Crispell blaze sparks policy change

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The last physical barrier to the completion of the Haworth center disappeared as Wellens Cottage nestled down College Avenue last summer, and the shell of the huge complex contrasts sharply with the cottages that once lined the street.

But then, Haworth was always intended to change the face of Hope's campus.

"At least a dozen years, we have had plans to make that side of campus more collegiate," said President John Jacobson. "A lot of things we want to do is to have the dining hall open for students during the most crowded hours in Phelps, and certainly on special occasions such as parents' weekends and Homecoming."

The opening of the Cook Residence Hall, according to Jacobson, will be accompanied by the elimination of all candles from campus residences, the Housing Terms and Conditions, the Haworth Center will provide additional student housing and will also serve as an overflow dining facility during peak Phelps hours.

"The Center will ease some pressure on the entire College community," Jacobson said. "One of the things we want to do is to have the dining hall open for students during the most crowded hours in Phelps, and certainly on special occasions such as parents' weekends and Homecoming."

The opening of the Cook Residence Hall, according to Jacobson, will be accompanied by the elimination of student housing in the Centennial Park Apartments. "Centennial Park has been very useful to us, but it is just not up to Hope standards," Jacobson said. "The Cook Residence Hall will make up for the 90 students currently housed at Centennial Park and make room for 90 additional students."

There are no current plans to build additional residence hall facilities, according to Jacobson, because the enrollment cap will stabilize growth. Although no decision has been made, the administration has discussed making some dining areas available for community use. One or more of the dining facilities might conceivably be opened to the Holland community if one that has been talked about," Jacobson said. "It would also be a good place to hold wedding receptions for graduates and friends of Hope College."
Double the money

Hope spends twice the bucks on overdue cottage repairs

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Many Hope students were in for a pleasant surprise last weekend, moving into their new homes to find cottages refurbished with new paint, furniture, carpeting, linoleum, and appliances. Summer renovations totaled $407,000. Of that $407,000, an estimated $87,000 went into cosmetic repair of cottages, roughly double the expenditure of last summer. The remainder was spent moving Welkerrs Cottage and remodeling Stryker Cottage, formerly "Cooper Street Pier," and Yonkersma (Arcadian) Cottage.

Some of the repairs were to cottages that sustained moving damage in the summer of 1993 and had not been repaired last summer. However, some suggest that some of the cottage maintenance problems are a result of poor treatment by students, and that student initiative in cleaning and upkeep is an important factor in the long-run maintenance conditions here.

"I really stress that students need to take care of the house. It's like renting a house from the college. Leaving a messy, dirty house is not an option," said Shelly Spencer, Cottage RD. "The Arcadian Cottage, for example, was absolutely trashed. There were spiders ripped out of the banisters, the door was destroyed, and they guessed their carpet to be 35 years old when they'd only had it for three years.

"There is a lot of traffic in and out of my house too, with reunions, RAs and RRs, but that doesn't mean it has to be trashed. My carpet won't age 35 years in three years." Physical Plant received dozens from many for their summer efforts.

"I have never seen so many improvements in one summer," said Derek Emerson, Director of Housing and Judicial Affairs. "One, Rademaker (Associate Director of the Physical Plant) just kept finding more things to do in cottages."

"Last year, our carpet was so old that parts of it were completely worn away, but now we have excellent, brand-new carpeting. New grass behind the house, and a repaired driveway," said Ann Barry '98, RA of the Deutches Haus.

"The decision to make such extensive cage repairs was made as a result of a student survey conducted last spring. Cottage residents expressed concerns that their houses were not being well maintained. Rademaker then went house-to-house, compiling and prioritizing with each RA a list of maintenance improvement needs and listening to student complaints."

"That had never been done before," Spencer said. "[Rademaker] really took the initiative in meeting with every cottage RA and going to every house. He really listened to people's grips."

The work, however, is by no means finished.

"Unfortunately, the improvements did not affect our cottage," said Olivia Welch '97. "We had requested painting on the outside of our house, but Physical Plant decided they didn't have enough money to do it."

More improvements will follow next summer.

"It's a process, and obviously one that costs a lot of money. Things like this have to be done in installments," Emerson said.

