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Alum Army captain returns to Iraq

Shannon Craig

In the midst of regular reports of continued violence in Iraq, Hope alumna and U.S. Army Capt. David Pate ’05 returned to Iraq on Sept. 4.

“I really feel for the Iraqi people. I’m looking forward to going back,” Pate said in an interview prior to his return to the embattled Middle East.

Pate, 34, enlisted in the National Guard in 1992 with the rank of private. Following nine years of service in the National Guard, Pate began active duty in the U.S. Army at the rank of specialist in Jan. 2001.

Pate was later promoted to sergeant, and his commanding officers began a letter writing campaign to help Pate further his career. In the U.S. Army, a soldier can only advance beyond the rank of sergeant without a bachelor’s degree, which Pate did not have.

The successful campaign sent Pate to officer candidate school at Fort Benning in Georgia and then Korea.

After 18 months in Korea, the Army sent Pate to the Flaggate as his choice to earn his degree. Pate’s commander in Korea suggested Hope College.

“I wanted somewhere that would challenge me...like the Army took a chance on me, Hope took a chance on me,” Pate said, attributing the opportunity he received to attend Hope to Jim Bekkerking, vice-president of admissions.

“Why was I to say no to the United States Army?” Bekkerking, referring to letters of recommendation from the U.S. Army and Pate’s commanding officer.

Changing tone, Bekkerking continued. “There was a sincerity and inner peace, just a quality about him that made the decision easy.”

Since reaching Iraq, Pate has found his Hope education prepared him well for his duties in Iraq.

“Every class I’ve had I used in Iraq. My world religions class...boy was that helpful,” Pate said.

Pate pointed to the use of the statistics he learned while serving as an intelligence officer. Similarly the ideas learned in European politics, Pate asserts, have helped him understand the process of forming an Iraqi government.

Affirmative Action: Yea or Nay?

Katie Bennett

On Sept. 14 in Maas Auditorium from 4 to 5:30, Jean Doss, of One United Michigan, will speak on affirmative action in Michigan.

Doss’s presentation “Not So Civil Rights Initiative Why It’s Harmful to Women, Families, and Minorities in Michigan” will challenge the proposal to remove affirmative action from Michigan laws.

Affirmative action is a policy or program that seeks to reach what are considered under-represented groups in education and employment. In November, eligible voters will vote on a ballot initiative that, if passed, will “amend the state constitution to ban...programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes.”

The amendment, as proposed, would permit the identification of different socio-economic status in admission and hiring practices.

Doss represents One United Michigan, which works to inform voters of the importance of affirmative action. It argues that the ballot makes the proposal to eliminate affirmative action and students will lose equal opportunities.

“Affirmative action is the best program that we have developed to combat the pernicious effects of discrimination. Over 200 groups, including the Holland Chamber of Commerce, have united against the amendment,” said David Woirmire, media contact for OUM.

OUM asserts that the proposal to end affirmative action includes negatives repercussions.

California and Washington have state laws similar to the proposed amendment in Michigan.

According to OUM, “Initiatives designed to encourage the number of women to pursue fields where they have traditionally been under-represented, such as math and science studies, were no longer permitted. Further, pre-college programs that encourage under-represented minority groups or girls to apply to college or pursue nontraditional academic courses were likely prohibited if targeted exclusively to women or minorities.”

However, some believe that diversity on campuses gives students a more well-rounded education. According to OUM, programs meant to increase opportunities for under-represented minority groups would be banned.

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative committee would like to end affirmative action programs and hopes that voters will not see the proposal as a threat to minorities and women.

Programs that discriminate against individuals based on gender or race are unconstitutional, the committee says. It argues that affirmative action is a constitutional issue.

Life Together: Campus Ministries Focuses on Community

Erika English

It’s a quiet day in the Keppel House, but that won’t last long. The entire Campus Ministries team has been eagerly awaiting the return of Hope students to campus. Now that the semester has begun, big plans are in store.

The theme “Life Together” was taken from the book of the apostles, “The Acts of the Apostles” (which will be discussed over the next months). The improvements, which include small book group and speakers, were started in response to Hope students’ passion to unite Hope and highlight the issues the campus faces as a community in faith.

