Campus mourns professor's death

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As Hope College students and faculty return to campus this fall to start the new school year, one familiar face is missing.

Professor John Quinn of the classics department died June 19 after he collapsed near campus during a run. He had been running to train for a race in Atlanta he had planned to participate in with his cousins.

Quinn was a beloved member of the Hope community since he began teaching in 1995. He taught Latin, along with the languages of Greek and Coptic (Egyptian). Quinn had a passion for teaching and strove to make the subject material entertaining and fun for his students.

“I remember him entering on the first day of Latin my freshman year, full of energy and excitement. He was ready to pour his passion and love of classics onto a full class of unsuspecting students,” said Tera Hasbargen (’08).

“Anyone who had one of his classes would agree that his quirky personality and teaching style are not to be forgotten,” said Christine Corbin (’07).

“He had a great sense of humor and made every step of learning the classics fun, though, I’ll admit, he could be a pretty demanding teacher… I’ll never forget how much fun we had going over to his house, reading hilarious plays and eating his fantastic homemade deserts,” said Clayton Orr (’08).

“He was a wonderful teacher,” said Professor of History Janis Gibbs. “He was always redoing his classes so they would be better the next time.”

Quinn also spent much of his time translating ancient texts. In spring 2008 he worked on the translation of the works of Juan Latino with Professor Henry Gibbs (f. of Harvard University and Professor Mira Seo of the University of Michigan.

Quinn was not only a professor and translator but also a man of very wide-ranging interests. He was a gourmet chef, an avid movie-watcher (especially classic movies) and an expert gardener among other things.

“Most of John’s friends were very aware of how much he loved to garden. He once made the trek to Nashville, Tennessee simply to find the right kind of southern magnolia tree. The first time the tree bloomed was the week that he died. He told friends about it, so they know he got to see it,” said library staff member Priscilla Atkins.

“He was just such a kind man. Everybody liked him. I never heard him say anything bad about anyone,” said Karen Barber-Gibson, secretary of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

“He was a person who gave a lot of himself to other people… he had a real conviction that we’re all in this together. We’re a community. We need to take care of each other,” said Gibbs.

“I am saddened to think of Hope College without Dr. Quinn. I hope that his memory can live on through the students he taught and through the continuation of classics at Hope College,” said Hasbargen.

The Hope community and anyone who wishes to celebrate Quinn’s life are invited to a memorial service Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel with a reception in the atrium of the science building.

Dr. John Quinn

Hope’s Class of 2012 ‘Explores the Possibilities’

Anchor Staff

It’s late August, and across the country college classes are beginning. Freshmen have spent their open house money on dorm decorations, parents have counseled their students on the importance of focusing on academics and many students are getting acquainted with their new school through freshman orientation.

Hope’s orientation spans four days during which the students have a chance to learn the ins and outs of the campus before the upperclassmen arrive. But not all orientation programs are created equal.

An article printed on Aug. 17 in the Lansing State Journal reported that Michigan State University’s administration plans to shorten their freshman orientation, known as Welcome Week, for the fall of 2009. At some schools, the need for a weekend during which students can register and buy books has become obsolete. MSU’s Senior Associate Provost June Youatt was quoted as saying, “So much of what the students do, they do online.”

Back-to-school parties have also become points of concern. At many state universities the pre-semester scene is crowded with under-age drinking and vandalism. Police reports sky rocket. This trend has school administrations asking if a week dedicated to name-games before classes is worth the trouble.

Are freshmen benefiting from their orientation experience, or are they spending their time needlessly?


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CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The class of 2012 brings over 800 new, first-year students to campus, and the Hope College Office of Residential Life and Housing has had to overcome what Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life and Housing John Jobson described as “a good problem to have to work through.”

The summer 2008 Presidential Update noted 2,950 applications for the 800 available freshman spots. According to Garrett Knoth of the Hope Admissions Office, as of Aug. 18, there are 813 first-year students attending Hope this year.

Final enrollment was expected to top 3,300 for the fifth year, said a Hope press release.

Jobson attributes the increased need for housing to the consecutively large incoming classes, the smaller number of students studying abroad and the larger number of senior students choosing to live on-campus.