"We just tried to hit the [cottages] with the most need," Rademaker said. "There are a couple that are really in need of some more work, and we will be doing a lot more improvements next summer. We just took a big bite out of it."

UP IN SMOKE: Firefighters scramble to extinguish a fire in CrispeI Cottage last July. A lighted candle started the blaze, which destroyed the cottage. It was later rated.

How to not to torch your house

• Don't silence those smoke detectors
  • Use a fan to blow away steam
  • Call Public Safety to relocate detectors
  • Keep attics and furnace rooms clear
  • Leave items in areas where fires can ignite
  • Leave the grill at home
  • Both charcoal and gas grills are prohibited
  • Avoid "spider webs" of electrical cords
  • Don't route wires across doorways
  • Don't cover cords with carpet or tape
  • Faulty insulation should be covered
  • Allow for escape routes
  • Don't leave lighted candles and open flames unattended
  • Use caution while cooking

Know what's going on in all the neighborhoods.

The new Cottage Coordinators will also fill a need for more community development in cottages.

"Before, even though the program was done, it wasn't serving the all of the needs," Spencer said. "There could be two cottages next door to each other and the residents would not even know each other's names. Hopefully, that will be alleviated this year with the new neighborhood. Residents will know and help each other.

This goal will be achieved through close contact between Cottage Coordinators and RAs at the neighborhood level. We hope to really bring the neighborhood together, and to make it more residential. We will be planning more events together to unite the neighborhoods," said Jackie Schrier. Moralers are coached by Hope Students.

"The position was created because of the growing numbers, the enormity of the cottage program," said Julie Goebel, Director of Residential Life.

"The Cottage Coordinators will divide up supervisory responsibilities for the cottages," Spencer said. "I would be overwhelmed with the supervision of 60-plus RAs and over 400 residents. This way, I can focus more."
Without a Net

I was driving home in early August when I heard it. I listened at the broadcaster said America Online (AOL) had crashed. The world's biggest online company fell Aug. 7 for 19 hours, leaving millions of customers in utter darkness and despondency.

Chat rooms and home pages on AOL went black worldwide leaving Net surfers grounded and probably closing out their entire schedule for the next 19 hours. I cracked a smile at the news. My skepticism of the Internet was affirmed by the computer disaster. To me, it was an apocalyptic omen of the system's eventual doom.

Are users getting tangled in their own net?

The fact is Internet is slowly but surely being pushed to the point of overload. With world-wide, an overwhelming amount of traffic, and a steadily growing population of users, the Net is closing in on its maximum capacity.

Now, I know what the techies out there are saying: "All of the problems can be solved with some upgrades to the system and regulation of traffic." But, sure, more software, more hardware, more fiber optics. But the more they systems install, the greater the proliferation of users, and the system will never exceed demand.

Perhaps I just have a fatalistic view of computing in society, but a worldwide computer system which consumes so much data and traffic will only grow more complicated and congested than the ability of the technicians that control it.

This means people will consistently place their trust and time in a system that is doomed to failure. The next thing you know the system on which half the world depends for its information will crash on a cataclysmic level, sending the global community into confusion.

Maybe that's a little far fetched, but I sincerely believe there is inherent danger in depending on an information system that is already showing signs of saturation.

Relying on the Internet's system breeds introverted shut-ins who sit in front of their computers all day instead of getting out and pretending that they are actually members of society. Buttersworth documented the story of an Internet junkie who, after spending five hours searching for data on the Net, bought his car and drove to the library, where he found the data on microfilm in less than an hour.

Bottom line: we need to take a serious look into what extent we are submerging our lives into the Internet and just how healthy this relationship is. The dangers of an Internet-based faith are real. We would be a lot better off avoiding the snake of the Net entirely.

Summer, the vacation season, a time to wind down from the trials of the rest of the year. But summer at the department of Computing and Information Technology (CIT) was anything but a vacation. Shortly after the end of the last school year, CIT set to work revamping Hope's computer system following two semesters of breakdowns and general student frustration.

Much of the past school year was punctuated by cries of protest for improvements on Hope's network when papers and projects were lost forever as computers froze or crashed; once for over eight hours. System errors inundated already backlogged and understaffed CIT with repair requests.