“Life together is messy, and sometimes messy’s fun, and sometimes messy’s hard; (but) we can strive together towards what’s right,” Chaplain Katy Sundararajan said.

Together with the Crossroads Project, Campus Ministries will be promoting this philosophy in the Holland community into fellowship with other Hope students by hosting a campus-wide men’s retreat and by creating freshmen women’s small group studies.

“We cannot be isolated...we want everyone to feel welcome,” Sundararajan said.

Adding Josh Banner as the new director of arts and music has been one of the many changes in ministries at Hope.

“He has a real respect for what’s going on here...but he comes from a place where styles are different, and I think it’ll open up another dimension of worship,” Sundararajan said.

In addition to the hiring of Banner, Campus Ministries is embarking on other new opportunities. These include a daily prayer service held at noon in the chapel basement, a Spanish chapel service, and hosting a variety of guest speakers. The stuff hopes to bring everyone together to celebrate the joys and challenges of a unified campus.

To focus on community, “We talk about the truth, we talk about the life, we talk about the way on campuses and we look at God’s word as a light on that path,” Sundararajan said.
9/11 REMEMBERED

AT HOPE, ACROSS NATION

Danielle Revers
Staff Writer

To honor the fifth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorism attacks, many memorials were held around the country, including at Hope College. At Hope, students participated in a moment of silence during the Chapel service and gathered for a service of peace and remembrance on Sept. 11 in Nykerk. A memorial was also held at the Holland Fire Dept.

Nationally, memorials were held at Ground Zero, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania, where the fourth plane crashed into a field. Bush attended the New York and Pennsylvania memorial services, where he met with families of victims and laid a wreath on the attack sites. Vice President Dick Cheney led a moment of silence during the service at the Pentagon.

Moments of silence were observed at 8:46, 9:03, 9:59, and 10:29, the times the twin towers were hit and then collapsed, respectively. Around the country it was a day of remembrance for those lost in the towers and also for the heroes who died in the attacks' aftermath, including the fire fighters, policemen, the members of Flight 93 who overtook the fourth plane from the hijackers.

The anniversary was a day of coming together, even amidst the current political polarization of the nation and the world. Many were reminded of what the French newspaper "Le Monde" said on Sept. 11, 2001: "We are all Americans, now."

Security Measures

In the five years since Sept. 11, the U.S. has stepped up security procedures in an effort to avoid future attacks. For citizens, increased airport security is perhaps the most visible change since Sept. 11. Pre-9/11 security focused on ensuring that no bombs were brought onto the plane. Post-9/11, every passenger and every bag is checked. Increased numbers of federal air marshals patrol the skies, and pilots have begun to carry firearms.

Intelligence and law enforcement agencies continue to work toward improved cooperation. The National Counterterrorism Center was created so intelligence agencies, such as the FBI and CIA, can work along side state and national law enforcement. Bush cites increased cooperation between the two federal intelligence branches as a reason that suspicions of those involved in 9/11 were not acted upon. The NCC is an effort to see 9/11, page 7

Where Were You on Sept. 11?

"I first heard about the attack while driving to work. Once I got here, everything stopped. I ended up canceling class, because there were so many students missing. Everyone was trying to piece it together. At first, words like Al Qaeda, Taliban and Osama Bin Laden weren't being used at all." —James Herrick, professor of communication

"I was downstairs in the Kletz watching it while the second tower fell. It was such a sickening and helpless feeling to watch that hit in front of our eyes." —Wilma Hirt, director of student activities

"My dad was in New York and immediately I thought he was dead because his flight was at the exact same time as the other. He finally called a few hours later to tell us he was okay, and his plane had been evacuated. He rented a car and drove straight home." —Katie Baker ('08)

"I had football practice that afternoon and Air Force One, accompanied by fighter jets, flew over—it was crazy." —Andrew Liang ('08)

Larissa Mariano
Staff Writer

"Though the crisis in Lebanon is happening miles away, it affects students and faculty at Hope. George Khoury ('09), a Catholic from Palestine, affected by the crisis in many ways. His family's tourism business, which includes two agencies, has been shut down because of closing the border. Also, Khoury had to leave home 21 days before he should have.

"I had to leave early so as not to miss a semester if not a whole year at Hope College, due to a border closure that could have closed for an unlimited and unknown time," Khoury said.