Jobson said that Hope has leased one of the six Fairbanks Townhouses on 16th Street and two extra cottages for a short term. He also referenced a longer term lease that was established with the apartments above Cleo’s Bridal and Gift Shop on 9th Street.

When referring to the overall quality of the Cleo’s Apartments and the Fairbanks Townhouse leases, Jobson said, “The students are going to love them.”

In addition to these new leases, Jobson said that Hope has created temporary housing by converting the Dykstra Hall exercise room, the second and third floor study rooms in Kollen Hall, the lounge in Van Vleck Hall and the guest room in Durfee Hall into residence rooms.

John Telfer (’12) was given housing in the second floor study room in Kollen.

“I love it...it’s roomies,” Telfer said. After Telfer turned in his housing information late, as did several other students, he was placed in temporary housing.

“i was just glad to have housing,” Telfer said. Now that Telfer has moved into the study room, he does not want to switch.

“I am going to keep this if I can,” Telfer said.

Jobson contradicted campus rumors of students who might be left without campus housing and said, “Everybody has a bed.”
Freshmen opinions about Hope's orientation this year varied widely. Many students expressed relief at having an opportunity to settle in before the rest of campus. "It was really great to spend time here without looking stupid in front of the upperclassmen. I got to know the campus and other freshman," said Rebekah Taylor ('12). Having a campus full of freshmen and OA leaders, who are there voluntarily to help new students, gives the orientation atmosphere a hospitable feel. "Everyone is so friendly," said John Telfer ('12), "Nobody thinks you're weird if you just go up to them and introduce yourself." Erin VanDellen ('12) expressed an appreciation for the sheer quantity of games the OA leaders provided. "I'm impressed with all the games they came up with," VanDellen said. Other students felt that the orientation routine was uncomfortable. "I didn't really like orientation. We played some games and talked about stuff, but I didn't really feel like we needed the icebreaker games," said Poon. Several students especially felt that the alcohol discussion was unnecessary. "They shoved the alcohol talk down our throats," said Taylor ('12).

For most students, Playfair seemed to be one of the most memorable orientation experiences. "It kind of felt like speed dating," said Laura Hobson. "Playfair was probably my favorite part," said Sara Pridmore ('12). Ryan Greene ('12) acknowledged both the drawbacks and the benefits of the famously loud meet-and-greet. "Playfair gives you common ground. Even if you don't remember someone, you can be like, 'Remember how awkward that was?'" said Greene. Regardless of the criticism or the inherent social strangeness, most of the freshmen interviewed were grateful for some kind of introduction to the college experience. Tyler Depke ('09), and OA leader, said, "Coming in as a freshman, there's a lot of anxiety. As a member of the orientation staff, it's comforting to know you can resolve some of those anxieties that we all experience."
Irish 'no' vote raises questions for EU future

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The European Union, an idea first set forth in 1952, has progressed rapidly in recent years as an economic and political power. The latest step in further European integration, the Treaty of Lisbon signed in 2007, would further centralize political and judicial power in the EU and would implement reforms meant to streamline EU functions. In order to be implemented, however, the treaty needs to be adopted by every member state of the EU. On June 12, Ireland, a member of the EU, voted a resounding "no." All 27 member states of the EU needed to examine the new treaty and give a unanimous stamp of approval. Most member states pushed the treaty through their parliaments, but Ireland's constitution required a referendum, a popular vote. And when election day came, it was clear there was more Irish skepticism than optimism.

At a speech in Berlin on July 10, former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato outlined the reasons for further European integration and hopes for the EU's future. In response to arguments that Europeans are looking to their own governments (and thus do not need a stronger EU), Amato declared on the contrary, "People think that Europe should tackle terrorism, the environment, research, defense, foreign affairs, immigration, and crime," Amato said. Amato argued that in order to fulfill this wish of the people, the EU needs the changes included in the Treaty of Lisbon. "We need some organization-al improvements here. We need the Treaty of Lisbon." But the Irish no vote certainly proves there are those uncomfortable with the idea of a more powerful and centralized Europe. Those opposed to such a Europe argue that Europe is too diverse, its people too different to give a common direction on such issues as foreign policy, civil liberties and defense.

But Amato said, "People are more satisfied with the EU than their own national governments. When people say, 'no,' it's because they're unhappy with their own leaders or gov- ernment."