To combat the computer crisis, in January the Board of Trustees approved the allocation of funds to start the Campus Technology Fund. This called for $100 to be set aside from each student's tuition to be used by CIT to "provide an excellent technology value for the students' money," according to CIT's Summer Technology Campaign report.

CIT's plan began in earnest in May, taking on six fronts of improvement: the World Wide Web, a campus-wide information system called KnowHope, computer labs, faculty/staff computing, a service for Hope students with personal computers called ConnectHope, Hope's phone system, and campus network infrastructure.

Working through the summer to ensure changes would be in place to take on the fall onslaught of computer users, CIT created six new computer labs, providing each residence hall with its own lab and made various upgrades to strengthen the system as a whole.

Incorporating an increase in fiber optics to transfer data around campus and more efficient hardware to get it there faster.

"Hope College can really have bragging rights that we have a computer lab in every residence hall," said Carl Heideman, Director of CIT. "Very few colleges can say that."

In addition to the new labs, CIT expanded the size of the labs in Dykstra, Kolten, and Phelps halls.

All in all there is a total of 190 computers available in non-departmental areas and 20 more to be installed in the library before the second semester.

To deal with last year's problems with Hope's file server, the system with the habit of swallowing students' work without warning, CIT replaced the two computers controlling it with three new ones, which have the necessary capacity to handle the increased student usage that overweighed the previous file server.

"We've done a number of things so that as things grow, we'll have excess capacity to handle it," Heideman said.

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The RCC is responsible for dealing with technical problems while the lab monitor is more of a lab maintenance person.

Responding to the growth in use of the World Wide Web system, CIT purchased a powerful new computer to act as a WWW server and expanded campus access to every lab.

Students who have their own computers and want to surf the Net from their rooms can now access it through the ConnectHope system. This gives them access to Hope's resources as well as the Internet.

ConnectHope is used in two ways: either as ConnectHope Ethernet, a direct, high-speed connection to the campus network available in Darfee, Gilmore, Phelps, and Voorhees; or as ConnectHope PPP, which is a slower, mo-dem connection to the network available to all on and off-campus students.

Future plans for the RCC include expanding the campus-wide information system called KnowHope. This provides information to integral students on national news, Hope news, local weather, food service menus, campus schedule, and exchange rates.

Realizing that many Hope students get their news about the outside world by reading the headlines in the newspaper dispensers in Phelps, CIT developed the campus-wide information system called KnowHope.

"We're hoping that it's a way for students to be a little more in touch with the world," Heideman said.

CIT will spend the coming weeks keeping an eye on the changes that they've just implemented. There will be problems but "complications are always inevitable," said Rebecca Van Dyke, Project Coordinator at CIT. "Technologies are never one hundred percent reliable."

While it may take some time to get the bugs out of the system, Heideman is confident in its stability for the coming year.

"The first week may be touchy and go," he said. "We feel real comfortable that we're going to have things ready by then."
A different kind of college'

Creating a slogan is tricky. You want the right amount of flair, so people don’t forget it. You need it to roll off the tongue, so people will say it. It’s got to be catchy, without sounding cheesy.

So hats off to the folks at orientation, who in aping the Saturn Car Company slogan for Orientation ’96 hit the nail right on the head.

Hope is “a different kind of college.”

While the Orientation directors sacrificed summer sleep to make the fresh feel welcome, those at Public Safety were creating new foot patrols to increase officer visibility following student requests. They hashed it out into a weekly contribution to the Opinion page. So these are bases I don’t need to cover.

But what The Anchor staff will cover this year is you. We’re a fresh crop of staffers with enthusiasm to spare. We want to give you the scoop — the complete scoop — be it about the latest in athletics on the Sports page or campus crime in the Campus section, to student profiles in Spotlight or different church reviews in the Religion section. Each section is out to make your student existence an informed one.

Did I just say Religion section? Why, yes, I did. This year, The Anchor will boast a new weekly section devoted to religious life at Hope College. Look to it to hear everything from what’s up in the Keppel House to profiles of students who celebrate Ramadan. The section will be about Hope, all of Hope, and we look forward to shaping it into a campus favorite.

The faces on staff and a new section aren’t all that’s new here. Meet Tim Boudreau, an assistant professor of Communication who...