Professors and faculty are also concerned with the crisis. The academic community is in great debate about the causes of this conflict and its relation to the larger Middle Eastern situation.

"It is the same old story... it's all the violence," said Eliot Dickinson, professor of political science and international studies. Dickinson also talked about how U.S. policy is affecting the region.

"It's my opinion that if we did have an understanding of the magnitude of the human suffering we would have a much more benevolent foreign policy," Dickinson said.

Conflict History

On July 12, Hezbollah, a Shia Muslim organization based in Lebanon, kidnapped two Israeli soldiers. This sparked a 34-day war between the Israel and Hezbollah forces, with extensive casualties on each side. Women, children and the elderly were caught in the crossfire.

Hezbollah controls most of southern Lebanon and is supported financially and militarily by Iran and Syria. Hezbollah's political arm participates in the elected Lebanese government, thus causing confusion about the role of Lebanon within the conflict.

The United Nations called for a ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon on Aug. 14. Israel lifted its air and naval blockade on Sept. 8, but still some troops are in southern Lebanon.

Israel says that they will withdraw the rest of the troops when the Lebanese army and the UN peacekeepers deploy to the area. Death, injury and infrastructure destruction are not the only things that the Lebanese and Israeli people are facing. There are grave psychological effects that impact women and children who have seen the devastation.

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**SUNDAY LIVING**

**ARTS**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

**THIS WEEK IN ART**

**Wednesday Sept. 13**

Coffeehouse Entertainment: Bo Bukich and Jo Olson.
9 p.m. The Kistz.

VWS: Jack Ridl
7 p.m. The Knickerbocker.
6:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble.

**Thursday Sept. 14**

Luminescence Auditions:
Women's A Cappella Group
7 p.m. Nyeherk Rm 201.

**Friday Sept. 15**

Comedian Lee Camp
8:30 p.m. The Kistz.
Sponsored by SAC.

Film: "The Break Up"
Sept. 17: 7 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.;
midnight; Sept. 17; 3 p.m. Wimints.
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**Saturday Sept. 16**

Ferris University in Japan
Concert
7:30 p.m.; Wickers Auditorium.

**Tuesday Sept. 19**

Symphonette, Women's Choir, and Ferris Student Combined Concert
7:30 p.m.; Dimment Chapel.
Free and open to the public.

**HARPSCHORD DEDICATION CONCERT**

Hope will dedicate a new harpsichord Sunday, Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. in Wickers Auditorium, with a performance by Edward Parmentier. Parmentier, an expert in the harpsichord music of J.S. Bach, among other artists, has performed around the world and is currently a professor at the University of Michigan School of Music. The harpsichord Parmentier will play was built specifically for Hope by Richard Kingston of North Carolina, who has won awards for his work. It is the result of a number of gifts to the music department and continues Hope's commitment to provide its students with quality instruments on which to perform and practice. The concert is free to the public.

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Trembley's essay takes a different approach. The essay, entitled "Against the Law," describes an experience Trembley had walking her dogs in Saugatuck Dunes State Park and finding a dead body hanging from a tree. It asks the question, "In what ways do we all push boundaries in order to figure out who we really are?" Trembley said.

Barley is the author of an epi-graph that helps introduce one of the book's five sections.

Other Hope connections with the work include writers who have visited the college through the Visiting Writers Series such as poet Beth Ann Fennelly.

Sellers is also working on three new books. "Chapter By Chapter," coming out in November, will be "for people who want to write," Fennelly said. She also has a textbook coming out next year and is working on her memoir entitled "Face First," which will detail her experience with prosopagnosia, or face blindness.

"Fresh Water" is available at local bookstores.
Peace

While he was at Hope, the Army called Pate to ask if he was willing to live with Iraqis and work on an Iraqi base with a translator. Embedded among Iraqis, Pate found himself experiencing different things than the typical US soldier.

"Other than air support and my M-16, I have no other U.S. support," Pate said.

Pate explained he was told to "show them (the Iraqis) what right looks like." According to Pate, unlike the U.S. Army, Iraqi forces do not always have access to advanced technology. He is to teach the Iraqi forces to use the resources they do have to fight their enemies.

