The anchor ushers in new year with change

This year The anchor is experimenting with a new look, a more modern look that is paced by a switch to electronic publishing. This wave of change has left almost nothing untouched. "When you open up The anchor virtually the only thing that will remain the same is the name," said Carrie Maples ('92), anchor co-editor.

The changes began last spring when The anchor's typesetting machine broke down and Beth Pechta ('91), who was then editor, decided to begin the conversion to electronic publishing.

SAC awarded congress appropriated funds for the $12,000 of a Macintosh IIx and the software necessary to do the work electronically. The Macintosh was used for all word processing by layout was still handled in the traditional cut and paste manner.

As part of a Communications research project for Dr. Dennis Remer, The anchor's new advisor, Marla Van Baren ('92) has spent the summer working with Maples and co-editor Steve Kaukonen ('92) planning the conversion.

"It was just good timing on the part of my research project and The anchor's converting, planned to be involved with The anchor and this gave me a chance to learn the new system well over the summer when ordinarily the conversion probably would have taken place in the fall. Hopefully, we will be able to avoid this fall because of the trial and error process we went through this summer," said Van Baren.

The anchor will now be using Aldus PageMaker, a state-of-the-art layout design program. "By using PageMaker you eliminate the need to cut and paste by hand and do things like adding lines and boxes. It can all be done on the computer with much better accuracy." —Marla Van Baren ('92)

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This year the paper is experiencing a large staff change as well. "A large percentage of our staff last year graduated so we are starting with almost a totally new staff. We are working very hard to bring in underclassmen to build a strong staff for future years." said Maples.

Kaukonen expressed some reservations, "Pertaining to the high turnover of personnel we experienced this year, I am somewhat apprehensive. However, with the quality of the people we have coming in that are returning I am sure we can handle the task of producing and informative paper of high quality."

"At this point, my number one goal is to continue to produce a student newspaper of the highest quality both in content and appearance. It is also important to build a strong staff that will be able to carry on in the fall of 1992. Personally, I would also like to see The anchor earn an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press," said Maples.

Kaukonen also had some goals, "I want to open up, I want to make this a campus-wide paper, not just The anchor's paper or Carrie and Steve's paper, but a paper that will serve and fulfill the needs of the student body, the faculty, the administration, and the staff. I want to open up channels of communication between The anchor and other student organizations in order to best serve the students."

This year The anchor will continue to provide coverage of campus activities and issues that are important to the student body. This includes Hope sports, player profiles, SAC activities and more.
Work began in early July to tear down DuMez Cottage on 9th Street next to the dirt parking lot. The demolition of the cottage made way for an enlargement of the parking lot, where work is still underway. This expansion will provide more parking spaces and hopefully alleviate some of the congestion around campus.
Welcome back to another exciting year

Welcome Back! Hope (no pun intended) you had a great summer and that you are ready to hit the books again and get into the swing of college life. If you are new to Hope this will give you a taste of what is to come in this year's anchor. If you are a returning student, you have probably already noticed some big changes.

We would like to start out by telling you about us. The anchor is a student-run weekly newspaper and is funded through Student Congress which allocates funds received from your Student Activity Fee.

The anchor is staffed by students who serve in paid editorial positions as well as staff writers who volunteer their time and efforts. The Hope College anchor is a member of the Associated Collegiate Press, and has received a first-class rating for each of the four past semesters including two marks of distinction for coverage, content and leadership.

Our coverage includes campus events, issues important to the student body and the Hope community as a whole, and advice for students about campus life. Through letters to the editor, the anchor provides a vehicle for students to express concerns and ideas.

We would like to also tell you about the changes in The anchor this year. Why change? After losing around 85 percent of our staff from last year, and converting from a Compugraphic typesetter and traditional layout to a Macintosh with layout completed on PageMaker, we felt it was both necessary and opportune to change to keep up with the times and are happy to bring you the first "Welcome Back" issue of The anchor put out in a number of years.

This year The anchor has taken on a new look, which will also feature a section of state, national and international news. Now you will be able to stay in touch with the rest of the world as easily as you keep in touch with what's going on at Hope. We believe this will be a great way to help you stay informed.

As you can see, The anchor is a bit different this year. We are trying out some new ideas and would appreciate feedback on what you like and/or what you would like to see changed. Feel free to drop by the office during office hours, call and leave a message on the answering machine, or drop in live to our VAX account.