The illusion of promoting international peace and a human rights agenda (the original intent of the Olympics) is further diminished when one considers the past troubles of the IOC itself, including many instances of bribery and corruption. Perhaps the best illustration for the shortcomings of the IOC is its member- ship. Past presidents and board members included convicted criminals and fascists. The current IOC board also includes Francis Nyangweso, the former military commander-in-chief under Idi Amin. Nevertheless the organization remains one that claims to promote peace and human rights.

China's gains

The greatest harm of the Olympics, however, is the international attention and legitimacy gained by the host country. The IOC repeatedly makes the mistake of granting this prize to countries that are principally opposed to its supposed mission — to communist China in 2008, the military government of S. Korea in 1988, the totalitarian Soviet Union in 1980, the one-party state of Java in 1968 and the notorious Nazi regime in 1936.

The Games allow the host country to project their best self-image to the international community through the only venue that attracts the attention of not only governments, but of average world citizens. Harmony was a theme of the opening Beijing ceremonies and strikes an ironic tone considering China's break-away movements in Tibet and Taiwan, its oppression of its own people and its energy agreements with Sudan and Burma (one may recall the brutal oppression of the Buddhist monks' protests by the Burmese military last year). China has also spent an estimated $40 billion on the Olympics — a figure that far exceeds any expected Chinese income from the games. This may cause one to ask, "Why?" The answer is given by China's eagerness to be seen as the greatest new power in the world, one that can say of its Olympic medal domination (despite having fewer total medals than the US), "it is secured." The phrase is definite and final, and it seems to describe China's future as much as its Olympic performance. China hopes to be, in a word, impressive. And it is a power that wishes to symbolically portray its massive economic (and thus political) growth by announcing on the world's biggest stage that China has arrived.

No matter how much of the Games is about China's ambition to be seen as a world superpower, there is no denying the Olympics' ability to further centralize political and economic power. July 10 marks a turning point in the history of the Olympic Games, and the Olympics for the first time at the forefront of the world's stage.

Democratic Convention gets underway in Denver

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It is big, it is popular, and it happens every four years. It is not the Olympics, it is the Democratic National Convention, and it is happening this week in Denver.

The convention, which features senior federal and state officials and delegates from the Democratic Party and its affiliates, meets every election year to discuss policy and issues facing the party and to formally announce the party’s presidential and vice presidential candidates.

Usually conventions are non-controversial events. Speeches are given by veteran party members and rising party stars which attract some attention, and the party’s nomination is little more than symbolic, as the results are known months in advance. But this convention is different; it has been shrouded in suspense since the primaries.

The first controversy arose in primary season when the Democratic Party and its affiliates were shocked when the states of Michigan and Florida were ruled by the national committee null and void because the states held their primaries ahead of schedule, breaking tradition. This party at first stripped the states of their delegates — meaning democrats in Michigan and Florida would have no say at the convention — but as of Sunday, August 17, restored their right to sit in Denver. The second bout of suspense came during the primaries as well; when Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Hillary Clinton were battling state by state. There was some fear that the nomination would not be decided until the convention itself, something that has not happened since 1952 when the convention nominated Adlai Stevenson to run against Eisenhower.

Clinton did eventually step aside in June, allowing the fears that there would be a divided party to subside. But it is unclear whether unity will be reached. Although there is only one candidate remaining, see DNC, page 6.

PERSPECTIVES

Why the Olympics helped China and hurt the rest of us

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The Olympics are a long and glorious tradition. At least, many would argue so. But the controversies leading up to the start of the 2008 Beijing Games might lead us to believe otherwise. Even after video footage surfaced earlier this year of Chinese police dragging people away from their homes and beating them, the international community seemed powerless to do more than condemn such behavior.

The problem with actually holding the Olympics is that they allow the host country to gain by the host country. The Games allow the host country to attract some attention, and the host country's gains can be profound. For example, if we're not ready to denounce the Olympics do more harm than good.