Working towards democracy

"Every Iraqi I've ever spoken with is glad Saddam is gone. But the Iraqi people also miss Saddam because Saddam brought order. They could walk down the street without fear of being killed," Pate said.

"I'm so sick of seeing these rathers with their children drinking dirty water, walking around with bare feet . . . homeless," Pate said.

Rebuilding projects in Iraq have been put on hold because security and hiring workers is proving to be too costly as terrorists continue their attacks. Pate feels that before the infrastructure can be rebuilt, security must be achieved.

"Iraqi people are not in the position for self-governance when they're afraid . . . but it takes time," Pate said. "It takes time and security, but we're not giving that to the Iraqi people right now."

Pointing to the aftermath of the Revolutionary and the Korean Wars, Pate explained that the formation of a stable democracy is a slow process. Pate believes that Iraqi adults are not going to change; rather, the democracy in Iraq is for the next generation.

"Hindsight being 20/20, we've been in too big of a rush to band things over to Iraq. I wish the President would give a longer time range," Pate said.

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College because it gives our students an opportunity to engage on critical issues of our time," Gonzales said. For the 25th symposium, the planning committee is interested in suggestions from Hope faculty, staff and students. Possible topics for 2007-2008 include education and democracy, water and oil, sexuality and culture, as well as immigration issues.

ANNUAL CRITICAL ISSUES SYMPOSIUM CANCELLED

Shannon Craig
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

The Critical Issues Symposium (CIS) has been cancelled for the 2006-2007 school year for the second time in its 26-year history.

"CIS is one of (Hope's) premier academic programs. Our desire is to do it with the excellence CIS requires," said Alfredo Gonzales, associate provost and CIS chair.

The CIS planning committee felt that the level of excellence required would not be attainable this fall due to various reasons. No particular occurrence precipitated the one-year cancellation of CIS.

"I am personally disappointed that we will not have CIS this year. However, the time will help us prepare an excellent CIS 2007 that will address one of the critical issues of our time," Gonzales said.

Next year will see the 25th Critical Issues Symposium, which has occurred every year since its beginning in 1980 except in 1999.

CIS has covered such topics as apartheid, genetics, civil rights, world hunger, Columbus, the environment and genocide. When planning the symposium, the committee seeks to present multiple viewpoints.

CIS is a "wonderful moment for Hope students and the community to listen to experts and hear diverse perspectives, while also engaging with their peers on campus," Gonzales said.

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PATE DELIVERS GIFTS FROM SORORITY SISTERS—Kappa Delta Chi members sent art supplies and toys to the youth of Iraq to inspire joyfulness and peace. In his role as an embedded soldier, Pate interacts with Iraqi citizens on a daily basis.
Paul Baerstedt

Paul was one of my best friends. We shared so many memories together. I joined the Cosmopolitan Fraternity as the 114th pledge class together and were very close to each other since. We had plans and trips that we were going to take during the summer. Paul was always smiling, always laughing and always there for you when you needed someone to talk to. He had a soft heart and loved to hang out with friends. He loved the outdoors, he loved to ski and he loved to throw a round of Frisbee golf through the woods. We did as much as we could in the woods. We did as much as we could in the woods. Paul was always up for an adventure and was always in search of a way to have fun. We will always remember his big smile and fairly amusing laugh that so frequently occupied our eyes and ears, and they are something that can never be replaced.

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Hope’s ‘Apostle for International Understanding’ remembered

Emilee Westmore

Many students consider studying abroad an essential part of their college experience. Few, however, realize the impact one man had on Hope College’s study-abroad program. His passion for cross-cultural communication paved the way for many of Hope students.

Dr. Paul G. Fried (’46), creator of the Vienna Summer School study-abroad program, died on July 24 at the Resthaven Care Center in Michigan. A memorial service was held Sept. 9 at the Hope Church, Rev. Norman Reemark, a Hope Church minister, led the service.

Professor emeritus of history, Fried had a way of making history come alive for his students by including his personal experience. Born in 1919 to Austrian parents, Fred spoke out against the Nazi movement, and was eventually imprisoned and deported. His parents and brothers died in concentration camps.

