, but I don't have any with me," Wilkins said "I heard some other people saying that it sounded like some weird initiation."

At Playfair, the OA's lined up to clap, chant, and yell, while awaiting the moment the freshmen were let into the Dow gymnasium. Freshmen ran through the doors to be met by a screaming tunnel of OAs, Resident Assistants, and fellow classmates urging them on to the end of the line to join in greeting all the new students.

Then the screaming mob was led by entertainer Karen Kolberg through a variety of energy-charged activities that only those attending could attempt to explain.

"My back still hurts from carrying that one girl while doing that one thing," said Andrew Lotz ('01) after the event.

After Playfair, freshmen split up to go to off-campus parties, the second annual Fellowship of Christian Students party, or just back to their residence halls to get some sleep.

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).
Sports

The Anchor

Double Dribble
Michael Zuidema

Out with the old...

"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. 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 "Capiain Enfuego." A.a. Glyn Zuidema.

"The witty "Colonel Zippy" 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 brash, "The way things better get done," and the benign, "Z's corner." 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.

Grades-n-stuff

During the 1996-97 school year the Flying Dutch captured their Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association leading twentieth All-Sports Award. This was also the thirteenth in fifteen years, and third in the last four.

Hope topped rival Calvin College by 15 points, 161-146. The Flying Dutch topped the previous record of 152 points by capturing seven MIAA titles, and no team finished lower than fourth.

At the same time, 97 Hope students were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll, while a record 494 students total from the conference were named.

Five Hope teams were also honored for academic achievement. 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

Calvin was able to top Hope in one sports aspect. The Knights managed to average 2,821 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.

Meet the press.

- Glyn Williams
- Amy-Lynn Halverson
- Laura Mihailoff
- Noelle Wood
- Amy Hall
- Miriam Beyer
- Mike Zuidema
- Mike Zuidema
- Dave Schrier
- Josh Neuck
- Nicole DeChelbor
- Matt Steenberg
- Amy Streetz
- Becky Hollenbeck
- Tim Roudane

Jacobson from I

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 VanWyklen 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 blotting 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."