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The cost of all the Games is that many believe in the ideals of the Olympics without acknowledging the Olympics in practice. The public would like to see condemnation of oppressive governments without denying their citizens the Olympic experience. But the two cannot be separated. And by maintaining this il- lusion of world unity and a setting aside of differences, we empower the very forces, we condemn the other year and 49 weeks that the Olympics are not taking place. If we would be bold enough to acknowledge the Olympics in practice, we might actually deserve the universal peace and human rights banner we so proudly wave.
New exhibit hits the money

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The week before classes started, the lights were dark in the DePree Art Gallery and the wall that normally bears the name of the latest exhibition was as white as a fresh canvas. Like the rest of Hope’s campus, whose sidewalks are lined with construction markers and grass seedlings, the art building showed signs of hard work and a new beginning. The year has yet to be painted.

But pressing an eye up to the shadowy glass of the gallery window revealed that the upcoming show was nearly ready to make its debut. Artist Ken Little will be present Friday, August 29 for the opening reception of “Shell Games”, an exhibition of his sculpture.

“Shell Games” includes pieces exemplifying several different genres of Little’s sculpture. The most striking may be the oversize body parts made of $1 bills carefully pasted over lightweight steel frames. The questions provoked by money papering a hollow head, an empty business suit, and an enormous finger entitled “Bild” are impossible to ignore.

“This is where Little’s work gets into pop culture,” said Professor Anne Heath, gallery director. “His pieces combine fun and biting satire at the same time. I think students will really enjoy the humor in it.”

Little has served as professor of art at the University of Texas San Antonio for the past 20 years. Since earning his MFA from the University of Utah in 1972, his work has been shown in over 35 one-person exhibitions across the country. He has explored a variety of media, beginning with ceramics and then shifting towards bronze casting and multimedia sculpture incorporating found objects.

Other sculptures in the show include large animal forms shaped by conglomerations of shoes, belts and other common items. There is also a series of small metal pieces whose size and zoomorphic forms echo the spiritual talismans found in a variety of traditional cultures around the world, Heath explained.

“Ken is craft and design-oriented, so he likes things to pop in and out of themselves, but he’s also interested in Texas folklore,” said Heath. “These relate to Native American talismans from the west, as well as Chinese bronze pieces and their ritual aspects. And they’re beautiful in their simplicity, just cast from bronze with different patinas on them.”

The faculty of the DePree Art Gallery knew that they wanted to exhibit a sculptor’s work this year in connection with the 21st International Sculpture Conference, which is being held this year at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids. The Conference will take place the weekend of October 2 – 4, and it is hoped that many of the artists and art enthusiasts who are drawn to the area for the event will also make their way to Holland to see Little’s work.

“Shell Games” will be the first of four exhibitions to be hosted by the DePree Art Center this fall semester. During the month of October, “Pow Wow Portraits” by Douglas Elbiner will showcase 22 photographs taken at the American Indian Heritage Pow Wow of Michigan State University. These will be followed by the satirical drawings and sculptures of world renowned political cartoonist Pat Oliphant. The semester concludes with the competitive Student Juried Show, in which any interested students may submit artwork to be critiqued and selected for display by a guest artist or curator.

For more information on the DePree Art Center please visit www.hope.edu/academic/art/GALLERY/events

September jazz concert benefits Parkinson’s

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Hope College students are well known for their charitable donations, events and volunteer organizations. On September 11, Hope students are extend- ing their noteworthy activism by hosting a concert benefitting Parkinson’s disease at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

Parkinson’s disease, a progressive neurological disorder brought to the public eye by Michael J. Fox, can be treated with surgery and medication. Newer research, however, is desperately needed for accurate detection and treatment. There is no cure and no known prevention for Parkinson’s disease, a harsh reality for the estimated 5 million people living with Parkinson’s worldwide.

The symptoms of Parkinson’s disease can include tremors, weakness of the muscles, fidgetiness and partial or complete loss of facial expression. While the disease is not directly fatal, affected persons suffer from an increased mortality rate due to complications from the disease. Parkinson’s disease is often used synonymously with Parkinson’s syndrome.

Alpha Phi Omega Nu Beta Chapter, Hope’s co-ed service fraternity, and the Hope College Democrats are organizing a concert for Parkinson’s research. Featuring Andrew Ripp, Ripp is a Chicago native who recently finished a summer tour through the Midwest. His genre is classical singer-songwriter style infused with old-school jazz and soul. This comes as no surprise considering Ripp’s inspirations which include Otis Redding, Bob Dylan and Hank Williams.