Jerry Rademaker at Physical Plant transformed his role as assistant director into a quasi-building inspector. He visited cottage after cottage following student concern that the residences were sometimes neglected. He saw to the installation of carpet, linoleum, appliances. Of the 61 College-owned cottages, 41 saw summer improvements. Students would still have lived in run-down cottages without the upgrades. But Rademaker and company wanted to make things better. Because Hope is a different kind of college.

Living in a cottage or apartment can be liberating and alienating. Free from residence hall hassles, students can stretch out into their own living rooms, their own kitchens. Still, many feel cut off from the campus community.

To increase connectedness, Student Development created Cottage Coordinators, who will work to create a sense of community within their “neighborhoods.”

The students who felt cut off would probably have stayed in their housing. The College didn’t have to promote these neighborhoods. But they wanted to make living in those places better. Because Hope is a different kind of college.

What other school has academic planners with spaces for profs’ phone numbers? Where is another school that is willing to spend $87,000 in one summer upgrading student living quarters without the prompting of a student revolt? Kudos to an institution that has shown its commitment to making things better.

Hope is a different kind of college.
Spirited OA’s provide first link to campus life

KIM POWELL
spotlight editor

Being an on the orientation staff requires more than donning matching tees and shorts. And while OA’s are notorious for teaching new students icebreakers like “skin the snake” and the human knot,” there is more to being an OA than summer camp games.

OA’s are the first contact new students have on campus. “As soon as you know somebody you feel tied to the place,” said Anne Bakker-Gjas, Director of Student Activities.

Days can be long for an OA, especially when not everyone appreciates their efforts. “It’s not an easy job. A lot of people think the activities are stupid,” said Steve Bovenkerk (‘97), Orientation Co-Director.

While some of the games get a thumbs down from students, nobody complains when OA’s help move all the new students in. “There to help move you in it makes the hard work, OA’s said. “When you are a new student and all the OA’s are there to help move you in it makes a difference.”

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“Someone in a group may say a comment that someone else in the group finds offensive without realizing it,” Bovenkerk said. “The OA needs to be accepting of diversity.”

Every OA has a different reason for volunteering their time to the cause.

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Elizabeth Davidson (‘99) claims its a great way to meet new people, both freshman and fellow OA’s. Not anyone can be an OA. The qualifications are few, but specific. “You must be knowledgeable about Hope, enthusiastic about Hope, and love Hope,” Bovenkerk said.

What makes you a different kind of class?

“Hopefully we can meet the challenges everyone puts on us. Rob Dole and everyone says we are going downhill. I hope we can change that.” —Leslie Merriman (‘99)

“Because we are coming into a new century, it gives us a special privilege. We can set the standards.” —Dave Fleming (‘99)

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In a bare-shelved office preparing for a new office, Benedict is surrounded by paper-strewn necessities. He has written numerous book reviews, and has collaborated with a friend on a musical adaptation of the novel "The Scarlet Letter." This semester he will teach two fiction writing workshops while continuing his second novel. Benedict would like to add a new writing course for the spring semester: play and screen writing for feature and short film, but the class will also be relevant for television writing.

Benedict became interested in film when a British film-making company purchased the rights to "Dogs of God." After being introduced to the business and witnessing the film making process firsthand, he began work on some screenplays. The freedom he has to pursue the things he greatly enjoys factored heavily in his decision to come to teach at Hope.

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"I like teaching undergraduates," Benedict said. "I like Hope because it truly is a teaching institution."

"Luckily my parents owned many books," Benedict said, "so I developed a love for reading at a very early age.

An early love of reading led to an early love of words, so I developed a love for writing," Benedict said. "I feel remarkably fortunate for a school like Hope to allow me to do the two things I love—write and teach."

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the couple on canyons: I miss you and love you much. No word from Texas. Life moves on. Check email.

bomber: another year, another paper. Come pop in here, you know who.

Madame Medill: We finished before sunrise but it wasn't the same without you. The staffers were one issue down, two kidneys to go.

Brooks Lane: I'm here and missing you, love your lost kid.

joker: I'm looking to make peace, you know where I am.

the sassy one: I love living in the circus with ya'll. You rock. XO Big Sis down 14th; you gals rock! Stay strong and beautiful!