Hello. (That's always a safe way to begin. Many letters, communications and friendships are begun with a simple hello, so why not this column?) I am Scott Kaukonen and I will be the co-editor and a first-year student at Hope College for the 91-'92 school year. Before I go on, I would like for you to take note of my first name. It is S-T-E-V-E, not S-C-O-T-T.

As many of you returning students know, I am a member of the Hope College community. I was a columnist and news editor for The anchor last year, so to prevent any confusion in the future I would like to make this distinction between the two of us. I am Scott and my brother is Scott.

He and I are two separate persons. Just because our mother dressed us in the same clothes as children so that we looked like twins, does not give you the right to confuse the two of us and call either one of us by the other person's name. After 21 years of being called by family members, teachers, professors, friends, newspapers, and even people who do not know me or my brother, I have had it, and the next person that does will be sorry.

Anyway, as I was saying, my name is Scott Kaukonen and I will be in my first year at Hope College next year at the same minute, I mean my name is STEVE Kaukonen and I, not Scott, will be a senior at Hope. I apologize for the mix-up. Well enough of this confession and as Arsenio Hall would say, "Let's get busy.

Just because we are in the new school year begins, and everyone starts the year fresh and ready to hit the books to gain knowledge and wisdom, in pursuit of that elusive grade point average, I would like to stop you for a moment.

Before you make that resolution to stay on in Friday nights to day afternoon and then show up two weeks in a row.

New most students will have realized by this time there are things about college that they didn't tell you in Admissions (or even Orientation). Hope is a great place but there are a few things you might make your time a little easier.

They probably didn't tell you, but Phelps can be a pretty rough place to eat. So a scramble to find a place basically that means don't stand in line. In order to eat in a reasonable time you may have to check out whether or not you may need a little push. Be aggressive, it may means eating earlier. And unless you have to, try to avoid the 11 a.m. lunch rush.

It's been awhile since there were any serious attacks around campus and I don't want to scare you, but, girls, never walk to a party or home alone from one alone after dark. It may sound cliche but safer than sorry. Stick to groups and walk only in well-lighted areas.

Leaving your purse at home won't be a major concern of being a target too.

Guys, walk your female friends home or tell them for the second time you will never need and escort home.

Hope professors are some of the best in the country. They're here because they love to teach—not because of the salary. Use professors as the resource they can be. And if you have any questions you would like to ask your professor or are unsure of the answers, don't be afraid to ask.
Hey have you seen where I put my t-shirts. I know they're here somewhere... Bathrooms, sure just turn left at the box marked Tupperware, and watch out for the plant stand. Look out! Oh well, I never liked that lampshade anyway.

Yes it's that time again. Everybody arrives on campus with far too much stuff to fit in their small room, and inbetween boxes friends are revisiting old or new acquisitions made. It can be exciting as well as aggravating and annoying to move.

In my case, an apartment to be shared with three other people will be my humble abode for the upcoming school year. It should be a nice place to live, especially when I have successfully blazed a trail to my bed. Presently getting to my bed is sort of, well, an adventure—yes that's it, an adventure. Since it is against the wall furthest from the door there are many more obstacles barring safe passage. I plan on having sort ing through all those boxes and straightening up, but it isn’t going to be easy.

As I am sure you have realized, my name is Marla Van Baren and I will be writing a column for The anchor. "Mass Confusion" will appear bi-weekly, unless some burst of inspiration hits me two weeks in a row or in my Monday morning American Lit. class. (Don't laugh, it could happen). I am a senior and, if all goes according to plan, will graduate in May with a double major in sociology and English communications. And what am I going to do with this degree you ask? Don't ask cause I don't know. My column is taking the form of a commentary on campus life, life in general and anything else I can think of. Sometimes it will be serious, almost always it will contain some sort of humor—I will leave it up to you to decide if it is good or bad. Hopefully, you will find it worth reading.

If you have any comments or suggestions please drop a note addressed to me The anchor office or send a mail message to our VAX account. Sharing living quarters with only three other people will be a pleasant experience I believe. We have our own kitchen, two bathrooms (only one with a shower), and three levels. Okay, maybe we have been living in campus housing for too long. Having lived in six different places on campus, I find myself getting excited over the strangest things. Sometimes I fear that I am becoming DOMESTIC the dreaded 'D' word.

The symptoms are brought to the surface while my roommate and I browse in the housesquare department at Meijer's, exclaiming over the new colors of storage containers well, we do come in pink, green, blue and yellow. The prospect of coordinating kitchen towels and may be getting new towels for the downstairs bathroom, oh stop the excitement is too much.

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