The Travis Kingma Band, a jazz and alternative rock favorite, will also be playing as the opening act. Proceeds will benefit Team Fox, Michael J. Fox’s Parkinson’s fundraising program. The concert is corporately sponsored by the Haworth Inn and Conference Center.

Andrew Ripp can be heard at myspace.com/andrewripp. For more concert information, email apa@hope.edu.

IN BRIEF

INTERESTED IN MUSIC?

The Music Department is looking to meet and chat with those students interested in the many opportunities in Music at Hope College. Performance prospects are available to students include: Choirs, Bands, Orchestras, Jazz Ensembles, and Chamber Groups. Ensembles can be taken either for credit or for zero credit. If interested, stop by the Nykerk Music Building this week and sign up for a very low stress audition or email coyle@hope.edu for more information. Private lessons are also available in all areas.

HORSE IN THE SEA TO PERFORM

Horse In The Sea will be performing with special guest Rob Kenagy of The Knickerbocker Theatre on Saturday, August 30, at 8 p.m. This show will kick off the fall Hope College Concert Series and will be free for Hope College students, faculty and staff. Tickets for the show will cost $5 for members of the general public. Horse In The Sea was developed as a concept project and played its first show on the eve of 2007. The group’s debut album, “I Order the Sun to Shine On Everyone,” was released on Nov. 23, 2007, to a packed crowd at Schubas Tavern in Chicago. Highlights on the critically praised album, range from the playful summer love song “I Can’t Talk To Girls” to the moodier keyboard-driven balladry of the title track.

Rob Kenagy, a former Hope student, will be performing as a part of the Hope College Concert Series for the first time, but has often played shows at Lemonjello’s as well as other venues around Holland.

Tickets are available now at the Hope College Ticket Office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse, open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be called at (616) 395-7890. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.
There’s Hope for the homesick

Tips for finding your anchor when you’re feeling alone at Hope

The Daily

Healing Homesickness

By Brittany Adams

According to Dr. Kyra Gray, Anchor of Hope Counseling Center, "Home sickness is really normal and natural." Due to the change of new students going through—both new students and returning ones—"it is completely normal for them to feel homesick," Gray says. The Anchor of Hope Counseling Center offers tips on managing homesickness.

"One way to accomplish this is to avoid thinking about home until you have passed. This technique requires complete immersion in college atmosphere, making new friends and getting involved in their college community. The other way Dr. Gray suggests to face homesickness is also including getting involved; explore a unique culture. This will make it easier for you to feel at home.

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The good news is that homesickness does not last forever, and there are plenty of things students can do to make it better. As Tara Leonard of Beans & Rice says in regards to stress, such as homesickness, "Take it one day at a time." Certain times may be harder than others, but taking things step-by-step can help.

Note to self: you are not alone. Take it one step at a time. The Anchor of Hope Counseling offers counseling services. Call (810) 750-4000 for more information.

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**Voices**

Change for tradition’s sake

Ashley DeVecht & Katie Bennett

Objects closer than they appear

Humidity is rampant, Coldstone is packed, and the dumpsters are full of empty mini-fridge boxes. This is the first week of school. By this time this issue hits stands, I would have had the entire day of classes, returning students will have remembered how to sleep through the train whistle, and at least 50 games of Frisbee-golf, some of them shirtless, will have cycled through the campus. The year feels so new and squeaky clean that it’s easy to forget how old this tradition actually is.

The very first weekly issue of The Anchor was published nearly 100 years ago on Nov. 11, 1914. In the past century The Anchor has reported on some of the most important historical events, pop culture phenomenon, and Hope College controversies. In the Nov. 7th issue of 1969, The Anchor covered Richard Nixon’s nationally televised speech, during which he relayed his plan to, over time, replace American troops in Vietnam with South Vietnamese forces. Support across America was overwhelming.

In the Oct. 25 issue of the 1973 volume, in the wake of the Watergate scandal, Tom O’Brien reported the need for more black admissions recruiters at Hope. The head of the Black Coalition, Ed Sanders, marked the difficulty African American professors were bound to encounter in the early ’70s. Sanders said, “The white professor can be average and still maintain his position, but the black man must be outstanding.”

In that same issue Brian Martin reported that security at the dining hall was up due to theft of food (some things are timeless), and Pantsville USA, located in downtown Holland, advertised a new trend in men’s fashion: plaid bell bottoms (other things are definitely not timeless).