ANK: You rock this paper. Nice work. Full of motherly pride. My sister in Maine, Can't wait to see the ring. Miss you tons. Tree Lover.

To the Zoo, thanks for the love!

millet man: I'm counting the days. It's Elk season, Baby...And I'm gunnin' this weekend. Carry on.

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Sports

WINNING IS EVERYTHING ...RIGHT?

Glyn Williams

Nike has a commercial out that states quite simply everything that is wrong with sports these days. It states: “You don’t win silver, you lose gold.” Win it these days. It states: “You don’t win slates quite simply every-finished second or third you are in the Olympics this year and if you ask yourself what you’ve done year because it really makes you depress for me to watch this is.” That’s good stuff, hombre. Lombardi said, “Winning isn’t like, 18, and she is an Olympic

Hannah Storm to show your highlights unless you win. If you win the Great Laken all-region team and Schmidt was voted

most improved player last season. Kalamazoo College won the MIAA last season with a perfect league record (12-0) and only had four losses all year long. Losing two senior All-MIAA members and returning two, K-Zoo could could quite possibly be just as good this year as they were last, but by the same token, so could Hope. Calvin College won’t go into the right as easily as the rest of the MIAA might hope; they finished last year tied with Hope at second in the league (9-3). The Knights will return four All-MIAA members, two of whom are juniors this year. Hope’s first game against them will be home on Sept. 24.

The Dutch have five other returning letter winners in Christie Eding (’99), Jean Kegerreis (’98), Abby Nienhuis (’98), Jenny Petscher (’98), and Kuria Van Wieren (’98). This year’s team consists of mainly freshmen and sophomores, and thus the future for Hope College’s volleyball team is bright. The Dutch start their season this weekend in the Christian Colleges Tournament at Calvin College and their first home match will be against Albion on Sept. 5.

GREAT DEFENSE: A Hope football player attempts to catch the ball while being grabbed from behind in practice. The Flying Dutchmen play their first game on Saturday, Sept. 7, against Valparaiso. Prep for a preview of the season in next week’s Anchor.

Soccer Prep for long season in the sun

Glyn Williams

Both soccer teams have an uphill battle this season, as each graduated very key players, and the rest of the league will provide some mighty stiff competition.

The men’s team is attempting to become the first team in MIAA history to three-peat as the MIAA champion, but the lack of an experienced goalkeeper will possibly hinder their hopes for a successful season.

Departed goalkeeper Aaron Angel (’97) was considered one of the best goalkeepers ever to grace Hope’s campus. His 56 saves and 11 goals allowed was good enough to place him on the first team All-MIAA and the NSCAA/ambio Division III third team All-America last season.

“We lost a lot of good defenders,” fullback Chris Dombrowski (’98) said. “We had to do was win or tie, and they lost.

Hope’s women’s soccer team will have to hurdle over Calvin in order to win the MIAA this year. The Knights won the league last season with an undefeated overall record (17-0-1) and will return their leading scorer and assist-maker, who is a sophomore this year. Also, Calvin will return six All-MIAA players, only one of which were on the second team. Hope only had one member of the All-MIAA team, Tina Gill (’99), who made the second team. Lindsay Williams (’99) received an honorable mention on the All-MIAA team.

This could be part of a rebuilding year, as the Flying Dutch have only two seniors on the squad, Tracy Phelps (’97) and Leah McAlpine (’97). Phelps is close to becoming the all-time leading career goal-scorer in Hope College history. She has 30 while the record is 32. Phelps already owns the record for career assists and total points.

Riding the Waves

The often misquoted Vince Lombardi said, “Winning isn’t everything but it’s something you’ve done. We were, inferior in every way? The Dutch lost two All-MIAA first team players, and will return two All-MIAA second teamers, Emily Bakker (’97) and Becky Schmidt (’98) and Elizabeth de Haan (‘98), who received All-MIAA honorable mention. Bakker was voted to the Great Laken all-region team and Schmidt was voted

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troublesome for us this season.” Their offense has been good the last few seasons, but their defense has leaky at times. “Their defense will be the difference this season,” Rodocker said.

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good this year,” Dombrowski said. “They should have made the tournament last year but they blew their last game against Calvin (9-9-1, 5-6-1). All they had to do was win or tie, and they lost.

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