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“Dr. Fried left Hope College an incredible legacy,” Glenn Lowe (’71), trustee for Fried, said. “He has been called Hope’s apostle for international understanding, and through the many ways he helped others, he received the Bronze Star. After World War II ended, he returned to Hope and proceeded to Harvard for a master’s degree in history. He served as a translator in the Nuremberg War Trials and later worked for the U.S. Air Force interview- ing German prisoners of war.

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Dr. Paul Fried
Antiphon

This tragedy is personal

Mackenzie Smith

Did you look it up? The definition of antiphon, I mean—though that’s only the beginning.

Did you ask a hard question this week, or encourage dialogue in class? Did you take time to think about big ideas?

Have you figured it out? Your college education is what you make it.

Coming back to campus as a senior has been liberating. I didn’t used to be an antiphon, I mean—though that’s only the doubt and express my doubts. I feel able has been liberating. I didn’t used to be an

For that matter, what would the rest of our lives look like if we engaged the world?

Remembering 9/11

Last December, I visited this amphitheater in Amman, Jordan. Last week, a gunman shot at a group of Western tourists in this historic landmark. One man was killed and five others were wounded. I stood there, on that same ground. Because it could have been me, this tragedy was personal—and real.

That reality is the reason September 11 impacted Americans so deeply. Most of you remember where you were five years ago this past Monday. Many of you knew someone in the towers or among the emergency responders. At the very least, everyone knows someone who knew someone. This violence was personal—real—tragic.

Iraq, Darfur, Israel and Lebanon. Over here, an ocean away, the violence committed and witnessed in these places seems distant and abstract.

But as we remember September 11, let that memory be a call to remember the personal and real tragedy of every violent act, around the world. How can we do this engage? I say again. Reading, hearing or seeing the news is a good first step—but simple knowledge is not enough. We must interact with the news, relate it to our lives and bring it up in our classes. It can’t be real, or really understood, until it becomes personal.

If we do this—if we allow the pain and suffering of the world to become real to us—our knowledge might become deeper, might grow into compassion, wisdom and even right action.

But more on that next week. In the meantime, look up the definition of antiphon, because I mean it. I want you to engage each other, engage your professors and engage me in a dialogue. Listening and responding, we’ll all come out with more wisdom than we brought in.

Mackenzie hopes to engage high school students when she grows up. She enjoys reading young adult fiction, especially those by Madeleine L’Engle. Though deathly afraid of heights, she wants the ability to fly.

Career Services available

To the Editor:

Hey there students! Welcome back to another year at Hope College! This is just a little reminder not to forget about our Office of Career Services (OCS) here on campus. Located in the Anderson-Verkman Financial Center, OCS offers a wide variety of help for students from each class. Whether you are a freshman looking for a major, or a senior in need of a good resume, OCS provides assistance with everything from personality assessments to internships and mock interviews. So schedule your appointment with us today, or check us out from 2-5 p.m. during our drop-in hours, Hope to see you soon!

Office of Career Services

Ballot

action in college admissions only creates campuses that look diverse. Race is not an indicator of diverse students, only of diverse skin colors. MCRI believes that programs which encourage one race over another are another form of racism, and that students applying to college should be considered individually for their merits.

According to the MCRI, the amendment would not affect private institutions like our Hope College; rather the amendment “will only apply to public education, employment, and contracting.”

In a poll published on Sept. 4 by the Detroit Free Press, 41 percent of voters said they support the ballot to end some affirmative action. 43 percent oppose it and 16 percent undecided. Voting for the initiative will take place on Nov. 7.

Sarah Wightman and Shannon Craig contributed to this article.

Juniors and Seniors Considering Graduate School:

Information session on the Graduate Record Examination

Professor Charles Behensky, Department of Psychology, will discuss the mechanics of the GRE, what students might do to prepare for the exam, and answer questions.

Monday, September 18, 4:30-5:30 PM in 1019 Science Center
Wednesday morning, 7:00 a.m. The air is cool, and fresh. We wake to meet over coffee and muffins. We discuss, ponder, pray and discern. Our topic: you. You. as a member of the student body. A body made up of 3,000 persons. We, as leaders of the student body, are charged with its welfare. We serve as caretakers. We serve as decision makers.

Executive speaking, as a student group, as individual representatives and as a governing body, we have power. This power is given to us by the student body. As in any representative system, the student body trustingly gives us the ability to make some of their decisions. We work to keep and build this trust.