On March 11, 1982 The Anchor covered a new field of scientific research—embryology, or the study of development of living organisms. The editor discussed an experiment he was working on, the only of its kind at the time, which sought to develop a “test tube” squirrel, monkey, and hamster. This was the beginning of what we now know as the “test tube baby.”

Sufjan Stevens, now a prominent Indie artist, was an Anchor staff reporter in 1994 and covered recitals, jazz bands, and DePree art exhibits. He later became the Arts Editor in 1995. The Anchor has seen Hope College through an entire spectrum of news—both of epic and local proportions. We look through The Anchor archives with wonder at how different the world was for Hope students and can’t help but be in awe of the paper’s great tradition. We can only guess what the 2008-2009 school year will bring for Hope College. But like Anchor staff before us, we hope to bring you both campus-wide and nation-wide news from a perspective no other news source can: yours.

Ashley and Katie would like to thank the Anchor alumni who have gone before them. For your passion and guidance, they are forever indebted to you.

Maggie Almdal

Summer dreamin’

I feel as if I’m not actually here. Not at school, I mean. Or rather, I feel as if I should be here—not yet. Perhaps it’s the fact that summer was only two and a half months ago. But as time progresses, none of the fears of the Irish seem to have a way of doing that to a person! It’s completely unfair.

Summer should be those months that sit, warm and languidly, resting in our minds as a time of rest, relaxation, and recuperation. We should not only be soaking in all the moments, milking them for all their worth, but we should remember those moments as the shining, golden days of summer.

And so as I’m writing these words, I am, in fact, recalling to my mind my happy days of summer: even as my head is starting to hurt (from lack of sleep, and possibly the stress of scheduling and re-scheduling classes, I am dreaming of my relaxed, perfect summer. On June 3, just four days after completing my May term science course, I drove eight hours north to the upper peninsula of Michigan, to a great little secluded island, in a big house (with mice!) for over a month.

I couldn’t have asked for more. And granted, I also had to narrate a two-hour lecture he discussed an experiment he was working on, the only of its kind at the time, which sought to develop a “test tube” squirrel, monkey, and hamster. This was the beginning of what we now know as the “test tube baby.”

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EU future unclear after vote

**EU, from page 3**

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Indifferent Karma

Eric Anderson

The Brick That Broke the Camel’s Back

Kwame Kilpatrick was recently sent to jail for violating the agreement of his bond, bringing new meaning to the phrase “the straw that broke the camel’s back.” This final straw, the latest in his tumultuous and often mind-boggling tenure as mayor of Detroit looks pedestrian when compared to some of his other indiscretions. But perhaps the key ingredient in all of this is not need to know who we are, or even to find if we are compatible with some one, but rather a desperate need not to feel alone. We want the unspeakable bond with another person that acknowledges that whatever we are made of is good, and not only good but extraordinary because the other person can appreciate just who we are. How life-changing can a simple phrase such as “I know what you mean” be to another person? While the elements of our personalities may be written down on some biological recipe card somewhere, the same card that dictates your love for ‘80s music, distaste for the color green and anyone named Kevin, it seems there can never be a way to account for life experience. Perhaps it is not what we are but what we do and who we surround ourselves with that really define us.

Stopping for a moment in the middle of the snowstorm of these first few weeks, we find meaning in that our lives are whole when others are involved. So when we find ourselves bemoaning how science cannot land us the perfect housemate or relationship, we have the tendency to look to the person beside us, and not to our friends that make our world.

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**Sports**

**Hope’s international dream team**

**Hope College women’s basketball team on competition in Europe**

**James Ralston**

Sports Editor

The Hope College women’s basketball team hit the courts in Europe over the summer and came back with lifelong memories and a winning record. Fifteen members of the team made the trip to Germany and the Netherlands where they played five games against area clubs teams and came back with a 4-1 record.

"The experience started off with a game against host team Hofheim/Langen, Germany, where they were handed their only defeat 71-76. Despite the tough start, the team went on to win their remaining games. "Playing these games helped the girls gain confidence," Lindsay Lange (’08) said. "We can hold our own anywhere, even with different rules and tough international competition."

