This year The anchor is experimenting with a new look, a more modern look that is produced 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.

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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 The anchor, our student-run weekly newspaper and is funded through Student Congress which allocates funds received from your Student Activity Fee. 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 Hope sports. Through letters to the editor, The anchor provides a vehicle for students to express concerns and ideas.

We would also like to 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 filling with layout completed on PageMaker, we feel both necessary and opportune to change to keep 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 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 a line to our VAX account.

Once again, it's day all college students dread—the day they move back into college housing. It never ceases to amaze me that Hope actually believes we can fill our "stuff" into the less than generous storage space provided. And with that cheery thought, I wish you welcome back to Hope, or, if you're a new student, simply welcome you to campus. I wish you all luck with the moving process.

As you probably read above, my name is Carrie Maples. I am a senior this year and I'm hoping (yes, that's hoping) to graduate in May with a degree in English. This year I will also be handling the role of anchor co-editor and attempting to remain sane.

This is also my first attempt at writing a column and I appreciate your reactions. I will be appearing on a bi-weekly basis unless I get some burst of inspiration on a Sunday for that study Monday exam, or to keep up with all your readings in place of joining an organization. I would like to remind you that a worthwhile college education is not necessarily getting a high grade point average, but can also include worthwhile college education in the right balance of knowledge gained from experiences outside the classroom as well as knowledge gained within.

My first year at Hope, I found myself thinking, like many other students, "This is my first year of college, and I want to get off to a good start, so I'm going to concentrate on my studies. Besides, the organizations are for upperclassmen, not for first year students, and what difference would it make even if I joined? I wouldn't enjoy it and what use would I make of it?"

Apart from running crop and cross country, I was cutting myself off from the full college experience, $11,000 for a partial college experience. What a tragedy.

By the end of that year, all I had to show for it was a grade point average and a healthy (from running crop country). My experience was very limited when it came to the full college experience, and I felt like I was missing out. I was concentrating too much on my studies.

So, my sophomore year came and I decided to get more involved. I continued to run cross country, but in addition I joined the anchor staff as an assistant ad manager. I started getting out more often. I worked as a computer consultant in Van Zoor Hall.

I moved into a cottage and took long hours breaks from studying to have more time to spend talking about things I want to make are a breeze. And if you were to ask me what I learned from this year, not only did I enjoy the year more and had a lot more fun, but I also ended up with a higher grade point average.

And if you were to ask me what I learned from this year, I could not only tell you about the French Revolution, but that I also learned many lessons about life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness as seen through the eyes of myself and other college students.

Now as I approach my senior year, I want to get as much out of it as possible. That's why I will be running for the office of anchor editor at Hope this year as the co-captain of the men's team, and why I will be writing about the advantages of college, and why I do anything else I do this year.

It will be because I want to encourage the students to think about the future and the advantages of your $50,000 college education.

Make the most of your college experience, because you can learn all sorts of things from other people, but also outside of it, where the most important learning takes place and that learning is about life.

As F.W. Fitch says, "Instruction ends in the schoolroom, but education ends only with life."
MASS CONFUSION

MARLA VAN BAREN

"Hey have you seen where I put my t-shirts. I know they're here somewhere... Bathroom, 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 reporting or new acquaintances 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 somehow 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 sorted 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 Barn 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 be graduating in May. My usual major in sociology and English Communication. 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 and 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'.

The symptoms are brought to the surface while my roommate and I browse in the housewares department at Meijer's, exclaiming over the new colors of wallpaper, and new containers well, they 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.

When we first moved in, we were in the room sizes and furniture and began planning for each nook an cranny. Undoubtedly our greatest discovery came when we opened the door to the bathroom and found that we had in our possession for our own personal apartment use a vacuum cleaner. A pleasant thought, no hunting down R.A.'s who will tell you the girls in 314 have it. They of course gave it to some girls down the hall, and they don't know the room. This of course means that you have to knock on every door until you locate the vacuum. The vacuum discovers did pile in comparison to our decorating plans. You see for every college student who wishes to personalize a dorm room or apartment there is a great product out there—contact paper. With this one can attain the effect of wallpaper without endangering the walls, and now they even have borders to give that perfect touch to every room. Believe me we have tried the new colors of storage to every room, it works. It would be all wrong any other way. The downstairs bath was going to be plum with a simple border, but you know how bland the back wall of a bathroom is, and there was this perfect paper to match the border we had picked out. With the matching cup and soap dispenser it looks great.

Anyone who dared enter our apartment was given the whole tour and future plans speech, to which the appropriate number of oohs, ah's and "that's nice" were said. With much pride we showed our daily accomplishments, which even included putting up a paper towel bag in a kitchen cupboard—so you have to push one side in to close the door on decorations we work at.

It's funny how these little, or even big changes can become so important. Maybe because I've lived in campus housing for three years, it takes a little more to give the finishing touches. Maybe I have gotten pickier over the years, too. But it occurred to me that everyone does something to make their room seem like a home too. It's better when that poster is up on the wall or the bean bag stuffed bear is in the bed. Since this place is going to be home for the next nine months, it needs to seem like a home too.