We have passion for what you are passionate about. This passion is power, but having power alone gives one nowhere. It has been said by Katia Baker, Student Congress vice-president, that “passion misguided is not passion at all, but ineffective fervor.” We want to know what you want.

Monday evening, 7:30 p.m. It’s cold, rainy and dank. As homework sits on desks in warm dorm rooms, they walk through the campus. They are the cushion of Student Congress, a group of class representatives. They meet around a large table, planning, debating and sharing. Two of these six are me, as a sophomore, junior or senior. They are focused on what you’re thinking, feeling and envisioning.

Heading into my senior year, I have been blessed with the asset of hindsight and reminiscence of my time at Hope College, the good, the irritating, the social, the political, the academic, the athlete, the spiritual and the unfamiliar. Events create experiences, inquiries and proverbs, all of which shape my desire to do everything I can to propel excellence on our campus. I am here to serve you.

Tuesday night, 9:00 p.m. Forty students degreased in sweat pants, Dockers, Converse and tennis shoes file into the meeting room, armed with a binder, a name plaque and ideas and ready to engage. At the heart of this group lies innovation and a desire to pioneer the next stage of student life at Hope.

What will Hope look like when the next generation of students arrive? Time will tell. You will tell. Your ideas form the future.

This school year, as years past, brings with it many opportunities for students. New interests, involvements in Student Congress, Bible studies, conversations, rallies in the Pine Grove, artistic expression—each is irreplaceable, and together they demonstrate that our campus has PASSION. We, as Student Congress, are well-equipped to frame, empower and guide that passion and vision towards realization.

You’re in your dorm room, conversing with a friend. Your friend is frustrated, and wonders aloud, “Why does Hope have this policy?” It doesn’t make sense. It doesn’t build you up as a student. It hinders your ability to succeed. You agree. You seek change, by signing into WebMail and filling out a short email to congress@hope.edu.

Your vision is interpreted, debated and formulated. Congress brings the vision to the college leadership, explains, works and effects change.

Only with your ideas for improvement can we help to build Hope’s future into your present. Only with your input do the goals of student leaders meet the expectations of the student body. Inform us, utilize us and empower us to build your vision of Hope.

Therefore, we welcome you, Class of 2010. We welcome you, returning upperclassmen. Welcome to our body. A body in motion.

Let’s make it happen.

Brad Matson is a senior at Hope and is serving as president of Student Congress. He is from Traverse City and majoring in business management.

GSF offers invite

To the Editor:

Many people have stopped us around campus asking about our group and what it is about. So, we’ve decided to take this opportunity to inform everyone. We are the leaders of the Sexuality Roundtable: a forum for gay and straight students. This group has been active on campus for many years promoting conversations of sexual orientation and all that entails with gay and straight students alike.

Regardless of your beliefs or where you stand on homosexuality, you are welcomed and wanted at the meetings. We have a great group of students working hard this year and would love to have you for a part of it. So, if you would like to join our confidential email list, send an email to Hope.College.GSF@gmail.com. Or try you would like to check out a meeting, they take place regularly on Thursday nights at 8 p.m.

The first group gathering will be a bar-be-que this Thursday at 8 p.m. at 355 Lincoln Ave (corner of 14th and Lincoln).

For more information, just look for posters around campus or feel free to stop one of us and ask. We would love to talk to you.

Christina Tedesco *07
Lauren Peters *07
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WHO DO YOU PLAY FOR?

Athletes collaborate to build community on and off the field

Nick Hinke
Copy Editor

Even leaders need inspiration and guidance. This summer half of the Hope athletic teams went to Montana to further their understanding of leadership. Two team leaders and a coach represented each team on the trip.

The group left on June 6 for the five-day excursion to Gauley Ranch in Glen, Mont. The trip’s main purpose was for Hope student-athletes to build and enhance leadership skills. While on the trip, women’s Athletic Director Eva Dean Folkert witnessed the purpose and impact of the retreat.

“We wanted to see how we can build leadership skills among student-athletes,” Folkert said. “We wanted to enhance it. We saw potential.”

Folkert challenges Hope athletes to set higher leadership standards.

“I think we do things well here, and I think we can do better,” Folkert said.