Lange was one of three 2008 graduates who were along on the trip. The graduates took advantage of the opportunity to play on Hope’s team one last time and came back with positive sentiments concerning the team’s future.

"The three of us were all on the bench at one point, and we looked out at the girls on the court and were just amazed by the skills they were showing," Lange said. "This will be a very good year for the team."

Despite the positive outlook about the future of the program, the graduates also had to face the fact that this was their last Hope College experience. "It was tough when the trip was over and realizing that our time with the team was over," Lange said. "But the experience was incredible and we are really excited for the potential that this year’s team has."

Courtney Knox (’09) saw the trip as an opportunity for team growth in a setting that forced them to work together. "We used the experience not only as a way to work on our skills but also grow together as a team," Knox said.

On top of the games played, the team also got to experience sight seeing as well as a home stay experience while in Germany. "The home stay was unique because you got to experience living in a home and really being a part of the culture," Knox said. "Simple things such as conversation made us have to work hard to break down cultural barriers."

The team finished their games with a rematch against Hofheim/Langen, Germany. The game was close once again, and the Dutch were able to pull out a victory 75-70. "Having a couple of weeks to play together and some games under our belt helped us to be more prepared for our second game against them," Lange said. "Also, we had a much better idea of how to guard them and had more experience with international rules."

After the trip had concluded, Lange, a multiple All-American member from the camp to help teach things and critique," Haskin said. "It really helped our team become stronger and made individuals work on their own form as well."

On top of the instructional aspect the camp also involved a competitive aspect. "The team earned a second place finish in competitive and third place in sideline in a competition against Division II and Division III schools. "It’s exciting to see and compete with the other top squads," Adams said. "In Division III we don’t see many strong skilled teams, so the camp keeps us from getting complacent."

Haskin agreed, citing the tough competition as a strong benefit of the experience. "As a Division III school it was really cool to see what the best squads in the nation look like," Haskin said. "It really gives us something to shoot for, and the cool thing was we could actually hang with them."

**Squad cheers to success**

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Sports Editor

With some of the top cheer teams in the nation in attendance, the Hope College cheerleading team held their own and showed great promise at the Universal Cheerleaders Association camp in Milwaukee, Wis. The camp consisted of instructional time as well as competitive elements which helped the young team prepare for the upcoming cheer seasons.

"Our squad is very young with six freshmen," Mark Haskin (’09) said. "So the camp was a good introduction for the newcomers to college level cheer and the differences from high school."

The experience helped the team in many ways as the camp worked with them on new cheers and stunts.

"The purpose of the camp for the team was to work on skills and new cheers," Laura Adams (’09) said. "It also gave us the opportunity to grow closer as a team, especially with the newcomers."

In order to accomplish their goals, the camp had experienced cheerleaders and coaches on hand to assist the squads.

"Each squad had a staff member from the camp to help teach things and critique," Haskin said. "It really helped our team become stronger and made individuals work on their own form as well."

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**In Brief**

**Volleyball**

The Hope College volleyball team will enter the season ranked 23rd in the nation in Division III. The rankings were determined by the American Volleyball Coaches Association for the CBS College Sports Network. Hope is coming off of a 24-9 season and a second place finish in the MIAA. Key returners include first team All-MIAA honoree Nora Stenkl (’09), second team All-MIAA honoree Andrea Helmink (’10) and MIAA freshman player of the year Kara Vande Gucht (’11).

**Football**

The annual Meet the Dutchmen football scrimmage will be held this Saturday Aug. 30 at 10:00 a.m. The public is welcome and admission is free. The team enters the 2008 season favored to repeat as MIAA champions. The Dutchmen finished with a 6-4 record and were MIAA co-champions with Olivet College in 2007.

**Tennis**

Hope College’s men and women’s tennis team have been honored for their academic excellence during the 2007-2008 school year. Both teams received All-Academic honors from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for having a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2.

**Sports at Home**

**First home games for fall sports**

**Men’s Soccer**

Friday Aug. 29 vs. Aquinas College

Buys Athletic Fields 4 p.m.

**Cross Country**

Saturday Aug. 30 Vanderbilt Invitational Ridgepoint Church 10:30 a.m.

**Women’s Golf**

Saturday Aug. 30 vs. Calvin College and Cornerstone University

Macatawa Legends 10:00 a.m.

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