In order to achieve these leadership standards, Hope student-athletes participated in various team building events. They wrote mission statements, participated in trust exercises, hiked through the mountains and discussed issues of leadership at Hope.

One student-athlete who thoroughly benefited from the retreat was Hope football player Kevin Roschek (’07). Roschek enjoyed the team building exercises and friendships formed on the trip.

“None of us really knew each other. We definitely built relationships from the trip,” Roschek said. “By the end of the event, everyone was such good friends. The relationships built were huge.”

Along with creating friendships, the participants wanted to find a way to unite all Hope athletes. In thinking of strategies they relied on a movie clip from “Miracle.”

The scene portrays hockey players from various teams joining together and playing for the United States. Following this philosophy, Hope athletes came up with the slogan “Who do you play for?” The slogan symbolizes Hope athletes play for Hope College and not just their individual teams.

When talking about uniting Hope athletes, Folkert said, “Even though you are 500 strong, we all represent and support each other on and off the field.”

After numerous discussions on the trip, Hope athletes learned they all face the same challenges and struggles.

“Athletes go through the same thing. You know the adversity you go through when the game is on the line,” Roschek said.

Returning home, Hope athletes and coaches now face the challenge of using what they learned and applying it to Hope. Folkert stresses that they must not forget the leadership skills practiced at the summer retreat.

“We did not want to come back to Hope and not do anything with what we learned,” Folkert said.

In bringing their ideas back to Hope, the participants made T-shirts for athletes that have the slogan “Who do you play for?” Players are encouraged to wear the shirts when attending athletic events to support other teams.

Roschek believes the uniting of Hope athletes and attendance at games can be a great support system.

“’Home field advantage in key,’” Roschek said. “The support from the crowd or school is different than the support from your parents.”

With a new and improved outlook on leadership and uniting of Hope athletics, student-athletes can support one another and become one team.

“We did not leave what we learned on the mountain top. We brought it down to the valley,” Folkert said. “Together we are an entire team.”

VAN WIEREN HONORED IN LOCAL HALL OF FAME

Jenny Cancer
Copy Editor

On Aug. 24, men’s basketball coach Glenn Van Wieren was honored as the recipient of the Warren Reynolds Lifetime Achievement Award at the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame, located on the upper level of the Van Andel Arena in downtown Grand Rapids.

The award is a tribute to the recipient’s community service and is presented in remembrance of WOOD-TV sports director Warren Reynolds, who passed away in 2001.

“What is moving me is to be the recipient of the Warren Reynolds award. Warren was an idol to me. He was a personal mentor at everything he did. He was big in the community, a man of faith and family. Those are all things that have been very, very important to me,” Van Wieren said, in accepting the award.

Van Wieren has led the men’s basketball squad for 30 seasons, 15 MIAA championships and 17 NCAA tournament appearances. He strives to be active in the Holland community.

The Week in Sports

Upcoming Home Games

Women’s Soccer v. Aquinas Sept. 13, 4 p.m. Buys Field, 11th and Fairbanks.

Women’s Soccer v. Ferris State Sept. 20, 4 p.m. Buys Field, 11th and Fairbanks.

Volleyball v. Tri-State Sept. 6, 5 p.m. DeVos Fieldhouse, 9th and Lincoln.

Cross Country

The Hope College cross country teams each finished fourth at North Central College on Friday. Host North Central won the men’s meet while Division II Northwestern came out on top for the women.

The Hope College football team started the 2006 season with a loss to Central College of Pella, Iowa. The final score was 24-13 in a game that was dominated early on by Hope. The score at halftime was 13-3 in favor of Hope, but the second half was all Central as they scored three unanswered touchdowns on their way to a victory.

Men’s Golf

The men’s golf team is after a seventh MIAA championship in eight years, but they started off on the right track. Hope won the conference tournament Thursday while breaking the course record was set by Tri-State in 2005.

Women’s Golf

The women’s golf team traveled to the Grand Valley Fall Classic Sept. 5. Captain Holly Sneller led the Dutch to a 19th-place team finish in the invitational.

Men’s Soccer

The men’s soccer team suffered two losses Friday and Saturday to North Park and Wheaton. They open league play Sept. 20 at Albion.

Briefs compiled by Bradley Beckert